

CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 13, 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 October 9, 2012 meeting by Joey Wilson, seconded by Jim Zemaitis with the following correction: Item 6, New Business, C. 1. "United Methodists Church" corrected to read "First United Methodist Church."

4. COMMUNICATION:

Jim Zemaitis has sent a letter to Mr. Phil Rieck regarding YouTube videos Mr. Rieck has posted showing footage of events at the former Foster Road Drag Strip.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. No developments in the Palm Court Subdivision plan for special designation.
B. Michelle suggested that the committee contact Mr. Art Foster for additional information on the history of the former Foster Road Drag Strip.
C. The committee expected Mr. Gil Harper to attend the meeting, but was not present. Mr Harper has been actively seeking the committee's designation of one of his family's former properties. Jim has been unable to make contact with Mr. Hugo Casa regarding the former Harper property at 214 E Fesler St. The committee is now considering other properties such as the homes at 216 and 216½ E. Fesler St. A letter of interest has been sent by Jim on behalf of the committee to Ms. Olga Lucero, owner of the latest properties for consideration.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jim has provided additional items from the ceremony designating Bill's Take-Out for digitization by committee member Tim Larson.
B. Michelle mentioned possible consideration of Elks Field for special designation, pending a review of the future plans or development of the property.
C. Joey Wilson has mentioned Ethel Pope Auditorium for consideration, pending contact with the appropriate school authorities.

D. Jim suggested the possibility of consideration for special designation of the Santa Maria Country Club. Joey mentioned Mr. Dick Weldon as a possible point-of-contact for information on the history of the club and property.

E. Michelle has agreed to begin exploring the possibility for special designation the First United Methodist Church by contacting church officials.

F. Ryan mentioned the possibility of special designation of the former Santa Maria Valley Railroad Engine house and will start the process of determining if there is any interest by the property owners G.A. Hancock Properties in such a designation.

G. Joey brought up her concern that the information brochures for City Landmarks and Objects of Historical Merit were accessible online. The committee reviewed the City's website and determined that the previously published information is available online.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The members present confirmed receiving information on the city mandated Government Ethics Training scheduled for December 4, 2012.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

