

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 11, 2007
Dorothea Nelson Room
Santa Maria Public Library
4:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order:**

Committee chair Judi Kincaid called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Judi Kincaid, Chair	Present
Eleanor Brower, Vice-Chair	Present
Jim O'Neill, Secretary	Present
Marjorie Martin	Present
JoAnn Wilson	Present

Eleanor Brower noted that her term on the Committee ends January 31, 2008, and she does not intend to seek another re-appointment. She is the Committee's longest-serving member, having been appointed in 1996. She understands that City staff will solicit applications for the opening and the City Council may be able to make an appointment at its January 15, 2008 meeting.

The remainder of the Committee expressed how sorely Ms. Brower will be missed.

3. **Minutes:**

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Old Business:**

a. **Former Santa Maria Club:** No report.

b. **Mahoney Residence:** No Report.

c. **Ethnic Communities:** Eleanor Brower expressed hope that Dawn Kamiya will be able to attend the January 2008 meeting, which, as noted above, will be Ms. Brower's last. JoAnn Wilson said she knows Ms. Kamiya quite well and volunteered to be the interface with Ms. Kamiya after Ms. Brower's term ends.

d. **Bas Relief of Santa Maria Ship:** Jim O'Neill reported that he spoke with Harrell Fletcher and Dick Weldon, who had both been members of the Los Padres National Bank board of directors in 1968, when its new branch was built on Main Street (now the Wells Fargo Bank branch) and the bas relief piece was placed there. Neither of them had particularly explicit recollections, but verified the information the Committee had previously gathered about the piece being saved

from demolition at the former Bank of Santa Maria building at Main and Broadway. Neither of them had any additional details on the methods or materials that had been used when the work was created or the manner in which it is attached to the current bank wall.

- e. **Carnegie Library:** After last month's meeting, Jim O'Neill visited the Historical Society museum and scanned some photographs of the Carnegie Library. Using these photographs while standing across Broadway from the site, he was able to determine that the two northernmost of the four palm trees at the curb are the two trees that feature prominently in most photographs of the library, with the building placed immediately behind them (Broadway has obviously been widened since most of the vintage photos were taken—the photos show the trees set back from the curb line).

The Committee revisited some of the possibilities of designating the site as a landmark, while somehow incorporating the Carnegie's cornerstone. After much discussion, and based largely on a suggestion from JoAnn Wilson, the Committee agreed to pursue: (1) the designation of the actual Carnegie site as a landmark, with the usual sort of marker, and (2) designating a meeting room or other public area of the new library as the "Carnegie Library Room" or something similar, with a display consisting of the cornerstone and various photographs and documents depicting and relating to the Carnegie Library.

Ms. Kincaid will draft a letter for review and approval at the January 2008 Committee meeting, to be sent to the City Council and the Library Board of Trustees.

5. **New Business:**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

6. **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

7. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'NEILL
Secretary