

CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 9, 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 4:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. MINUTES: Joey made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2014, seconded by Steve.

4. COMMUNICATION: None.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Harper Property- Jim thanked Steve for his help in both setting-up and filming the dedication ceremony and reported that the city's use of wooden plaques will no longer be available for Object of Historical Merit certificates.

B. Norden Bombsite Vaults- Ryan will submit to the county architect, documents requesting recognition of the Norden Bombsite Vaults. Additionally, Ryan will explore options for an interpretive site and costs associated with appropriate signage. Jim indicated that Mike Gedry, from the Santa Maria Museum of Flight should be kept informed of the progress, as the vaults represent a significant part of the area's aviation history. Jim has been in contact with airport general manager Chris Hastert, and will be coordinating a survey by committee members of all known vault locations on airport property.

C. First United Methodist Church of Santa Maria- Joey will again attempt to reach-out to church leadership to explore the possibility of designating their building at 311 S. Broadway a City Landmark

D. Ethel Pope Auditorium- As the new structure at Santa Maria High School nears completion, Joey and/or Jim will begin attempting to work with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Mark Richardson to move forward with special designation for the Ethel Pope Auditorium. The committee would like to coordinate the opening of the new building with a dedication ceremony for the auditorium next year.

E. Smith Enos House: Ryan brought up the deteriorating conditions of the Smith-Enos House and suggested that the committee work with City Parks and Recreation Department and/or members of the Enos Family to prevent further destruction or loss of the structure and plans for re-location of the structure. Ryan suggested to the committee that moving the home to the Los Flores Ranch Park might be an appropriate setting, as the area more closely resembles the original location of the home than any other potential site. One concern is that unless or until the Los Flores Ranch is annexed by the city, any structure at the site would not be in the purview of the Landmark Advisory Committee.

F. Signage for Historic Area: Steve provided a rendering of potential signage for designating areas or sites designated by the committee. The intent is to provide a standardized signage consistent with city policy for placing in areas such as the recently designated Palm Court Subdivision.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Buena Vista Park/Camp Fire Cabin- the Buena Vista Beautifiers, with sponsorship and volunteers from Home Depot have re-painted the recently vandalized cabin to its previous color scheme. Additionally, the Buena Vista Beautifiers will unveil additional improvements provided with the help of Tunnel Roofing, Chameleon Style of Arroyo Grande and resident Francine Waggoner on December 6, 2014.

B. Digitization of records: Jim and Steve reviewed a list of recommendations of how to store committee material digitally. It was suggested that Google Docs represents the best option for the committee's current requirements for records storage. Steve will move forward, having already established a Google mail account for the committee.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim will be speaking at the lecture series on Saturday, September 13, at the Santa Maria Library's Shepard Room about the City's Landmarks and Objects/Places of Historical Merit. All committee members were invited to attend the free event.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ryan Fisher
Secretary of the Landmark Committee