

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 12, 2008
City Hall Conference Room
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
Jim O'Neill, Secretary	Present
Dick Hall	Present
Marjorie Martin	Present
JoAnn Wilson	Absent

Committee chair Judi Kincaid welcomed and introduced newly-appointed member Dick Hall, a retired newspaper reporter who is a five-year resident of Santa Maria.

3. **Minutes:**

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

4. **Old Business:**

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

b. **Mahoney Residence:** No report.

c. **Ethnic Communities:** No report.

d. **Bas Relief of Santa Maria Ship:** Marjorie Martin had asked Richard Chenoweth of the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society for any available information concerning the bas relief of the Santa Maria ship located in the Wells Fargo Bank on Main Street. Mr. Chenoweth assembled a very informative package of information, which Ms. Martin presented to the committee.

In summary, the bas relief was made of terra cotta by the Gladding McBean Company of San Francisco and installed on the original Bank of Santa Maria building at Main and Broadway as part of a remodel in 1919. Each half of the piece weighs approximately 800 pounds.

As the committee had previously learned, the building was destroyed in 1968 and the bas relief was "rescued" by Harrell Fletcher, who was then on the board of directors of Los Padres National Bank, and it was placed in a specially-

constructed frame in that bank's new Main Street facility, which is now the Wells Fargo branch.

The committee again discussed the possibility of acquiring the bas relief from Wells Fargo and placing it in the new City library. Ms. Kincaid will speak with Mayor Lavagnino and Jack Buchanan, the interim City librarian, to learn their thoughts and wishes.

- e. **Carnegie Library:** Judi Kincaid reported that she has had preliminary discussions with Mr. Buchanan, the interim librarian, and William Peterson, who is a member of the Library Board of Trustees. While they are receptive to the designation of the former Carnegie Library site as a landmark, they were not as receptive to the idea of a designated Carnegie room in the new library. They instead suggested the possibility of a temporary exhibit at the grand opening of the new library. The Library Board will address this at its March 11 meeting.

Ms. Kincaid also learned that library officials' plans appear quite firm to place the Carnegie cornerstone in the exterior of the new library, alongside the new building's own cornerstone.

Ms. Kincaid will keep the dialogue open with library representatives and will report further at the next meeting.

5. **New Business:**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

6. **Announcements:**

Judi Kincaid noted that this is the time of year that the Committee typically conducts its annual visit to the various landmark sites, primarily to note the condition of the plaques and to report any problems to City staff. This also serves to familiarize any new committee members with the sites. Ms. Kincaid will try to coordinate this before the next meeting.

7. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'NEILL
Secretary