

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 10, 2009
City Hall Conference room
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Dick Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Dick Hall, Chair	Present
Judi Kincaid	Absent
Marjorie Martin	Present
JoAnn Wilson	Present

The committee noted that two additional members are being selected from applications filed after re-advertisement.

3. Minutes:

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2009, were approved as presented.

4. Old Business:

Mills Act Update: Dick Hall reported that, after review of the Act, Mayor Larry Lavagnino passed the information on to the City Attorney, who is researching, with the County Tax Assessor, the impact on property tax revenue. Should the Mills Act be enacted, it could be a motivation for business and property owners to accept the designation of Historical Landmarks or Places of Historical Merit. It might also be deemed too much loss of revenue.

Carnegie Historical Landmark update: The committee discussed plans to continue our application to designate this site as a Historical Landmark. Because of plans by the city to build on to the old library building, and the need to bring in building materials off Broadway, a large rock with the plaque could hinder the construction. It was decided to table the application until after the construction.

Final layout for "Santa Maria Libraries" kiosk panel:

Dick Hall showed the committee the final rendering of the Carnegie Library panel to be displayed on the Broadway kiosk. It has the pictures of the original library, followed by the second, built after the Carnegie was destroyed, and the new third building. A short written description of the past events is displayed with the pictures, giving the viewer an interesting historical view of progress on this site for the past 100 years. The committee commended Dick for the description and work with the city's graphic artist. A date for the panel to be installed is not determined.

Historical Merit Certificate:

After much searching, the City Clerk finally found an old copy of a Certificate of Historical Merit used in 1994. JoAnn (Joey) Wilson showed the committee a few renderings of a certificate she had made, and one was chosen to be reworked to conform to the original. When it is approved by the committee it will be perfected by the city's graphic artist, and taken to the City Council for approval.

Mahoney Residence consideration for historic designation:

It was again revealed to the Committee, that the large house on Blosser Road, now called the Mahoney House, was built by the O'Leary family, an unknown number of years ago. It was decided to continue research, go view the house and decide if it merits a certificate.

Marian Residence consideration for historic designation.

Marjorie reminded the committee that the original name of the building was "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital." It was decided that the committee needed to first visit the property and possibly gain an interview with the manager of the land. Wendy Stockton will work with the committee regarding various technical directions and restrictions that it might require before awarding the certificate.

5. New Business:

Secretary: Due to the retirement of Jim O'Neill from the Landmark Committee, Joey Wilson was selected as his replacement as Secretary.

Annual inspection schedule of Historical Landmark sites:

The committee divided up the sites, and will report on their condition at the next meeting.

6. Announcements:

Mark Van Dee Camp, City Management Analyst, kindly came in for information regarding the material used on various signs on city property. Sturdy material is Aluminite, which withstands weather and wear. This would be economic and attractive for the certificates being developed. He also said that Patty Rodrigues is the graphic artist for city signs.

7. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wilson, Secretary