

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
LANDMARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 11, 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
Judi Kincaid	Present
Marjorie Martin	Present
JoAnn (Joey) Wilson, Secretary	Present
Edward Zemaitis	Present

3. Minutes: Minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Communications: There were no current communications.

5. Old Business:

- a. Response from Carol Mahoney regarding the O’Leary House as object of Historical Merit.** Joey reported that she had a conversation with Carol Mahoney regarding the tenants, Jerry and Alejandra Mahoney, and their plans for improving the landscaping. They are involved in organic gardening, and have planted a plot in the back of the property, and are planning to plant the front. Dick reported that he had driven by, and the front of the property already looked improved. We will continue to observe their improvements.
- b. Consider new certificates for properties designated as Object of Historical Interest:** Joey Wilson reported that the certificate chosen had been given to Patty Rodriguez to be duplicated for use.
- c. Select Minerva Club photo for kiosk panel:** A photo of a painting of the Minerva club house was provided by Joey. It was taken from an early historical album and was a good illustration of the clubhouse as it looked soon after it was built. Other early photo’s cannot be used because of poor quality. The committee chose the artistic rendering picture to be put on the kiosk display of the Landmarks.
- d. Select new photos for the Landmark Flyer:** Ed provided some beautiful photographs he took of the Landmarks, including the Santa Maria Inn and the Santa Maria City Hall. The updated flyer is important for the Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society to pass out to interested tourists, and the information will also be on the city’s web site.

- e. **Discuss exterior plaques for Objects/Places of Historical Merit:** Dick and Ed provided sample brass plaques loaned after their inquiries from Next Day Signs and Signs of Success.

Dick reported meeting with the city engineer regarding implanting a plaque into the sidewalk at these sites. \$5000.00 could be the cost for all of all sites, or about \$175.00 each, plus the cost of the plaque. The size, texture and placement is critical, taking into account slippery surfaces, skateboarders, and durability. One plaque about 4" square was embossed and seemed to meet these requirements. Information on the plaques would be site description and the acknowledgement of the City Landmark Committee. Also, it was suggested that we start the program with only two, because of the current financial restrictions.

6. New Business:

- a. **Suggested properties for designations:** Knights of Pythias, know to have been a very busy and influential organization in Santa Maria's early days, will be researched by Judi Kincaid. The Camp Fire Cottage, origin and current use will be researched by Joey. The old Ranch House Motor Hotel is being researched by Dick and Jim.

7. Announcements: The next meeting will be **September 8, 2009.**

8. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,