



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2010, 1:30 p.m.
Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve
39400 Clinton Keith Road
Murrieta, CA 92562**



MINUTES

Members Present:

Charlene Cleary, District I
Joyce Hohenadl, District I, Vice Chair
Charolette Fox, District II

Darell Farnbach, District III
John Worden, District V

Members Absent:

Velma Hickey, District II
Robert Lindquist, District III
Marc Hendon, Sr., District III

Gerda Hook, District IV
Jennie Kelly, District IV
Muriel Schwartz, District V, Chair

Staff Present:

Tracy Novak, Assistant Parks Director, Regional Park & Open-Space District
Keith Herron, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), Regional Park & Open-Space District
Rebecca Chavez, Secretary II, Regional Park & Open-Space District
Rob Hicks, Interpreter, Regional Park & Open-Space District

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Vice Chairman Hohenadl.

2.0 Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2009

The approval of the minutes was tabled to the next meeting because there was no quorum present.

The following correction was noted:

Page 2, District I, Commissioner Hohenadl: ...the Lake Elsinore Princess Restoration Foundation.

3.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments presented.

4.0 Commissioner Reports – Information

District I

Commissioner Hohenadl noted that she had attended the Park District holiday party and wished to thank the Park staff for hosting the event. She felt the gift exchange was great. Commissioner Hohenadl read a thank you note from Hal Rover for the gift the Commission gave to him at the last meeting.

Commissioner Hohenadl referred to a newspaper article regarding the oldest plant thought to be found in Riverside County. It read that the plant was believed to be a 13,000 year-old oak bush.

Commissioner Cleary had nothing to report at this time.

District II

Commissioner Fox had nothing to report at this time.

District III

Commissioner Farnbach commented on a 100 year-old school in the Temecula wine country that he had been working on with the Temecula Historical Society to save and possible

renovation. HPO Herron and Commissioner Farnbach have visited the site and have spoken to the owner regarding the possibility of taking over the project.

District IV

There were no representatives from District IV.

District V

Commissioner Worden updated the Commission on the renovation of the Fox Theater in downtown Riverside. He said that there was a black tie gala planned for Thursday evening and a public viewing scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Commissioner Worden noted that the Mission Inn volunteers would be volunteering their time for the public viewing.

Commissioner Kelly was unable to attend the meeting, however, Commissioner Hohenadl read from a report forwarded by Commissioner Kelly. The report stated that the renovation of the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club was proceeding ahead of schedule. Commissioner Hohenadl read that Debbie Derenard has volunteered to create the new website for the Salton Sea History Museum. The website can be found at www.saltonseamuseum.org.

On January 16, 2010, Commissioner Kelly attended a workshop hosted by San Bernardino County Museum Director Bob McKernan on shorebirds of the Salton Sea. On January 15, 2010, Commissioner Kelly attended a photographic exhibit at the La Quinta Museum on the Salton Sea by Christina Lange. The exhibit included historic images provided by the East Valley Historical Society/Salton Sea Museum.

On December 19, 2009, Commissioner Kelly attended a presentation by Jean-Guy Dube on the history of the Southern Pacific Railroad stations in the Coachella Valley.

5.0 Park District Staff Reports

5.1 Capital Improvement Projects

HPO Herron reported that the only project at this time is the San Timoteo Canyon School House.

5.2 Other items of interest

5.2.1 Rob Hicks, Interpreter, Santa Rosa Plateau gave a short history and brief description of the Santa Rosa Plateau.

5.2.2 HPO Herron reintroduced Assistant Parks Director, Tracy Novak, for those who were not at the last meeting.

6.0 Subcommittee Reports:

6.1 Publications Subcommittee Report

Commissioners Farnbach and Hohenadl met with HPO Herron to discuss the Riverside County Chronicles and the various ways of publication and distribution. The subscription rate is \$18 a year. There was some discussion on distributing copies at museums and local libraries. There was some discussion of making an online version available in the future. HPO Herron mentioned that he already had seven articles for the upcoming edition scheduled for release in April.

6.2 Awards Subcommittee Report

6.2.1 HPO Herron requested to table the nomination to replace Commissioner Fox's vacant position as described on the agenda as there was no quorum present at the meeting.

6.2.2 Commissioner Cleary had nothing to report at this time. She commented that she and HPO Herron had not met as of the date of the meeting.

6.3 Archives Commission Report

Commissioner Fox stated that the Archives Commission met on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. A copy of the minutes from the Archives Commission meeting has been attached.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Heritage Tourism Subcommittee

Commissioner Worden noted that the Heritage Tourism Subcommittee had not met. He mentioned that he was working on a website for the subcommittee.

8.0 Next Meeting: March 18, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m. Location to be determined

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Keith Herron, Historic Preservation Officer, for
Scott Bangle, General Manager/Parks Director
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Archives Commission Report to Historical Commission

A quorum was present on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, and meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Laura Klure.

Commissioner Announcements:

- Effective as of January 1, 2010 document recording fees have increased to \$10 for the first page, subsequent pages are still \$3 per page. This affects the recordation of new home purchases or title transfers. The change is provided by California Law, and has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Fees have not increased in Riverside County since 1972.
- There is one open commissioner vacancy on the Archives Commission; it is in District 2. In addition, terms of four (4) current commissioners will expire by April. These commissioners were advised to re-apply if they are willing to serve another term.
- Future meeting dates for the Archives Commission are April 21, July 21, and January 19 and April 20 of 2011.
- Stimulus money was used to pay the services of three (3) additional personnel for county archival of records. The money allows for six (6) months of much needed help to compensate for permanent county employee furloughs and other employee leaves previously approved.

Staff Reports and Announcements

- The Heritage Consortium has adopted the name "Inland Heritage Consortium". This is a collaboration of several historical groups which are working toward getting a website developed. The website is intended as a networking resource for all other historical organizations where announcements of meetings, events, and inter-group discussions can take place.
- An internship slot is open in the County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's Office. Students with a background in library science will be sought.
- The Assessor's Heritage Project is now complete. The project sought to research pictures and biographical material for each of the past twelve (12) Assessors. Information on the last, and hardest to find, assessor has recently been located. The picture and personal story of Mr. French who served from 1924 to 1926, was donated by Mr. French's 80-year-old grandson living in Arizona.

- The Secretary of State is drafting regulations on preservation of electronic records. Finishing the regulations could take six (6) months to a year. The difficulty is in forecasting what “electronic” will mean in the future.
- Judge Field and Judge Masselli (sp) are interested in collaborating with the Archives Commission on a project to archive the Riverside historical court’s records. A meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss the project.
- A Record’s Management Training is scheduled for March 16th in Temecula. Other workshops are being held elsewhere in California. The intended audience is City Clerks, elected officials, librarians, or others whose main responsibility includes record archival. The full-day workshop is free.

The meeting was adjourned about 2:10pm.

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