

CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 14, 2012

1. Call to Order: By Jim Zemaitis..... at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Ryan Fisher	Present
Michelle Huitron	Present
Tim Larson	Present
Jo Ann Wilson (Joey)	Present
Ed Zemaitis (Jim)	Present

3. Minutes: Minutes of the July 10 meeting; Tim Larson moved and Ryan Fisher seconded to approve the minutes after the following corrections were made: 4:b; Ryan presented a copy of a letter written to Sr. Patricia Rayburn O.S.F....; 5:bsouth/eastern end of the former U.S. Army Airbase....; 7: Adjournment was called at 5:45 p.m.

Comments: Jim reported he sent a letter to Mr. Harper regarding his request to have properties in downtown considered for an award. It was the opinion of the committee that the house on 214 E. Fesler would be considered as deserving an award, since it has been maintained and is typical of the architecture in Santa Maria's early development. Hugo Casas now owns the house.

4. Old Business:

- a. Bill's Take Out for special designation: The award of Object of Historical Merit will be given to the owners of the building on September 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The committee discussed the plans which could include members of the Bent Axels being present; a display of photographs of the place in the 1950's; press release through the city manager's office; bullet points for the certificate.
- b. Sisters Hospital for special designation: There has not been a reply from Sr. Patricia Rayburn It was decided to table the project and follow up with further communication if necessary.
- c. Completion of survey of City Landmarks: All reports and pictures are filed
- d. Palm Court Subdivision for special designation; A copy of the original plans were distributed to the committee. The committee is looking for guidance and recommendation from the City Administrator's office.
- e. Foster Road Drag Strip for special designation: Jim distributed more information regarding the popular drag strip on what is now West Foster Road. It was rated 3rd in the country and hosted the 1966 Regional races.

- f. Annual review of City Landmark's and objects of Historical Merit. It was noted that the Long House is not listed or pictured in the Landmark brochure that is available on the city website. Also there was the question of whether the brochure had been printed for distribution. Joey will check on this and report to the next meeting.
6. New Business:
- a. There is an interest in changing the residency requirements for Landmark Committee members. Alice Patino informed us that not all city committee's require residency in the city's boundaries, Because of past problems in replacing retired member's, Chair Jim Zemaitis asked for a vote of the committee. The vote was 3 yes and 2 no to express our concerns to the City Council, who decides on this issue. One yes vote was voiced on the condition that residents in the city limits have preferential treatment.
- b. It was brought to the attention of the committee that the Waller House, 200 E. Morrison has changed hands. The award certificate was removed from the building by the moving family. This brings up the subject of ownership of the award – the residing family when the award was presented, or should the award remain with the Waller family descendants? This committee has no record of the wording on the award, so this matter will be decided in the future.
7. Announcements: The committee will meet as usual in September, will adjourn in time to attend the award ceremony at Bill's Take Out. The owners will provide refreshments.
8. Adjournment: Jim Zemaitis adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann S. Wilson, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

September 11, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Library Study Room C