



## RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

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Thursday, August 20, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Chair Hendon called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Hendon.

#### 3.0 Roll Call - Commissioners Present:

Chair Hendon (MAL), Hohenadl (I), Vice Chair Atkins (I), Williamson (II), Lech (II), Lindquist (III), Farnbach (III), and Porter (IV); **Absent:** Phillips (IV), and Worden (V); **Park District Staff Present:** Herron.

#### 4.0 Approval of Minutes – Action

*The minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting were approved with the following corrections:  
(M/S/C Lech/Hohenadl)*

*10.0 Commissioners' Reports, District I, Hohenadl... the historical site marking for Mary J. McDonald Gazebo and the Creative works of ~~John Serre~~ Jon Serl...*

#### 5.0 Special Recognition

BC Herron announced the resignation of Herbert Spencer from the Commission. There is a vacancy on the Commission for 5<sup>th</sup> District.

#### 6.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission

**The following person spoke regarding Wildomar Historical Society:**

Kristan Lloyd

#### 7.0 Subcommittee Reports

##### 7.1 Publications Subcommittee – Information

###### **Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief**

BC Herron reported the progress of "Riverside Chronicles." Though the web page received 78 more hits than last quarter, people are looking but not buying.

##### 7.2 Archives Commission – Information

###### **Steve Lech – Commission Member**

CM Lech was not able to make it to the July 15<sup>th</sup> Archive Commission Meeting. If the meetings are local, he will be able to make them. He has two things going right now: annual report and working with Inland Empire Memories Initiative from UCR. The Inland Empire Memories Initiative is trying to put together a master catalogue of archives within the Riverside County. They are trying to find a location to store local archives, possibly a temperature controlled storage facility.

BC Herron agreed to host a joint workshop with the Archives Committee and the Historical Commission regarding the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, suggested dates of September 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **8.0 Old Business**

### **8.1 8.1 Republication of Landmark Book – Information**

#### **Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief**

BC Herron confirmed that the design of the book can be done for under \$5000 at PIP Printing. Moving forward, BC Herron will begin working on the design for the republication of the Landmark Book and would like to involve the publications committee in reviewing it. Currently, a date has not been set for publication. In the next week or two, BC Herron will contact the publication committee and the designer to begin gathering photos and text.

### **8.2 Additional Landmark Nominations – Discussion**

#### **Marc Hendon, Sr., Commission Chair**

CM Hendon asked if there are any new nominations and stated that he has not received any. CM Lech stated he has feelers out on two possibilities and is trying to encourage others. Commissioners inquired about the County of Riverside assisting with paying for plaques. BC Herron recommended that they speak to each individual Board of Supervisors about assisting through their discretionary funds.

### **8.3 Review and approve modifications to Riverside County Local History Awards Program – Action/Discussion**

#### **Steve Lech, Commission Member**

##### **Job Code: 2015-12**

CM Lech discussed various items related to the Riverside County Local History Awards Program. It was recommended that a press release be drafted when the awards are being released.

*(M/S/C No Audio)*

### **8.4 125th Anniversary Celebration - Information**

#### **Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief**

No Audio.

## **9.0 New Business**

### **9.1 Election of Chair of the Historical Commission for 2015/16 – Action**

#### **Job Code: 2015-9**

Nominations were opened and Ruth Atkins was nominated to serve as Chair for FY 2015/16.

*Ruth Atkins was elected as Chair of the Historical Commission for FY 2015/16.*

*(M/S/C Farnbach/Hohenadl)*

### **9.2 Election of Vice Chair of the Historical Commission for 2015/16 – Action**

#### **Job Code: 2015-10**

Nominations were opened and Steve Lech and Priscilla Porter were nominated to serve as Vice Chair for FY 2015/16.

*Steve Lech was elected as Vice Chair of the Historical Commission for FY 2015/16.*

*(M/S/C Porter/Williamson)*

### **9.3 CalSHPO Landmark app – Information**

**Steve Lech, Commission Member**

No Audio.

## **10.0 Commissioners' Reports – Information**

### **District I**

CM Atkins reported that the LE Historical Society continues to be busy with the museum. Aimee's Castle was sold by the Foursquare Church to the Pastor of the World Harvest Church as her private home. The Extreme Clean project sponsored by the City was successful; over 700 volunteers helped. PastPerfect inventory project is moving along.

CM Hohenadl reported that the Mary J. McDonald and Jon Serl dedications were held on May 30, 2015; two historic site plaques were donated. The LE Historical Society is donating a plaque to Commissioner Darell Farnbach.

### **District II**

CM Williamson

No Audio.

CM Lech

No Audio.

### **District III**

Chair Hendon

No Audio.

CM Farnbach reported that the Vail Headquarters site appears to be on schedule to open at the first of the year. The Temecula Hotel (Welty Hotel) in Old Town Temecula changed hands about a year ago after being in the same family for over 50 years. The new owners have been renovating and retrofitting the building.

CM Lindquist reported that downtown Hemet continues to see improvements. Historic buildings are being restored with requisite modification. The museum is closed for August. The Arts Center moved into 1890's era "Dietrich" building.

### **District IV**

CM Porter reported the Kahlifa International Date Palm Award was awarded to the Coachella Valley History Museum. The museum's major fundraiser (Dia de los Muertos) will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. The Heritage Festival will be on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

CM Phillips did not attend the meeting.

### **District V**

CM Worden did not attend the meeting.

## **11.0 Park District Status Report – Information**

### **11.1 Update on historic CIP projects and other items of interest.**

**Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief**

An update was given on all CIP projects and other items of interest.


### **11.2 Update on the collections – Information**

**Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief**

BC Herron gave an update on the collections.

12.0 **Next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Lake Elsinore Museum, 183 N. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.

13.0 **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned. *(M/S/C No Audio)*

  
Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief  
Secretary to the Historical Commission