



Historical Commission Regular Meeting
Highland Springs Resort
10600 Highland Springs Avenue, Cherry Valley, CA 92223

MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Charlene Cleary, District I, Vice Chair (1:40 p.m.)
Joyce Hohenadl, District I
Charlotte Fox, District II, Chair
Darell Farnbach, District III
Marc Hendon, Sr., District III (1:35 p.m.)
Robert Lindquist, District III
Gerda Hook, District IV
Hal Rover, District IV
Muriel Schwartz, District V

Members Excused:

John Worden, District V

Staff Present:

Paul Frandsen, General Manager, Regional Park & Open-Space District
Lori Norris, Secretary, Regional Park & Open-Space District

Guests Present:

Jacquelin Dooley, Jensen-Alvarado Ranch Associates
Marjorie Page, Jensen-Alvarado Ranch Associates
Will Lash, Bogart House
Eike Hohenadl, Guest
Leone Cody, San Timoteo Schoolhouse
Jerry Cody, San Timoteo Schoolhouse & Park District Advisory Commission
Tina Kumnrle, Highland Springs Resort
Hannah Kim, Highland Springs Resort

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

Chairperson Fox called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Commissioners, staff and guests made self-introductions. New commissioner, Joyce Hohenadl was welcomed. Tina Kumnrle and Marc Hendon provided information about the historical significance of Highland Springs Resort. The facility is being refurbished with the goal of keeping its historic character. The resort grows organic lavender in its herb farm. A tour of the facility was offered following the meeting. Chairperson Fox thanked Ms. Kumnrle for allowing the Commission to use the facility.

2.0 Approval of Minutes
M/S/C (Hendon\Rover)

The January 19, 2006, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

3.0 Public Comment:

Mr. Hall: Chairperson Fox requested Will Lash to provide some information regarding the historic Guy Bogart House that he is restoring. He is looking for Bogart memorabilia, especially pictures. The home is a private residence. A large rock sign is in the process of being made. Mr. Bogart lobbied to make cherries profitable in Cherry Valley. He was the second cousin of Humphrey Bogart. Mr. Hall is the Vice President of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD). Mr. Hall offered the BCVWD's new meeting hall that is being built in Beaumont on Cherry Valley Blvd for a future meeting.

4.0 Commissioner Reports

Hal Rover, District IV: Commissioner Rover presented several events that are happening, including the Native American Film Festival and an Indian Story Telling Festival at Sunrise Park in Palm Springs.

Commissioner Rover attended the Congress of History Symposium in San Diego. This event has been held annually for 40 years. They publish the Adelante Magazine. The symposium is a two-day event. Registration is \$30.00 with parking extra. The Cal State San Marcos University and the Railroad Museum in Chula Vista collaborated on the project. They work mostly through Historical Society members. Senator Jim Mills, the author of the Mills Act (tax credits for history), attended the symposium.

Chairperson Fox asked Commissioners Rover and Gerda Hook if the Patton home is scheduled for demolition. Commissioner Rover reported it is in the City of Indio and he believes it is scheduled for demolition.

- Commissioner Rover will check to see who is in charge of the home and if anyone has taken pictures of it.

Gerda Hook, District IV; Marc Hendon, District III; Muriel Schwartz: Nothing new to report.

Rob Lindquist, District III: The Estudillo House now has a museum built on the grounds with full restroom facilities. It is now open, with a docent at the museum every day. The downtown museum is now closed. The Hemet area museum association is doing fine. The Hemet Historical Society is growing. The railroad station is contemplating buying some antique railroad cars and adding more exhibit area for the Hemet Depot. The Ramona Bowl is working more with the cities, and there is now more community involvement and support.

A letter from a San Jacinto Valley Museum patron requested the following clarification in May: "The San Jacinto City Council moved the San Jacinto Valley Museum from its East Main Street location in downtown San Jacinto to a new building situated on the Estudillo Mansion grounds during the summer of 2005." Curator, Betty Jo Dunham, is in charge of the museum.

Chairperson Fox asked what the major funding source is for the Ramona Bowl. Commissioner Lindquist reported that the revenue comes mainly from the Annual Ramona Pageant. They are currently in an outreach program to get more foundation money, donations, and grants.

Chairperson Fox asked about the status of the Hemet Stock farm. Commissioner Lindquist reported it is in the hands of the Garrett Family. Nothing new has happened with it yet. Commissioner Lindquist provided further background information.

Joyce Hohenadl, District I: The current owners have restored the Chimes Bathhouse in Lake Elsinore. The current owners are going to turn it into a boutique and salon. Commissioner Hohenadl has been working with Ruth Atkins at the Research Library and Cultural Center for the Lake Elsinore Historical Society, rearranging and storing things. The Chimes gave them several boxes of old newspapers and they are trying to categorize them. The local newspaper also provided them with magazines and pictures.

