

**CALEXICO HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2016**

**4:00 P.M.**

Commissioners

Carlos Herrera, Chairperson  
Vincent Cuevas, Vice-Chairperson  
Hilda Bowen, Commissioner  
Flora Martinez, Commissioner

City of Calexico  
Fernando "Nene" Torres  
Council Chambers  
608 Heber Avenue  
Calexico, CA 92231

City Council Members

Joong S. Kim, Mayor  
Luis Castro, Mayor Pro Tem  
Armando Real, Council Member  
Maritza Hurtado, Council Member  
John M. Moreno, Council Member

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS** This is a public meeting. If there is an item in the agenda on which you wish to be heard, please come forward. If you wish to address the commission concerning another matter within its jurisdiction, you may do so during the announcements/public comments portion of the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of List of Homes being considered as historical landmarks.

**COMMISSION REORGANIZATION**

2. Appointment of Commission Chairperson.
3. Appointment of Commission Vice-Chairperson.
4. Appointment of Commission Secretary.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting of March 22, 2016.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

6. Discussion and/or Action on Proposed Historic Landmark Program.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. Historical Commission Attendance Report.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Deadline to Submit Items for Next Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016 is 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2016.**

# ITEM NO. 5

**THE CALEXICO HISTORICAL COMMISSION MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson: Carlos Herrera  
Commissioner: Hilda Bowen  
Commissioner: Flora Martinez

**ABSENT**

Vice-Chairman: Vincent Cuevas

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Martinez led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Bowen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Herrera, Martinez, Bowen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Cuevas

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Herrera corrected the list of locations for consideration as a historic landmark and added the home at 935 Third Street and corrected the Herrera Home to be named for Paquita Herrera. He also commented on 922 Third Street and advised he would revisit the sight and bring back the owner's name.

Commissioner Martinez also corrected the list to include Armida and Mario Esquer on Rosemont Street and Joe Acuña homer at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Heffernan Avenue. She also informed that the owner of the home listed as 910 Heber Avenue is Mrs. Beatriz Parada.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Bowen to approve the minutes for January 26, 2016 with corrections made to the list of locations for consideration as a historic landmark. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Herrera, Martinez, Bowen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Cuevas

### **PROPOSED HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM**

Chairperson Herrera spoke about the having a history to every home that is included proposed for the Historic Landmark Program. He advised the Osornio Family were pioneers and felt their significance was important because Mr. Osornio was a resident of Calexico who served in the military and later became a self-made millionaire by going into business of Mexican Restaurants. He felt he should be recognized for coming from a modest family background to becoming an important entrepreneur.

Chairperson Herrera stated he felt that homes should be included for their architecture as well as historical significance. He further stated the program cannot be too complicated or require too many restrictions on the homes or the residents will not want to participate in the program. He asked the commissioners to read the proposed guidelines and applications and bring back suggestions to the next meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Martinez suggested that once home is recognized as a historic landmark, a plaque should be installed at the home so the public is aware of its significance.

Chairperson Herrera stated the commission members need to be aware of the History of Calexico and advised he would be available half hour before each commission meeting to read from the book on the history of Calexico.

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Commission acknowledged receipt of the attendance report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Bowen to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Herrera, Martinez, Bowen  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Cuevas

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Carlos Herrera, Chairperson

### **ATTEST:**

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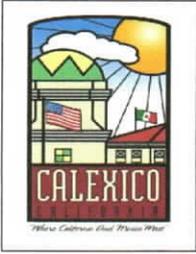
Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

**LIST OF LOCATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

1. Old High School – now San Diego State University
2. De Necochea Home – 506 Mary Avenue
3. First Baptist Church – 321 Heber Avenue (SW Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Heber Avenue)
4. Old City Hall – 408 Heber Avenue
5. Stepling Home – 920 Heber Avenue
6. Calexico Neighborhood House - 506 Fourth Street
7. Dool Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Heffernan Avenue (JCP Building)
8. Old Post Office - 237 Rockwood Avenue
9. Old Port of Entry – SE Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Heffernan Avenue
10. Woman’s Improvement Club – 320 Heber Avenue
11. Rodney Auditorium – 7<sup>th</sup> Street at San Diego State University/IV Campus
12. Historic Route 99
13. Christian Science Building – 601 Heber Avenue (Now HMHD Office)
14. Garcia House 800 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (between Encinas and Dool)
15. Building at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dool Avenue (Formerly known as TC Worth owned by Juan “El Arabe”
16. Home at 922 Third Street
17. Home at Corner of Sherman and Heber Avenue
18. Home at 910 Heber Avenue – Beatriz Parada
19. Mr. Emerson’s home (behind Shell Station – NW Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Paulin Avenue
20. Osornio Home at NW Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Andrade
21. Paquita Herrera - 930 4<sup>th</sup> Street
22. Carlos and Irma Herrera – 935 Third Street
23. Armida and Mario Esquer – Rosemont Street
24. Joe Acuña – 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Heffernan Avenue

