

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 13, 2007
City Hall Conference Room
4:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order:**

Committee chair Joe Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

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| Joe Johnson, Chair | Present |
| Joan Walker, Vice-Chair | Present |
| Jim O'Neill, Secretary | Present |
| Eleanor Brower | Present |
| Judi Kincaid | Present |

Mr. Johnson introduced Judi Kincaid, who was appointed to the Landmark Committee at the City Council meeting of February 6, 2007. Ms. Kincaid is a relatively new Santa Maria resident, retiring here after a 20-year career in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps. The extensive travel of the military lifestyle has given her a deep interest in history and architecture, and an appreciation of the need to preserve a community's heritage.

3. **Minutes:**

By motion of Eleanor Brower, seconded by Joan Walker, the minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. **Long House:** Mr. Johnson reported that City staff has not progressed in planning the landmark-designation ceremony. Because of a staff change in the Recreation and Parks Department, the task has been re-assigned to Barbara Wiley. Mr. Johnson has spoken with Ms. Wiley and is hopeful that she will move forward quickly with the project.
- b. **Bas Relief Sculpture at Wells Fargo Bank:** Mr. Johnson has exchanged voice mail and e-mail messages with Bob Nichols, a ceramics instructor at Allan Hancock College. He hopes that they will soon be able to set a date to meet at Wells Fargo Bank so that Mr. Nichols can examine, photograph, and measure the sculpture.

5. **New Business:**

- a. **Carnegie Library:** Ms. Kincaid noted that Santa Maria had a Carnegie Library that had been built in the early 20th century and demolished in the 1960's. She suggested that, with the construction of the City's new library underway, it might be appropriate to designate the former Carnegie site as a place of historical merit. Mr. Johnson said that the City still has the Carnegie's cornerstone, and that staff has been considering displaying it in the new library. The committee felt that a historical merit designation would be very appropriately combined with such a display, and will explore this further with City staff.
- b. **Newspaper Articles:** Ms. Kincaid suggested the possibility of running a series of newspaper articles, with each detailing one of the City's landmarks. She felt that this would be very helpful in creating additional public awareness of the landmarks, which might in turn cause people to suggest new landmark candidates. The committee thought this a very good idea and will explore the possibilities with the local press.
- c. **Annual Landmark Inspection:** Mr. Johnson reminded the committee that it typically conducts an annual inspection of the landmark sites to note the condition of the buildings and plaques, with any problems being reported to City staff. He will do this on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Any committee members interested in joining him may meet him at the City Hall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. that day.

6. **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

7. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'NEILL
Secretary