Darell Farnbach, District III: The Vail Ranch Restoration Association (VARRA) is selling an *Images of America* book entitled "*Temecula*." They are also preparing a book on Murrieta. Some of the book proceeds are going back to VARRA.

Commissioner Farnbach noted that <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/> is the website for Online Archives of California (OAC) that provides links to other archive resources. There are many photographs of Riverside County available on the OAC.

Charlene Cleary, District I: Commissioner Cleary welcomed Commissioner Hohenadl to the Commission.

Commissioner Cleary received another call from Denzel Lee regarding the restoration of the Franklin Bungalows on Franklin Street. The owner wants to upgrade them into condominiums, which will work well with the City's general plan. The City Council wants to remove them. Commissioner Cleary provided information to the City Planning Department.

Commissioner Cleary saw four contractor trucks in front of the Mercado Adobe. Commissioner Hohenadl heard that the developers want to restore the Mercado Adobe and that the developer requested pictures from the Historical Society. The Perris Historical Society provided the developer with a copy of an old story about this historic old adobe, along with the history and pictures of the adobe.

Charollette Fox, District II: Chairperson Fox presented a sample copy of the award certificate for the County History Day contest on March 18. The Historical Commission is donating 15 award certificates. Each grade level presents different types of history projects. Some of the winners from Riverside County have gone on to be gold medal winners at the national level. The student may choose any era, person, or place in history, including national or world events.

Chairperson Fox recently did an internet search and found the laws that pertain to Historic Preservation. There are case histories available. It is her understanding that if a realtor misrepresents the historic nature of a property to a client that there are penalties.

5.0 Park District General Manager/Staff Reports

5.1 Capital Projects: Mr. Frandsen reported that Supervisor Ashley dedicated another \$35,000 dollars for the San Timoteo Schoolhouse and \$50,000 dollars for the Gilman Ranch property. The Gilman Ranch Hands are working on the landscaping. The money from the Supervisor will be used to work on the road and other issues. The City of Beaumont is providing funding towards the purchase of a new modular home for the San Timoteo Schoolhouse caretaker.

5.2 Other items of interest: The salary increase for the HPO position is still pending. The County is in competition with other cities for filling HPO positions. Commissioner Lindquist noted that this is a very important time to have an HPO.

Chairperson Fox requested the Commissioners to RSVP as soon as possible for the Park District facilities tour.

6.0 Archives Commission

Commissioner Schwartz noted that the Archives Commission has not had a meeting to report on.

7.0 Historical Commission Publications Subcommittee

Commissioner Schwartz thanked Ms. Dooley for the suggested revisions for the *Riverside County Landmarks* book. Currently there is a good inventory of the book, so a reprint of the book is not planned at this time. The revisions will be held for the next reprinting.

Chairperson Fox noted that marketing is needed to reduce the inventory. The cost of the book is \$9.00.

A ten-minute break was taken at 2:35 p.m.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Publications and Symposium Chair

Chairperson Fox asked Commissioner Schwartz to remain as the Publications Chair and she accepted. Duties of the Publications Subcommittee are to monitor the inventory of publications to decide what to reproduce, and to work on marketing.

- Commissioners Schwartz, Hendon and Farnbach will serve on the Publications Subcommittee.
- The fund balance and book inventory will be obtained for the next meeting.

Chairperson Fox suggested finding a co-sponsor for the symposium, so that the Publications Fund is not the only funding source for the symposium. Chairperson Fox would like to check if the cost of making a DVD of the symposium would be worthwhile.

Regarding the Symposium, Secretary Frandsen checked with the EDA to see if the Edward Dean Museum is available for the symposium, and to see if the EDA would like to co-sponsor the event. The symposium would have to be on

a weekday due to weddings scheduled on the weekends. It was decided to reduce the symposium to 5 or 6 hours, including lunch. An Awards Ceremony segment will be added to the schedule.

- Commissioners Lindquist, Rover, Hook, Hohenadl and Fox will serve on the Symposium Subcommittee. Park staff will help.

8.2 Newsletter Update

Commissioner Rover reported on the history of this topic. Seed money is needed to get started. The name will be *Inlandia*.

8.3 Awards Program

Chairperson Fox reported that the Commission received four applications. The Commissioners received copies to review. Letters will be sent to the applicants and the person named for the award, stating their application has been received, but that no decisions have been made. An awards ceremony will be included in the next symposium and that the winners will be honored guests at that time.

Chairperson Fox opened the floor for questions about the applications received. No questions were asked. Chairperson Fox asked Commissioner Cleary and Rob Lindquist to serve on the Awards Subcommittee and they accepted. The Awards Subcommittee will pull together awards.

- The Awards Subcommittee will consist of Commissioners Fox, Cleary, Worden and Lindquist.

9.0 Time & Place of Next Meeting – May 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Lindquist will see if the Ramona Bowl is available for the meeting. The facility is ADA compliant. A tour of the facility will be arranged.

11.0 Adjournment

MSC: (Hook/Hendon) The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Paul Frandsen, Secretary

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