



RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Park District Headquarters
Carriage House
4600 Crestmore Road
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509-6858
951-955-4306



Thursday, November 17, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joyce Hohenadl, District I
Charlene Cleary, District I
Darrell Farnbach, District III, Chair
Robert Lindquist, District III

Jennie Kelly, District IV
Herb Spencer, Jr., District V
John Worden, District V
Marc Hendon, Sr., Member at Large, Vice
Chair (arrived at 1:55p.m.)

Members Absent:

Velma Hickey, District II
Vacancy, District II

Virginia Ridgway, District IV

Guest(s):

Rebecca Farnbach, Vail Ranch Restoration
Association (VaRRRA)
Sandy & Rhine Helzer, Vail Ranch Restoration
Association (VaRRRA)

Richard & Charolette Fox, Temecula Valley
Historical Society and Historic Route 395
Association

Regional Park & Open-Space District Staff Present:

Keith Herron, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO)
Rebecca Chavez, Secretary II
Lori Norris, Administrative Services Assistant

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farnbach at 1:33 p.m. and self-introductions were made; see above.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Lindquist, Spencer

The September 15, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

3.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

Richard Fox, Historic Route 395 Association, updated the Commission on the progress of the Historic 395 signage project. Currently, there have been just over 100 signs installed along the Historic 395 Highway between San Diego and Riverside counties. The Association has recently obtained the services of Main Street Signs to create the signs. If anyone is interested in donating to the Historic 395 Association, they may do so by purchasing a sign at the cost of \$70, through Main Street Signs. The Association will install the signs. The Murrieta Library will host a workshop tonight at 6:30 p.m. to explore new ideas on how to promote the Historic 395 corridor.

4.0 Subcommittee Reports:

4.1 Strategic Plan Review Subcommittee Report

Commissioners Lindquist and Worden met with GM Bangle and discussed the development and implementation of the Quality Assurance Program. At that time the program was 50% completed. The Implementation of the Strategic Communication and Marketing Plan is complete, as well as the CIP Schedule. Other projects currently under development are the

initiation of the Volunteer Management Plan, about 50% complete, and the development of the Recognition Program Policy, about 75% complete. It was noted that the Strategic Plan, Executive Version, is now 80% complete.

4.2 Communications Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Hohenadl reported that she and Commissioner Kelly had not met with GM Bangle; however, they support the program completely. Commissioner Hohenadl noted that she had not received the Strategic Communication and Marketing Plan. HPO Herron will follow up.

4.3 Publications Subcommittee Report

HPO Herron announced that the newest edition of the Riverside Chronicles has arrived. He shared a copy of the recent edition with the Commission. HPO Herron commented that the lead story was on the Corona circular drive. He gave a brief description of the article. HPO Herron noted that subscription numbers have dropped slightly and asked anyone who was interested in a copy to see Rebecca Chavez.

5.0 Old Business

There was no old business to report.

6.0 New Business

6.1 2012 Historical Commission Meeting Calendar

Job Code: 2011/12-001

M/S/C Hohenadl, Lindquist

The 2012 Historical Commission Meeting Calendar was approved as presented.

7.0 Commissioners' Report

District I

Charlene Cleary reported that the Military Academy in Lake Elsinore has been subjected to recent vandalism. Currently, there is no security on the site and there have been rumors that the site is going through foreclosure. The fate of the facility is unknown at this time.

Joyce Hohenadl reported that the Daughters of the Revolutions celebrated Constitution Week September 17-23 and the Luiseño Chapter received proclamations from the cities of Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, and Temecula at each of their City Council meetings. The 1880 Tank House in Lake Elsinore now has windows, doors and the roof has been installed. At the next work party, the old outside boards will be brought over and installed to the Tank House. Each board is numbered and colored for easy installation.

Commissioner Hohenadl announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the Lake Elsinore Cultural Center as a Historical Landmark on October 4, 2011. The Lake Elsinore Historical Society will host a dedication event on Friday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. The Historical Society will present a plaque commemorating the event. Commissioner Hohenadl opened the invitation to all those present at the meeting and thanked the Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Hohenadl received an invitation by President Suneson and former President Hildebrandt of the Daughters of the Revolutions to attend the Valley of the Mist Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames IVII Century's Thirtieth Anniversary luncheon. Commissioner Hohenadl thanked Richard Fox and Wendell Ott for donating Municipal Water District maps dated 1886 to the Lake Elsinore Historical Society. The maps have been placed on the wall of the Lake Elsinore Museum.

