

CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 11, 2014  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C  
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Edward Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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| Edward "Jim" Zemaitis, Chair | Present |
| Jo Ann "Joey" Wilson         | Present |
| Ryan Fisher, Secretary       | Present |
| Steve Mahr                   | Present |
| Sandra Valdez                | Absent  |

3. MINUTES: Minutes of January 14, 2013 meeting could not be approved as not enough members were present from the last meeting to form a quorum.

4. COMMUNICATION:

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Buena Vista Park: Joey reports that the city will be providing support for the improvements and maintenance of Buena Vista Park to support the community beautification project at hand. A new play-structure is to be constructed and the committee does not anticipate that any of the planned improvements pose a threat the historical integrity of the park- a designated City Landmark.
- B. Type II Norden Bombsight Vaults: Ryan attended the Santa Maria Public Airport Board meeting on January 16 to advise the board on the committee's intent to designate one or more Type II Norden Bombsight Vaults, some of which may fall within the Airport Specific Plan or planned Airport Business Park. It was also requested that committee members be permitted access to the vaults within the airport's boundaries to survey any and all remaining vaults for structural soundness and any historically significant period graffiti or artifacts. The board was happy to accommodate and suggested contacting the general manager Chris Hastert for access. Emails have previously been sent to Mr. Hastert as well as his secretary, but have not been returned. Subsequent follow-up emails will be sent and if there is no response by February 25<sup>th</sup>, Jim or Ryan will visit the airport administrative offices to meet with a representative from the airport. The board did have some concerns about encumbering structures which may need to be moved or demolished to facilitate airport operations or safety, as well as jurisdictional issues of designating City Landmarks within the Airports special district or with the FAA. Airport counsel will review the legality and the committee should advise the City Attorney on any

intent to designate any building within the airport's district to ensure that there is no jurisdictional conflict.

Jim has been in contact with Dick Menninger from the Santa Maria Museum of Flight regarding research into the vaults as well as any interest the museum may have in the designation as one of the vaults is located off Skyway Drive in close proximity to the museum.

- C. Palm Court: The city has approved the letter to Palm Court residents for the scoping meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. Jim will make appropriate arrangements.
- D. 1904 Smith-Enos House: The committee discussed the possibility of designating the house as a landmark before the city attempts to relocate it. The committee had previously decided to wait until the structure was moved to the planned agricultural demonstration park, but since there appears to be little progress and the home appears to be deteriorating quickly, more immediate action may be required.
- E. Ethel Pope Auditorium: Construction continues on the new building adjacent to the auditorium. Santa Maria Joint Union High School does not want to potentially complicate construction with a special designation. Joey suggested that the committee push for not less than a "Landmark" designation for the building.
- F. Ryan inquired about the digitization of committee records and files. Jim has been working on a long-term project to digitize and catalog the files for future use by the committee. Progress will continue and documents will continue to be stored as PDF files to facilitate storage and cross-referencing.

6. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: As Chairman, Jim welcomed new member Steve Mahr, who introduced himself. Jim also explained the goals and mission of the committee as well as some of the current projects in progress.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 4:47 p.m.