

CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
9/11/2012  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C  
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:  
Committee Chair Edward Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.
  
2. ROLL CALL:  

Edward "Jim" Zemaitis, Chair	Present
Jo Ann "Joey" Wilson, Secretary	Present
Tim Larson	Absent
Ryan Fisher	Present
Michelle Huitron	Present
  
3. MINUTES:  
Motion to approve minutes of August 14, 2012 meeting by Jim Zemaitis, seconded by Michelle Huitron with the following correction: Call-to-order time corrected to read 4:05 p.m. not 5:05 p.m.
  
4. COMMUNICATION:  
Jim Zemaitis has been in contact with City Manager Rick Haydon regarding some of the matters the committee is addressing (see Old Business).
  
5. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Jim Zemaitis has been in contact with media from the Santa Maria Times and KCOY to discuss the dedication of Bill's Take-Out for Object of Historical Merit. Additionally, Jim has been in contact with Mr. Lynn Wood from the Bent Axles Car Club to participate in the dedication ceremony immediately following the committee meeting.
  - B. Jim Zemaitis submitted a letter to City Manager Rick Haydon regarding the possibility of considering the Palm Court neighborhood for special designation. The city manager indicated that he would refer the issue to the City Attorney's Office for review.
  - C. In addition to the Palm Court matter, Jim Zemaitis' letter to the City Manager also discussed the possibility of designating the former Foster Road Drag Strip for special designation. The response from the city manager was that the land -being city property- is open for designation without the need for special permission, but he would refer the matter to the city attorney. Joey Wilson brought up the issue of where any special marker would be located and suggested

- the possibility of placing any such marker at or near Pioneer Park, depending in how close the park is to the original drag strip site.
- D. On August 8, 2012, Jim Zemaitis sent a letter to Mr. Hugo Casas, owner of the home at 214 E. Fesler (a former Harper Property), regarding the possibility of consideration for special designation. Having received no response, Jim visited the property on September 10, 2012, but was unable to make contact with Mr. Casas or any other residents of the property.
  - E. In Jim Zemaitis' communications with the city attorney, the issue regarding the possibility opening up Landmark Committee membership to non-city residents was discussed. The city manger responded with the current city policy and City Council's preference that Landmark Committee Membership be limited to residents of the City of Santa Maria. The city manager also suggested encouraging recruitment for open positions through promotion of volunteerism on the city's Website.
  - F. No response has been received from Ryan Fisher's letter to Sr. Patricia Rayburn regarding the designation of the former Sister's Hospital as a landmark. The committee agreed to table the plan following one more attempt to contact Sr. Rayburn until such time as a response is received.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Zemaitis provided the presentation plaque for Bill's Take-Out for designation as an Object of Historical Merit for members of the committee to review.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Zemaitis creates and provided brochures to be handed out during the ceremony to designate Bill's Take-Out following the committee meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. with members of the committee reconvening at Bill's Take-Out, for special designation ceremony at 5:00 p.m., where committee member Tim Larson will present the plaque for Object of Historical Merit designation.

Respectfully Submitted by: