

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 14, 2009
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C
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
JoAnn Wilson, Secretary	Present
Edward Zemaitis	Present

3. Minutes: Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Communications: There were no current communications.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Response from Carolyn Mahoney regarding the O’Leary House as object of Historical Merit.** Carolyn was enthusiastic regarding our consideration. The problem expressed to her was the condition of the landscaping. She said that there are plans to plant the front and back into produce gardens. Joey Wilson will contact Carolyn to tell her that when this is accomplished, we will continue our interest in selecting the house.
- b. **Object of Historical Merit certificate:** Joey Wilson brought two samples of a certificate for selection by the committee. Chosen was the portrait sample with a blue background and a ¼” dark blue frame. This will be taken to the City Clerk to be stored for future use. There is concern by the committee that these sites are “a place” of Historical Merit, not an “object. Dick Hall will be talking to the City Attorney regarding the legality of changing the ordinance to read “Place of Historical Merit.”
- c. **Select Minerva Club photo for kiosk panel:** Jim Zemaitis received copies of two drawings by Julia Morgan from the Cal Poly Library that were thought to be the Minerva Clubhouse. With careful checking, it was determined that these were not of the clubhouse. Joey will be checking further with the library to have them look further. If nothing more can be found, we will try to reproduce an early painting of the building. No good photograph is available of the original clubhouse. The quest continues.
- d. **Select new photos for the Landmark Flyer:** Jim reported trying to get a better picture of our city hall. The tree has grown, and, with the obstruction of the Cook St. fence and the signal lights at the corner, prevented he was from getting a good shot. He’s going to try again, short of climbing up on the Mall roof, or encouraging the city to trim the tree. It was also suggested that we get a better picture of Buena Vista Park.

6. New Business:

- a. **Approval of text for Objects of Historical Merit information on City's website:** Dick Hall provided the text for the website for review. The committee voted to accept the nicely written text. Dick found that we had two more sites than we knew, because the list provided by the city had a second page that our committee had never seen. These sites are the Independent Order of Oddfellows/Haslam building, corner of W. Main and Lincoln St., selected 2/18/1997: Rubel House, 801 S. McClelland, 12/16/1997.
- b. **Public recognition of Objects of Historical Merit:** The committee is concerned that anyone viewing the assigned places has no way to see any exterior sign to identify it. Lengthy discuss followed with brain storming ideas. Two sign shops are going to be visited by Jim and Dick to see what ideas and materials the shops suggest.
- c. **Consideration of the Easton House as a Historic Landmark:** The house is on S. Speed St. and is supposedly a Julia Morgan project. It was decided to pursue the idea. Dick found that the owner is the Julio Flores family. There will be further investigation regarding the property.
- d. **Suggested properties for designations:** The Ranch House, first motor hotel in Santa Maria, south of Betteravia Road on Broadway was discussed, as was the Knights of Pythies building. To be continued at the next meeting.

7. **Announcements:** The next meeting will be August 11, 2009.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn S. Wilson
Secretary