

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 13, 2007
City Council Chambers
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:**

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

3. **Minutes:**

By motion of Eleanor Brower, seconded by Joan Walker, the minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Old Business:**

- a. **Long House:** Mr. Johnson reported that City staff has still not progressed in planning the landmark-designation ceremony. He will again follow up with Barbara Wiley, the Recreation and Parks staff member who has been tasked with this project.
- b. **Bas Relief Sculpture at Wells Fargo Bank:** Mr. Johnson has still not been able to set a date and time to meet with Bob Nichols, the ceramics instructor at Allan Hancock College, to examine, photograph, and measure the sculpture. He will keep trying to coordinate their schedules.
- c. **Annual Landmark Inspection:** Mr. Johnson, Ms. Walker, Ms. Brower, and Ms. Kincaid conducted the committee's annual inspection of the landmark sites on February 24, 2007. They noted a few problems with graffiti and reported them to City staff. They noted significant problems with deteriorating concrete and stucco at the site of the plaques at the southeast corner of Main and Broadway. Mr. Johnson followed up with City staff, and it appears that the City will rebuild the monument rather than attempt a repair.

Ms. Kincaid suggested that, if that is to be the case, it would be an opportune time to designate the Bradley Hotel site as a place of historical merit and to include a new plaque in the rebuilt monument. The committee felt this appropriate and will begin exploring it.

- d. **Carnegie Library:** Ms. Kincaid reported that she had begun to research the City's former Carnegie Library, but had gotten a bit sidetracked serving on a jury in the Santa Maria courts.

Mr. Johnson spoke with the City librarian, Francisco Pinneli, about the display of the Carnegie Library cornerstone. Mr. Pinneli prefers that it be placed in the new library's lobby. Ms. Kincaid volunteered to be the point person on working with Mr. Pinneli and the library board regarding the designation of the cornerstone as an object of historical merit.

- e. **Newspaper Articles:** Ms. Kincaid will contact the local print media to inquire about interest in publishing a series of articles on the City's landmarks and places and objects of historical merit.

5. **New Business:**

- a. **Former Santa Maria Club:** Ms. Brower distributed to committee members some written material previously compiled by the committee concerning the history of the Santa Maria Club (now known as Landmark Square). She reminded the committee that A. J. Diani had been interested in having the building designated as a landmark and the committee was actively working on that at the time of his death. The project then fell by the wayside. Ms. Brower suggested that the committee approach the current owners, the Guggia family, about their interest in restarting the process.

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