

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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FROM: Parks Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
7/5/07

SUBJECT: Riverside County Historical Commission Annual Report 2006

RECOMMENDED MOTION: that the Board receive and file the Riverside County Historical Commission 2006 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND: Attached is the 2006 Historical Commission Annual Report as required per Board Policy A-21 and Resolution No. 2005-148 Adopting Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees.

Paul Frandsen
Paul Frandsen, Parks Director

590- HC Annual Report 2006

FINANCIAL DATA N/A	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget: Budget Adjustment: For Fiscal Year:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
BY: *Alex Gann*
Alex Gann

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy



Riverside County
Regional Park & Open-Space District



Historical Commission
Report to Board of Supervisors for year 2006 Summary
(January through December)



HISTORICAL COMMISSIONERS
(As of December 2006)

Charlene Cleary, District I
Joyce Hohenadl, District I
Charolette Fox, District II (Chair)
Darell Farnbach, District III
Robert Lindquist, District III (Vice-Chair)

Marc Hendon, District III (All-County)
Gerda Hook, District IV
Hal Rover, District IV
Muriel Schwartz, District V
John Worden, District V

Reported to Historical Commission May 24, 2007

MEETINGS:

The Riverside County Historical Commission held six regular meetings in year 2006.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. 1/19/06: Commissioner Fox was appointed to chair the Awards Program Subcommittee.
2. 1/19/06: It was decided to make certificates for Riverside County History Day student winners.
3. 1/19/06 – Reprinting of the book Riverman Desertman was approved. 5/18/06: The book was sent to the printer. 7/20/06: The price for the reprinted book, Riverman Desertman, will be \$10.00.

ACTIONS TAKEN CONTINUED:

4. 3/16/06: Commissioners Lindquist, Rover, Hook, Hohenadl and Fox were appointed to serve on the Symposium Subcommittee.
5. 3/16/06: Commissioners Fox, Cleary, Worden and Lindquist were appointed to serve on the Awards Subcommittee.
6. 5/18/06: The Historical Commission Summary Report for 2005 was approved for submission to the Board of Supervisors.
7. 7/20/06: The symposium budget was approved for \$5,000.
8. 7/20/06: Charolette Fox was elected as Chair and Rob Lindquist as Vice Chair.
9. 9/21/06: A "lifetime achievement" award was added to the Awards Program.
10. 11/16/06: It was decided to hold a Commissioner training workshop retreat January 18, 2007.
11. Several street name changes were reviewed throughout the year.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. 3/16/06: Suggested revisions for the Riverside County Landmarks book were received from Ms. Dooley. The revisions will be held until the next reprinting.
2. 3/16/06: Will Lash presented history on the Guy Bogart House in Cherry Valley.
3. The Commissioners participated in ethics training classes to comply with AB1234.
4. 9/21/06: Mr. Jacobs reported on the 70th anniversary of the first successful polar flight from Moscow that landed in San Jacinto.
5. 9/21/06: Mrs. Jennings reported on the Save-Our-Station efforts to expand the Hemet Santa Fe Depot.
6. 9/21/06: Mrs. Spencer reported on their efforts to register the historic oak trees in the Menifee area.
7. 9/21/06: It was decided to make book-selling kits, with samples of the Historic Press books, for the Commissioners to take to meetings.
8. 9/21/06: Mr. Amestoy presented history on the wall mural at Nicolet Middle School in San Geronio.

HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:

The 2006 History Symposium was held at the Edward-Dean Museum in Cherry Valley on October 27, 2006. The theme was "History: Who Cares?" The symposium was co-sponsored by the Economic Development Agency. New for this year was the inclusion of an awards ceremony honoring some of the local historians and organizations that support the preservation of our local history.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

1. San Timoteo School House: Supervisor Ashley dedicated funds for the San Timoteo Schoolhouse. The City of Beaumont provided funding towards the purchase of a new modular home for the caretaker.
2. Jensen-Alvarado Ranch and Museum: Historic engineers reviewed the winery museum foundation. An architectural firm was hired to repair the winery foundation. The chicken house was replaced with a new structure that can provide room for four children. An alarm system was installed.
3. Gilman Historic Ranch & Wagon Museum: Supervisor Ashley dedicated funds for the Gilman House restoration. Park staff provided landscaping plans. In September a fire burned down the bathroom, maintenance sheds, bridge, gold sleuthing equipment, olive grove and barn. On-going status reports will be provided to the Commission.

WEBSITES OF HISTORIC INTEREST:

The following websites were recommended to be added to a resource page on the Park District website.

1. <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/> - Online Archives of California (OAC)
2. <http://www.sed.uga.edu/psol/programs/napc/napc.htm> - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.
3. <http://www.californiapreservation.org/> - Online magazine and other preservation information.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The Historical Commissioners and Park Staff reviewed the following properties throughout Riverside County to assist citizens and historical societies with preservation activities. Some properties were presented as information only.

