

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



**FROM:** Parks Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
7/31/08

**SUBJECT:** Riverside County Historical Commission Annual Report 2007

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** that the Board receive and file the Riverside County Historical Commission 2007 Annual Report.

**BACKGROUND:** Attached is the 2007 Historical Commission Annual Report as required per Board Policy A-21 and Resolution No. 2005-148 Adopting Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees.

Departmental Concurrence

*Paul Frandsen*  
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Paul Frandsen, Parks Director

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

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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> | 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 Historical Commission



### HISTORICAL COMMISSIONERS

Charlene Cleary, District I  
Joyce Hohenadl, District I  
Charolette Fox, District II  
Velma Hickey, District II  
Darell Farnbach, District III  
Marc Hendon, District III (All-County)

Robert Lindquist, District III (Chair)  
Gerda Hook, District IV  
Hal Rover, District IV (Vice-Chair)  
Muriel Schwartz, District V  
John Worden, District V

### Annual Report 2007

#### MEETINGS:

The Riverside County Historical Commission held six regular meetings in year 2007.

#### ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ❖ Certificates were provided to winning students of the Riverside County History Day.
- ❖ Several street name changes were reviewed.
- ❖ The Commission recommended the application of the Elsinore Princess for Riverside County Historic Landmark status and California State Point of Interest status to the Board of Supervisors.
- ❖ The Commission voted to send a letter of support to the National Register for the Bogart House in Cherry Valley.
- ❖ The Commission elected a new Chair and Vice-Chair for year 2007-2008.

#### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ❖ A training retreat was held for the Historical Commissioners in January 2007.
- ❖ HPO Herron was assigned to meet with the Planning Department to work on the issues of Idyllwild's possible designation as a Preservation District.
- ❖ Geographics was selected as the company to help write the historic site map in July 2007.
- ❖ Rock Art in Riverside County was discussed with Jerry Joliffe and Jim Fagelson from the County Planning Department.
- ❖ Eve Craig, recent history award winner, presented the history of Louis Wolf and restoration of his monument.

#### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST - CONTINUED:

- ❖ The concept of the San Geronio Pass Area Heritage Corridor was presented.
- ❖ The Historical Commissioners and Park Staff reviewed several properties throughout Riverside County to assist citizens and historical societies with their preservation activities.

#### HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:

The 2007 History Symposium was held at Crestmore Manor in Riverside on October 26, 2007. The theme was *Conversation, Preparation, Preservation*. Local fires contributed to some decrease in attendance.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- ❖ San Timoteo School House: The windows were rebuilt. The building was painted. A bikeway with interpretive panels is being built from Noble Creek to the San Timoteo Schoolhouse. Landscaping plans are being created.
- ❖ Jensen-Alvarado Historic Ranch and Museum: Due to plaster failing in the kitchen, the house was closed until repairs were done and the house had a structural engineer review. Trees were evaluated and cared for by an arborist. Supervisor Tavaglione dedicated \$200,000 for repairs. A windmill was installed on the property. The strategic plan for the property was revised.
- ❖ Gilman Historic Ranch & Wagon Museum: The Historical Commission gave its approval in March 2007 to proceed with a master restoration plan. Landscape plans are being prepared.
- ❖ Trujillo Adobe: A structure was built around the remains of the building built in 1865 to protect it from rain and seismic activity.

#### HISTORIC TOURS:

- ❖ The Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology was toured 1/18/07.
- ❖ The old Chimes building in Lake Elsinore was toured 3/22/07.
- ❖ The Commissioners attended a tour of the Blythe parks 4/10 -11/07.
- ❖ The Metropolitan Water District arranged a tour of the Historic Garbani Ranch for the Commissioners on May 24, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Frandsen, General Manager  
Riverside County Regional Park and  
Open-Space District, and  
Secretary to the Historical Commission



Rob Lindquist  
Historical Commission Chair