

CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES- Revised
March 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 4:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. MINUTES: Joey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013, seconded by Sandra. Jim made a motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2014 approved with changes to item C, the date of the Palm Court scoping meeting was corrected to read March 13th not 14th) and seconded by Steve.

4. COMMUNICATION: The city has approved Jim's requests for moving forward with special designations for the former Foster Road Drag Strip, the Palm Court Subdivision, and the Type II Norden Bombsight Vaults.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Buena Vista Park: Joey reported on an article she wrote for the Santa Maria Times (published March 4) that provided some background on the history of Buena Vista Park. She also indicated that a brown-bag meeting was scheduled for March 27 for citizens and community organizations to develop a plan for beautification of the park. It is anticipated that the City will begin the project, with community input, sometime in April 2014.
- B. Type II Norden Bombsight Vaults: There has been no response from the Airport manager to subsequent email sent to his office regarding the Committee's request to survey vaults on airport property. Jim has, and will continue to make efforts to contact airport officials through other channels. The Committee expects to have some progress on the project before the next meeting.
- C. Palm Court: Jim reviewed with the Committee the slid-show he has prepared for the Palm Court scoping meeting to be held March 13, 2014 in Santa Maria City Council Chambers. The meeting will be to address resident concerns and recommendations regarding potential designation of the Palm Court Subdivision as a single Object of Historical Merit. Its significance being that it was the first planned sub-division in the City of Santa Maria. Jim recognized Sandra's tireless efforts with the mail-merge, research and overall work on the project. Ryan suggested the use of the City

Council's public comment cards for any residents wishing to speak or requesting information on any news regarding the designation.

- D. Former Harper Properties: Sandra has been in contact with Mr. Hugo Gassas Casas regarding the possibility of special designation for his home as a fine example of an early working-class Santa Maria home. Mr. Gassas Casas has expressed concern that he would be sharing his name with the Harper Family on any certificate. Sandra will continue to work with Mr. Gassas Casas to clarify his concerns and move forward with the process of designating the home an Object of Historical Merit.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Jim has suggested that the former site of the Pleasant Valley School at the South West corner of Bradley Road and Battles Road be considered for special designation. Although having been re-located to Buellton where it has been carefully restored, the school played an important part of the history of the City and its original site will be considered. Jim has also said that committee members would be able to view the school in Buellton on June 21st as part of a tour.
- B. A review of the Landmark Committee pages of the City of Santa Maria Website are missing several recently designated Objects of Historical Merit: the Camp Fire Cabin, Bill's Take-Out, and the Eagle's Aerie have yet to be added and will be referred to Mark van de Kamp to update images, descriptions, and the certificates.
- C. As part of the annual review of City Landmarks, Jim assigned each member specific Landmarks to be reported on for the next meeting.
- D. Jim assigned the task of digitization of Committee records to Steve and will coordinate a meeting at a later time to discuss the progress of the project as well as the expectations and goals. Jim has requested brief bios and photos of all Committee Members for use on the Website and any press material.
- E. Ryan suggested that each member of the Committee consider writing occasional articles- such as the one Joey wrote for the Santa Maria Times- to forward the general mission of the Committee and increase public awareness.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: