



RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Thursday, July 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joyce Hohenadl, District I, Chair
Charlene Cleary, District I
Darrell Farnbach, District III, Vice Chair
Marc Hendon, Sr., District III

Robert Lindquist, District III
Jennie Kelly, District IV (arrived at 1:55)
Herb Spencer, Jr., District V
John Worden, District V

Members Absent:

Velma Hickey, District II
Vacant, District II

Virginia Ridgway, District IV

Guest(s):

Charolette Fox, Guest

Staff Present:

Scott Bangle, General Manager (GM), 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

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

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

2.0 Special Presentation

A show of appreciation was given to Charolette Fox. Ms. Fox recently resigned from the Historical Commission as representative of District II. Ms. Fox also held a seat on the Riverside County Archives Commission, which she has also resigned from. A plaque was given to Ms. Fox in a show of gratitude for her time given to the Commission.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Lindquist, Cleary

The May 19, 2011 minutes were approved with the following correction:

Commissioner Lindquist: ...museum sits in the right of way for alongside the proposed...

4.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

There were no public comments.

5.0 Subcommittee Reports:

5.1 Publications Subcommittee Report

HPO Herron reported that the Riverside County Chronicles were mailed out in May. He noted that GM Bangle has challenged him to initiate ideas of how to increase subscriptions and retail sales. HPO Herron extended the challenge to the Commissioners.

5.2 Awards Subcommittee Report

HPO Herron reported that he has received one nomination for the annual Historical Commission Award. Commissioner Farnbach was nominated for his work with the Vail Ranch and involvement in the local community. HPO Herron announced that the awards luncheon has been postponed to the November meeting and will be held at Park District Headquarters.

5.3 Archives Commission Report

HPO Herron noted that since Commissioner Fox has resigned from the Historical Commission, she has also resigned from the Archives Commission. According to the Historical Commission Bylaws, a representative from the Historical Commission must also serve on the Archives Commission. HPO Herron has asked for a volunteer to serve on the Archives Commission. He asked the Commission to hold off any comment until the next item agenda.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Changes to Committee Structure

HPO Herron reminded the Commission of a motion that was tabled at the last meeting requesting changes to the Sub-Committee structure. GM Bangle gave a brief explanation behind the decision to change the Sub-Committee structure. He commented that with this move, it will align all the Commissions and Committees alike. GM Bangle gave a brief summary of the Strategic Plan and Work Plan details. He described the roles and responsibilities of each Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committees will meet once with GM Bangle for direction and guidance. A Sub-Committee representative will give a report at each meeting.

M/S/C Hendon, Lindquist

The motion to make the following changes was approved by the Commission:

Two new Sub-Committees were created: 1) The Strategic Plan Sub-Committee, and 2) The Communications Sub-Committee. Commissioner Worden and Commissioner Lindquist volunteered to serve on the Strategic Plan Sub-Committee. Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Hohenadl volunteered to serve on the Communications Sub-Committee.

The Awards Sub-Committee and Archives Sub-Committee were dissolved and their functions have been moved under the new Communications Sub-Committee.

The Publications Sub-Committee will remain and Commissioner Hendon and Commissioner Farnbach have volunteered to serve.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Election of Chair for the Historical Commission for FY 2011-12

M/S/C Hendon, Kelly

Nominations were opened and Commissioner Farnbach was nominated to serve as Chair for FY 2011-12. Nominations were closed.

Commissioner Farnbach was elected as the Chair of the Historical Commission for FY 2011-12.

7.2 Election of Vice-Chair for the Historical Commission for FY 2011-12

M/S/C Farnbach, Lindquist

Nominations were opened and Commissioner Hendon was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for FY 2011-12. Nominations were closed.

Commissioner Hendon was elected as the Vice-Chair of the Historical Commission for FY 2011-12.

Chairwoman Hohenadl handed over the meeting to newly appointed Chair Farnbach.

8.0 Commissioners' Report

District I

Commissioner Hohenadl thanked the Commission for approving the Lake Elsinore Cultural Center as a Historical Landmark. She noted that the nomination will be going before the Board of Supervisors in the near future. The Historical Commission's Annual Report has been reviewed and signed and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors as a receive and file agenda item. Commissioner Hohenadl complimented Secretary Chavez on the report and asked that a copy be mailed to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hohenadl reminded Commissioners who have not submitted a bio for the website to do so. She noted that the *Californian* and *Press Enterprise* has been covering the progress of the 1880 Lake Elsinore Tank House. Volunteers from the Lamb's Fellowship Church have poured the new foundation, installed the framing, the second story, and built-up the siding. On July 31, the old boards will be nailed to the new siding and the windows and doors will be installed. This building will be a historic museum and the Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce will use it as an annex.

Commissioner Hohenadl told the story of Elsie, the 122 foot sea monster that lived in Lake Elsinore during the 1980s and 90s. Elsie participated in various events including the Boat Parade of Lights on July 4, 1989. The Friends of Elsie have since disbanded and Elsie is now stored on private property near the southwestern corner of the lake. Maura Ammenheuser of the *Press Enterprise* recently wrote an article about Elsie. It can be found in the July 16 edition.

The Luiseno Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (from Temecula Valley) participated in the Temecula Fourth of July parade and won first place in the autos category. Members riding the float were dressed in colonial dress. The Temecula Valley Historical Society took home second place.

Commissioner Hohenadl mentioned that another article had recently been written addressing the change in Board of Supervisor boundaries. The changes are expected to be complete by September 30, 2011.

Commissioner Cleary reminded the Commission of the Riverwalk topic from the last meeting. She brought in a copy of a map outlining the area. Commissioner Cleary mentioned an article that had recently been written about the old Aloha Pier at Lake Elsinore. The Pier was built in 1926 and was originally a double-decker facility with dancing on one floor and an area for the children below. Commissioner Cleary reported that the Leaps Project (Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage) has been denied and will not be continuing.

District II

There were no representatives from District II

District III

Commissioner Farnbach thanked Commissioner Hohenadl for her time as Chair of the Historical Commission for the past year. Commissioner Farnbach announced the 150th Anniversary Event of Temecula's Civil War, The 1861 Showalter Affair. This event will be presented at the Historic Vail Ranch on November 19 and 20, 2011. For additional information visit www.vailranch.org or email the Ranch at info@vailranch.org. The Nature Conservancy is hosting its art show at the Santa Rosa Plateau Visitors Center through August 21. Commissioner Farnbach noted that Wendell Ott, Curator and Manager of the Temecula History Museum, will be retiring at the end of August.

Commissioner Lindquist continues to work on the collections management project for the Hemet Museum. He commented on the many challenges being faced with the project. Commissioner Lindquist reported that the battle to keep one of the last historical schoolhouses in the area has been lost and will be torn down in order to build a new, up-to-date school.

District IV

Commissioner Kelly just returned from a meeting with the Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness Network. This organization is comprised of local desert museums working together to develop a strategy to help preserve and restore items of historic nature in case of an emergency or natural disaster. The topic of this meeting was the formation of a 501C3 organization to be called the Desert Cities Museum Association.

District V

Commissioner Spencer noted that some of the interpretive site will have a change in operating hours. Gilman Ranch will now be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. The San Timoteo Canyon Schoolhouse will be open the first and third Saturday of every month

from 12 pm to 4 pm. The Gilman Ranch potlucks will continue and will be held on the last Saturday of every month, July through October.

Commissioner Spencer mentioned a company from Banning called Fire Memories, Inc. They are a group of men who have collected fire department memorabilia. They have been storing their collection at one of their houses and have been looking for a storage location. The Beaumont City Council has voted to approve the project and have them talk with the Beaumont City Park District about building a site at Park Headquarters for their memorabilia and six or seven vintage fire trucks. The building will be 16,000 sq. ft. and will be attached to the Park Headquarters building. The goal is to have the building open by next summer.

Commissioner Worden announced that the Mission Inn will be hosting *Celebrating Art of the Mission Inn* beginning July 1. The preservation architect will be visiting the Mission Inn on September 22 at 6:30 pm. There will be a free to the public event held at the Greer Pavilion.

Member at Large

Commissioner Hendon reported that the demolishing of the San Gorgonio Inn has been completed. Future buildings have been planned for the location. He noted that the planning of the 100 year celebration for the City of Banning continues.

9.0 Park District Staff Report

HPO Herron announced that the Idyllwild Historical District was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their last meeting. This is the first historical preservation district in the County of Riverside. The next step will be to appoint a local review board and create design guidelines for the buildings in the central business corridor.

The Jensen Ranch ceiling replacement project has begun. This project includes the removal, the conservation of the original ceiling wallpaper, and the re-hanging of the wallpaper.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Plateau.

11.0 Adjournment

M/S/C Kelly, Hohenadl

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 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