

CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 13, 2014  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C  
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Jim Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014, seconded by Sandra Valdez.

4. COMMUNICATION:

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Buena Vista Park: Jim welcomed Virginia Souza and Ken Wolf who were attending the meeting to discuss suggestions for improvements for the Buena Vista Park revitalization. Ms. Souza mentioned the sentimental value the park holds for many Santa Marians and is currently working with local stakeholders to make improvements while respecting the park's historical integrity. One of the suggestions was the addition of an arbor with the name of the park similar to the one at Mitchell Park in San Luis Obispo. The committee discussed some general ideas and recommends an arbor of similar construction and design as the Mitchell Park arbor, as well as having the structure planted with a climbing variety of vegetation to discourage graffiti.
- B. Santa Maria Drag-Strip: Jim has discussed the committee's intent to designate the former drag-strip with County Architect Robert Ooley. Mr. Ooley suggested that the entire ¼ mile be considered for designation, not just the starting-line area. He has also offered to walk the recommendation through the County Board of Supervisors.
- C. Type II Norden Bombsight Vaults: The approval process for the vaults will piggy-back on the process for approval of the drag-strip as the sites are co-located. Mr. Ooley is waiting on documents prepared by Ryan that are similar to the National Register of Historic Places application to provide to the County Board of Supervisors to move forward.
- D. Palm Court: As special designation of Object of Historical Merit for the Palm Court neighborhood was unanimously approved at the last meeting, it was suggested that cards be sent to all residents notifying them of the Committee's approval and that a

presentation ceremony and reception will be held in one of the cul-de-sacs of Palm Court following the July 8, 2014 meeting. Joey has recommended that "Object" of Historical Merit language be revised to more appropriately reflect the Palm Court development.

- E. Former Harper Properties: The committee unanimously voted to approve the former Harper Home for designation as an Object of Historical Merit. Mr. Casas had requested that he be recognized in the language appearing on the certificate. The committee agreed that language in the certificate will be structured to recognize his ownership of the property. Joey suggested that the former Harper Home be designated a "Structure" of Historical Merit rather than "Object", to improve the language used in the designation. The committee agreed to replace "Object" with "Structure" in the certificate and language for this property.
- F. Pleasant Valley School (former site of): A tour of the school house has been scheduled for committee members through the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society on June 21, 2014. The committee will discuss special designation at a future meeting.
- G. There has been no progress on the updates requested to the Landmark Committee's section of the City's Website.
- H. The reports on the annual review of landmarks were completed with no issues found.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Virginia Souza reminded members that a May 22<sup>nd</sup> community meeting is scheduled to discuss recommendations for Buena Vista Park.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 5:22 p.m.