1. 1/19/06: The Brown Farmhouse was purchased to use as a museum for Wildomar. The house needs to be moved to a new location.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED:

2. 1/19/06: Caltrans requested information for EIR/EIS process for a project at Interstate 215 and State 74 crossing. Commissioner Lindquist offered to help Commissioner Fox provide research.
3. 3/16/06: Commissioner Rover reported he hoped to get permission from the City of Indio to obtain pictures of the Patton home before it is demolished. 5/18/06: New report is that the developer wants to restore the property.
4. 3/16/06: Hemet Stock Farm was purchased by the Garret Family. Plans unknown.
5. 3/16/06: The Chimes Bathhouse in Lake Elsinore was restored as a boutique. 9/21/06: The store is now called "The Home Interiors". Research found the name of the building to be called "Elsinore's Hottest Sulfur Springs" on the County and National Landmark nominations.
6. 3/16/06: The owner of the Franklin Bungalows in Lake Elsinore wants to restore them. The City Council wants to remove them. Commissioner Cleary provided information to the City Planning Department to help preserve them.
7. 3/16/06: The developer wants to restore the Machado Adobe in Lake Elsinore. 5/18/06: The original adobe will be used for community meetings.
8. 5/18/06: The Friends of the Mountain Conservancy purchased the Whitewater Trout Farm. 7/20/06: The Wildlands Conservancy group was chosen to operate the facility.
9. 5/18/06: Commissioner Farnbach reported on his on-going efforts to work on protection of the Vail Ranch property. 9/21/06: New plans for the property were presented by Tina English from EDA.
10. 5/18/06: Commissioner Hendon reported that the San Geronio Inn was sold to a developer. 7/20/06: The owner stripped everything out before salvage could be done.
11. 5/18/06: Several of the Commissioners assisted a citizen in obtaining information on Radek Cemetery in Aguanga. The cemetery belongs to the County, but it is no longer an active cemetery.
12. 5/18/06: Dorland Mountain Arts Colony is rebuilding after the fire destroyed it. Commissioner Fox continues to monitor the restoration progress.
13. 7/20/06: Commissioners Cleary and Hohenadl provided up-dates on their on-going efforts to monitor the status of the Military Academy in Lake Elsinore.
14. 7/20/06: Commissioner Rover has kept watch on the Swingle House in Indio.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED:

15. 9/21/06: The Lake Elsinore Citizens Group has taken on the project to restore the *Princess* boat built in 1923.
16. 9/21/06: The light restoration project for Lake Elsinore is moving forward.

PROJECTS REQUIRING FOLLOW UP:

1. The Norco Valley Historical Society is working on the possibility of restoring the Norconian Hotel. They were asked to present an update next year.
2. Obtain a copy of the research project Commissioner Fox participated in from the graduate student from Stanford University on funding tendencies of non-profit agencies.
3. Consideration will be given to nominating an organization or project for the Governor's Historic Preservation Award next year.
4. Provide an inventory list of archaeological sites for the Historical Commissioners.
5. The County Historic Properties Survey needs to be reviewed.
6. The historic site map is on hold until the new HPO is available to work on it.
7. A system to cross reference Riverside County Landmarks with State and National Register Landmarks is still needed.
8. Follow up needs to be done with Mr. Fagelson from the County Planning Department regarding the archeological training program offered through the County.

TOURS COMPLETED:

1. The La Sierra University Natural History Museum and the Stahl Center Museum of Culture were toured 1/19/06.
2. The Commissioners attended an all-day tour of several of the Riverside County Parks on 7/28/06.
3. The Indio School House was toured 11/16/06.

TOURS TO BE ARRANGED:

1. Norconian Hotel – security clearance must be arranged.
2. Tour of the Dorland Mountain Arts Colony after it is rebuilt. Contact is Karen Parrot.

TOURS TO BE ARRANGED CONTINUED:

3. Archaeological sites in Riverside County.
4. Aimee McPherson Home.
5. San Timoteo School House.
6. Empire Polo Club.

ATTENDANCE:

Key: "P" = Present "A" = Absent "E" = Excused "L" = Late "V" = Vacant * = Special Meeting

COMMISSIONERS:	Jan 19	Mar 16	May 18	Jul 20	Sep 21	Nov 16	Term Ends
District I Charlene Cleary Time In/Out	E	L 1:40/3:15	E	E	P 1:35/3:15	E	6/30/08
District I Joyce Hohenadl Time In/Out	V	P	L 1:40/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	E	6/30/10
District II VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	V	N/A
District II Charolette Fox Time In/Out	P 1:40/3:05	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/2:50	6/30/07
District III Robert Lindquist Time In/Out	P 1:40/3:05	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/2:50	6/30/08
District III Darell Farnbach Time In/Out	E	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	E	6/30/07
District IV Gerda Hook Time In/Out	E	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	E	6/30/10
District IV Hal Rover Time In/Out	L 1:45/3:05	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/2:50	6/30/08
District V Muriel Schwartz Time In/Out	E	P 1:30/3:15	E	E	P 1:30/3:15	P 1:35/2:50	6/30/07
District V John Worden Time In/Out	P 1:40/3:05	E	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	E	P 1:35/2:45	6/30/08
All-Cnty Member Marc Hendon Sr Time In/Out	P 1:40/3:05	L 1:35/3:15	P 1:35/3:20	P 1:30/3:40	E	A	6/30/09
PARK DISTRICT STAFF:							
Paul Frandsen, General Manager	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Brian Loew, Nat./Cultrl. Rsrcs. AGM	E	E	E	P	E	E	
Hist. Preservation Ofcr.	V	V	V	V	V	V	
Recorders Initials:	LN	LN	LN	LN	LN	LN	

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul Frandsen
Historical Commission Secretary


Charolette Fox
Historical Commission Chair

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