



RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Louis Robidoux Library
5840 Mission Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92509



Thursday, November 18, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

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| Joyce Hohenadl, District I, Chair | Robert Lindquist, District III |
| Charolette Fox, District II | Jennie Kelly, District IV |
| Darrell Farnbach, District III, Vice Chair | Herb Spencer, Jr., District V |

Members Absent:

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| Charlene Cleary, District I | John Worden, District V |
| Velma Hickey, District II | District IV vacancy |
| Marc Hendon, Sr., District III | |

Staff Present:

Keith Herron, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), Regional Park & Open-Space District
Rebecca Chavez, Secretary II, Regional Park & Open-Space District

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chairman Hohenadl, and self-introductions were made.

2.0 Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C Farnbach, Lindquist

Abstained: Fox

The September 16, 2010 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, Paragraph 7: ...San Gorgonio Inn in ~~Banning~~ Beaumont...

3.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

There was no public input.

4.0 Commissioner Reports

District I

Chairwoman Hohenadl welcomed Herb Spencer as the new Historical Commission, District V representative. Mr. Spencer gave a brief introduction and told of his interest in many of the historical sites, especially the Gilman Ranch.

Chairwoman Hohenadl thanked Scott Bangle, General Manager for the Park District, for sending thank you letters to Muriel Schwartz and Gerda Hook for their time on the Commission. She was also happy to be reappointed as Historical Commissioner for District 1.

Chairwoman Hohenadl announced that the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) received a Proclamation during Constitution week which was celebrated during the week of September 17 – 23. The Lake Elsinore City Council presented the DAR with a plaque on September 14 commemorating the 223rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution at the City Council meeting.

District II

Commissioner Fox reported that she was not able to attend the last Archives Commission meeting and hadn't seen the minutes. She noted that if any of the Commissioners were interested in visiting the Archive office to let her know.

District III

Commissioner Farnbach mentioned that the Little Temecula History Center hosted several events at the site. Such events include the Gold Panners Club, the Model A Club; Mustang Car Club, and three Cub Scout troops. The Historical Society hosted a dinner remembering 28 years of the Temecula Tractor Race Art Show featuring local artists and subjects.

Commissioner Farnbach gave the update that the owner of the Oakgrove Butterfield Stage Stop has worked out a deal with San Diego County.

Commissioner Farnbach reported that the Little Temecula History Center was working with the Santa Rose Plateau staff to create more human history displays at the Plateau. The Society has given them some artifacts to start the display and have additional items on long-term loan.

Commissioner Farnbach reported that 12 members of the Vail Ranch Restoration Association traveled to Tucson, Arizona to attend the Empire Ranch Foundation's Cowboy Round-up. He noted that the Empire Ranch was founded by Walter Vail in 1875 and in 1904; Walter bought 87,000 acres in Temecula.

Commissioner Lindquist reported that the Hemet Historical Society had been responsible for selecting plaques for many of the old homes, buildings, and business in the valley to place at each site. The Society has selected a home that was built in 1913.

Commissioner Lindquist noted that he had attended a Chamber mixer at the Depot the night before. He said guests were allowed to tour the museum and the new work station. He was happy to report that the program was moving along.

District IV

Commissioner Kelly reported that on October 2 she received the Leadership in Preservation award from the Palm Springs Modern Committee at their annual awards luncheon. She noted that the prestigious award was given in association with the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club renovation. Also receiving awards for the Yacht Club were Aurora Wilson on behalf of the late Supervisor Roy Wilson and Holt Architects for their involvement in the renovation.

Commissioner Kelly mentioned that on October 8, the Salton Sea History Museum hosted a group from the California Lake Management Society. She provided history of the Salton Sea and Yacht Club.

On October 31, the Yacht Club hosted 160 members of the Great Autos of Yesteryear. Approximately 100 vintage cars were brought in to show and visit the museum. The organizers of the event brought in a caterer from Palm Springs and served brunch. Commissioner Kelly shared a comment she received after the event about how wonderful the staff was for hosting their event at such a wonderful location. A local pilot, Brad Bertling of Salton Sea Air Service, volunteered to take a professional photographer up to take an aerial view of the site. The photo can be viewed on the website, www.saltonseamuseum.org.

On November 4, Ross Wallach of RPM Racing and County EDA managers met at the Yacht Club to determine whether the harbor was safe to use for the big boat race tentatively scheduled for January 20-23, 2011. After visiting the site, some changes were made for the event. It was noted that ongoing renovations continue to make the area much more accessible to the beach and launch area.

