

CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 12, 2013  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room B  
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Edward Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Edward "Jim" Zemaitis, Chair	Present
Ryan Fisher, Secretary	Present
Michelle Huitron	Present
Jo Ann "Joey" Wilson	Absent
Sandra Valdez	Absent

3. MINUTES: Minutes of August 13, 2013 meeting approved.

4. COMMUNICATION:

- A. Jim has been in contact with Mayor Alice Patino regarding the intention of the City to seek the return of the two-part Bas relief of Columbus' ship *Santa Maria*— a designated Object of Historical Merit- currently located at the Wells Fargo Bank branch at 407 E. Main Street (originally part of the 1919 façade of the Bank of Santa Maria demolished in 1968). Renovation of the bank is reported to have been completed and Jim indicated that he would attempt to stop by to determine what the bank is doing with the reliefs for now. The Committee continues to monitor the progress and provide input as requested by the Mayor or City Council.
- B. Ryan received clarification from Mark van de Kamp of the City Manager's office regarding business cards and city email addresses for committee members. Mr. van de Kamp has responded that while "the City does not have the resources to print customized business cards for each commission and for each member, and City email addresses are not being assigned to those committees." However, "the City Manager's Office will provide business cards that read "CITY OF SANTA MARIA" across the top, with the City seal/logo at left, and the All-America City logo at right....These cards will provide the commissioners with an official business card." Mr. van de Kamp has also indicated that he is available to create and maintain a Facebook page for the Landmark Committee within the City's guidelines.
- C. Mr. van de Kamp also responded to a request by Committee Member JoAnn Wilson to update images of landmarks and objects of historical merit (OHM) for the City's Webpage. He has requested that members provide copyright-free photos of said landmarks/OHM with permission for any updated images.

D. Jim spoke to Mr. Gil Harper regarding a request to recognize former Harper properties and contributions to the city. Sandra has spoken with Mr. Hugo Casas, but all Harper property business has been tabled until the next meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Jim has contacted the City Manager Rick Hayden regarding moving forward with special designation for the Palm Court Subdivision, the former Foster Road Drag Strip, and the Type II Norden Bombsite Vaults located on airport property.
- B. Ryan will attempt to attend one of the next airport board meetings to inform the board of the Committee's purposes and intent for special designation of any/all Type II Norden Bombsite Vaults located both within and beyond airport property (Currently, locations of only 4 are known in various states of preservation). The committee would like, and will request the opportunity to survey as many as possible.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Given the willingness of the City to create and maintain a Landmark Committee Facebook page, Ryan brought up the possibility of using crowd-funding to raise money for any plaques or Landmark related markers for future designations as the City's resources are currently limited. Michelle mentioned the complications of soliciting or receiving donations on behalf of the City. Jim indicated that the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society, as a 501(c) organization, could act as an intermediary for receipt and distribution of money towards monuments, plaques, etc.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ryan Fisher, MPA  
Secretary of the Landmark Committee