



RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Santa Rosa Plateau
39400 Clinton Keith Road
Murrieta, CA 92562



Thursday, September 15, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Darrell Farnbach, District III, Chair
Robert Lindquist, District III
Virginia Ridgway, District IV

Herb Spencer, Jr., District V
John Worden, District V
Marc Hendon, Sr., Member at Large, Vice
Chair

Members Absent:

Joyce Hohenadl, District I
Charlene Cleary, District I
Velma Hickey, District II

Vacancy, District II
Jennie Kelly, District IV

Guest(s):

Bill Brown, Development Manager, EDA

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 by Chairman Farnbach at 1:37 p.m., and self introductions were made, see above.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Worden, Lindquist

The July 21, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

3.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

There were no public comments.

4.0 Subcommittee Reports:

4.1 Strategic Plan Review Subcommittee Report

Commissioners Lindquist and Worden met with GM Bangle to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Strategic Plan Review Subcommittee. They reviewed the Strategic Plan and Accreditation process. Commissioner Lindquist commented on the 49 Tactics that the Park District will need to meet to obtain the accreditation. The Subcommittee will meet again after they have had an opportunity to review the entire Plan. Commissioner Worden noted that the Subcommittee also acts as a representative bringing forward questions or concerns on behalf of the Historical Commission.

4.2 Communications Subcommittee Report

No report was given as there were no representatives from Communications Subcommittee in attendance.

4.3 Publications Subcommittee Report

HPO Herron reported that the Publications Subcommittee had not met. He reviewed the list of authors to be featured in the upcoming November issue of the *Riverside Chronicles*. HPO Herron announced that Steve Lech, President of the Riverside Historical Society, has just released another book entitled *More Than a Place to Pitch a Tent*.

5.0 Old Business

There was no old business to report.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Services Provided by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency

Bill Brown, EDA Development Manager, gave a brief description of the services and roles of the Community Services division of the Economic Development Agency (EDA). The Community Services Division was established in 2002 to provide public services to residents of unincorporated Riverside County. Mr. Brown touched on the background and original design of the Salton Sea Yacht Club. He told of the original use of the facility and why the County of Riverside chooses to spend Redevelopment Funds to rehabilitate the facility into a community center that highlights the historical significance of the Salton Sea. Ongoing operations and maintenance are not covered by the County General Fund; therefore, the EDA must use Federal Low-Income Assistance Block Grant Funds to keep the doors open to the public. Mr. Brown reported that discussions with the Salton Sea History Museum are ongoing with Commissioner Kelly; however, he did not know the status of those.

7.0 Commissioners' Report

District I

There were no representatives from District I.

District II

There were no representatives from District II.

District III

Chair Farnbach stated that with the idea of promoting and preserving history, staff of the Little Temecula History Center has stumbled on an excellent resource, student volunteers. He noted that high school and college students are required to have 10 hours of community service each year. Over the last three years, the Little Temecula History Center has helped between 10 - 15 students meet their requirements. The volunteers at the History Center spend one to two hours of the required time explaining the purpose of saving and promoting history. They walk the student volunteers through the museum, show them the displays, and give a tour of the historical site. After orientation, the students are given various projects dealing with preserving history. Recently, a professor from Mt. San Jacinto College visited the History Center. She commented on how many students come back to her class excited about what they had learned and been a part of. Chair Farnbach announced that on November 19 and 20, the Little Temecula History Center would be holding a Civil War Event, The Showalter Affair.

Commissioner Lindquist had nothing to report.

District IV

Ginger Ridgway had nothing to report.

District V

Commissioner Spencer reported that Fire Memories Inc. has been approved to build a facility at the Noble Creek Community Center to house the new Fire Museum. Currently, the fire trucks and memorabilia are being displayed at an old, unused fire station in Banning, just down the street from the Gilman Ranch. For additional information, call 951-260-9434.

Commissioner Worden had nothing to report.

Member at Large

Commissioner Hendon announced that the City of Beaumont recently celebrated the City Library's 100th birthday. He commented that the City of Banning's Stagecoach Days had ended. The three-day event was a success. Commissioner Hendon reported that the palm trees left at the site of the now demolished San Gorgonio Inn have been removed.

8.0 Park District Staff Report

HPO Herron reported that the Jensen Ranch ceiling replacement project should be completed within the next month. Currently, there are no additional Capital Improvement Projects going on.

HPO Herron commented that the District Advisory Commission recently met at the Gilman Ranch. He reported that the recently ordered signs for Gilman Ranch have arrived and will be installed.

9.0 Next Meeting

The annual Awards Luncheon and regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Park District Headquarters.

10.0 Adjournment

M/S/C Hendon, Lindquist

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 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