On November 17, museum volunteers, Steve Johnson and Kris Reynolds met with longtime residents of Bombay Beach. This meeting was successful and the residents have agreed to provide historical pictures and oral histories of the early days in the community.

District V

Commissioner Spencer reported that the Gilman Ranch Museum remodel was coming along. Two paintings of mountains have been added to start the diorama.

Commissioner Spencer announced that the Historical Society in Beaumont is now open the first and third Saturday of every month from noon to 4 pm.

Commissioner Spencer shared information on the findings of historical items found during the demolition of the San Gregorio Inn. Among the items found was a rolled-top desk. A letter has been written to the City Manager asking the desk and other items be donated to the Historical Society.

5.0 Park District Staff Reports

CIP Projects:

HPO Herron provided an update on the San Timoteo Schoolhouse CIP project. The project is on schedule, the restroom building is now on site, and he expects a grand opening in mid-January.

Other Items of Interest:

HPO Herron reported that he had recently given a presentation on the San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse Interpretive Plan at a joint meeting with the San Timoteo Schoolhouse Committee, Gilman Ranch Hands, and San Gorgonio Pass Historical Society. The San Timoteo Schoolhouse Committee endorsed the Plan. There was additional discussion of artifacts that the San Gorgonio Pass Historical Society would like to donate to the San Timoteo Schoolhouse. These artifacts include three period desks. HPO Herron commented that he continues to work with the Committee on the furniture plan.

HPO Herron updated the Commission on the progress of the Ordinance 578, Historical Districts. He said the Ordinance was still on schedule with the introduction of the Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors on December 14 to be voted on at a January 2011 meeting.

HPO Herron mentioned that on Tuesday there he participated in a successful cleanup day at the Fish Traps Archeological site in the Coachella Valley. With the help of several agencies, the site has been completely cleaned up. HPO Herron reflected on how much fun the project was. There was the suggestion of doing an article on the Fish Traps site with a side note on the cleanup effort in the next Chronicles issue.

HPO Herron mentioned that he had received an email from Jim Hofer, County Archivist, who is interested in working jointly with the Park District, Historical Commission, and Archive Commission on various projects to include but may not be limited to education etc. Additional conversation with Mr. Hofer provided information on a collection of 30 or so oral history tapes recently discovered in the archives. Though some have been transcribed, most have not. HPO Herron suggested a group of volunteers organize to transcribe the tapes. He said Virginia Sisk and Steve Lech have volunteered to help in the effort. HPO Herron read the list of titles.

Commissioner Kelly asked about the process of registering the North Shore History Museum in the National Register. There was some discussion of the process. HPO Herron offered his assistance but felt the request should be written by the architect. There was additional discussion on hosting a workshop on the procedures of filing for the National Register.

6.0 Subcommittee Reports:

6.1 Publications Subcommittee Report

HPO Herron reported that the third issue of the Riverside Chronicles had recently been released. Copies have been mailed to subscribers. HPO Herron passed around a copy to show the Commission. He expressed how pleased he was with this issue, pictures, and articles.

HPO Herron reported on a request brought up by Commissioner Hendon at the last meeting suggesting the spiral-bound Landmark book be updated and re-released. At this time, it is not thought to be a good idea. Currently, there are approximately 8000 copies of

our landmarks brochure still boxed at the office. With budget restraints, funding would be difficult to obtain.

6.2 Awards Subcommittee Report

No report at this time.

6.3 Archives Commission Report

No report at this time.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 San Timoteo Schoolhouse Interpretation Plan

M/S/C Spencer, Farnbach

HPO Herron asked the Commission to approve the revised San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse Interpretive Plan.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Historic Landmark Nomination Presentation

HPO Herron stated that based on the nomination presented, he believe the Santa Fe Train Station to be eligible as a Historical Landmark.

The nomination to make the Santa Fe Train Station was submitted by Commissioner Hohenadl. HPO Herron noted that this site is well-worthy of the nomination. Commissioner Hohenadl reviewed the nomination and gave a little background on the site.

M/S/C Fox, Kelly

The Commission approved the Santa Fe Train Station nomination to be eligible as a Historical Landmark.

9.0 Next Meeting: January 20, 2010 @ 1:30 pm at the Little Temecula History Center.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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