District II

There was no report from District II.

District III

Chair Farnbach announced that the Vail Ranch Restoration Association will host Temecula's Civil War event, *The 1861 Showalter Affair*. This event will be held at the Vail Ranch located at Wolf Store Road and Red Hawk Boulevard in Temecula on November 19 and 20. A barn dance will be held on Saturday night at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Commissioner Lindquist reported that the Hemet Museum continues its renovation project. The Museum has lost its lease for the café and they are currently looking at other options to put in the vacant area. The Museum is also looking at other ways to increase visitation.

District IV

Jennie Kelly reported that the Salton Sea History Museum is currently working on the remodel of its new location in the Desert Cahuilla Wetlands. On October 6, 2011, the Wetlands Board of Directors voted to donate unused buildings to the Salton Sea History Museum. The Wetlands Board of Directors also approved to provide utilities without charge. The space is quite large, however, and the new facility requires quite a bit of work. Commissioner Kelly is currently working with Assemblyman Perez to secure additional funding for the museum.

The Sea and Desert Interpretive Association is preparing a proposal agreement to take over the management of the Salton Sea State Recreation Area campground from the State of California. The Salton Sea State Recreation Area was one of the various parks listed to be closed by the State due to funding. The initial acquisition of the old boat house turned camp store recently held its grand opening last Saturday. Greg Cervantes from Assemblyman Perez's office was the keynote speaker.

Commissioner Kelly continues to work with RPM Racing in the hopes of bringing back annual drag boat racing to the Salton Sea. RPM Racing has scheduled 2012 Speedweek for January 13-15 at the State Park. The Salton Sea History Museum and Interpretive Association will sponsor the event alongside other prominent sponsors.

District V

Commissioner Spencer announced that The San Geronio Pass Historical Society, in cooperation with the Beaumont Women's Club, will host *Book Fest* on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beaumont Women's Club located at 306 E. 6th Street, Beaumont. Various local authors will be on hand for a book signing.

Commissioner Worden had nothing to report.

Member at Large

Commissioner Hendon apologized for arriving late as he was detained waiting for the Historical No. 844 Steam Engine to come through on its way to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Along the trip, the engine will make various stops, including a day-long display in Las Vegas, Nevada. The No. 844 was delivered in 1944 as a high-speed passenger engine. The engine was retired in 1989.

Commissioner Hendon reported that he had attended the San Geronio Pass Historical Society meeting last week and the City of Beaumont gave a brief presentation on its Centennial Celebration scheduled for next year. He mentioned that the Whisky House in Banning had recently burned down.

Commissioner Hendon had no additional information on the Banning Centennial Celebration.

8.0 Park District Staff Report

HPO Herron reported that the Jensen Ranch Wallpaper project is nearing completion. Park staff is hoping to bring the furniture back in and reopen in the near future. HPO Herron described the details of the project.

On November 5, the San Timoteo Schoolhouse hosted its first event, an art festival. HPO Herron reported that the event had quite a few vendors with a large number of guests. It was the first event since the opening. The Schoolhouse Committee will meet to discuss future events.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next Historical Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012, 1:30 p.m. at Temecula City Hall located at 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92589.

10.0 Adjournment

M/S/C Hendon, Kelly

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 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



STAFF REPORT



Agenda Items No. 6.1
Job Code: 2011/12-001

Prepared by: Rebecca Chavez, Secretary II
For: Historical Commission
Subject: 2012 Historical Commission Meeting Calendar
Recommendation: Approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule for the Historical Commission

Background:

The Historical Commission regularly meets on the 3rd Thursday on a bi-monthly basis. The staff recommends the attached 2012 Historical Commission Meeting Calendar.

DATE	PLACE
January 19, 2012 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Temecula City Hall 41000 Main Street Temecula, CA 92590
March 15, 2012 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Lake Elsinore Historical Society Lake Elsinore Museum 106 South Main Street Lake Elsinore, CA (951) 678-1537
May 17, 2012 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	San Timoteo Schoolhouse 31985 San Timoteo Canyon Road Redlands, CA 92373 (951) 955-4310
July 19, 2012 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Idyllwild Nature Center 25225 Hwy 243 Idyllwild, CA 92549 (951) 659-3850
September 20, 2012 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Meeting	Park Headquarters 4600 Crestmore Rd Riverside, Ca 92509
November 15, 2012 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Salton Sea History Museum/ Desert Cahuilla Wetlands 72-120 S. Lincoln Street Mecca, CA 92254