**EXISTING HISTORIC LANDMARKS**

25. Carnegie Library – 420 Heber Avenue.
26. Camp Salvation – NE Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Heber Avenue (Park area)
27. De Anza Hotel - 233 E. Fourth St



# Historical Commission Agenda Staff Report

**DATE:** April 26, 2016  
**TO:** Historical Commission Members  
**PREPARED BY:** Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Historic Landmarks Program.

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**Recommendation:**

Discussion and Recommendation to City Council for adoption of a Historic Landmarks Program.

**Background:**

For the past year, the Historical Commission has been working on the preparation of a Historic Landmarks Program for Calexico. The Commission has toured the City for sites to be considered for nomination. A list of the properties has been prepared in anticipation of the adoption of the program in order to provide a starting point.

**Discussion and Analysis:**

Upon research and comments and suggestions made by the Commissioners, attached is a first draft of guidelines and application for a Historical Landmarks Program for the City of Calexico. These guidelines should be discussed and expanded upon by commissioners. This program must be established and approved by the Calexico City Council prior to approval of landmark designations. Potential locations should be researched for qualification into the program and it will be necessary for the property owner to agree to the designation as historic landmark.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown at this time.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Sample Application and guidelines.

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**CITY OF CALEXICO  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROGRAM  
GUIDELINES**

Local Historic Landmark Program helps to preserve a part of our history. A property granted Local Historic Landmark designation should be so important that material alteration or demolition would have a negative impact on local cultural and/or architectural history.

By designating only certain properties for which application has been made, the local government is not saying that only these properties are significant, rather that these properties have been deemed significant enough to require some review before changes are made. These are the properties over which local government, with the support of the community, wants to maintain some control in order to preserve the community's heritage. These are the properties that if removed or changed would remove a resource important for research and/or teaching of the community's past.

The Calexico Historical Commission, the City Council of the City of Calexico, in evaluating properties for local designation, will consider such factors as:

- 1) historic and/or cultural significance, architectural significance, neighborhood or community significance, age, listing in existing surveys or inventories, completeness and accuracy of the application, impact on the community, portion of the property to be designated, condition of the property, and occupancy.
- 2) Significant examples of Calexico history, architecture, archaeology, and culture are found in sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:
  - A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
  - B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
  - C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Ordinarily structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructions of historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years, shall not be considered eligible for local designation. However, the following exceptions shall be considered by the Commission:

- A. A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person, event, or period.

- B. A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan when such building is documented to have had significance to the broad patterns of history in the community and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived. However, the Commission will not designate a reconstructed building which necessitated or contributed to the demolition or relocation of a historic property which: (a) has been recommended for local designation by the Commission; (b) is listed on the State Study List for the National Register of Historic Places; (c) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and/or, (d) carries some other local, State, or national historic designation.
- C. A property achieving significance within the last 50 years, if it is of exceptional importance.

### **PROCEDURE INFORMATION FOR LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

1. Applicant should call (760) 768-2102 to get in touch with the City of Calexico Historic Commission and City Staff to request application materials.
2. Two copies of a final, complete, and correct application must be filed with the City Clerk's Office at 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231. The application will be submitted for review by the Calexico Historical Commission and City Historian. The Commission shall consider applications at a regular meeting. Consideration of an application may be continued to a later meeting in order to seek additional information, or for such other reason as the Commission may decide is appropriate. The City Clerk's office will notify the applicant and the public of the Commission's continuing meeting. The applicant must be represent at these proceedings. The Commission usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, Fernando "Nene" Torres Council Chambers, 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico. The applicant will be informed of the date of the Commission meeting by mail or e-mail.
3. At the meeting the Commission will review and evaluate the application and make a recommendation on the application. Following receipt of comments and recommendations from the City Historian and Historic Commission or the expiration of 30 days, the Commission Chairperson will submit a report of the commission's recommendation to the City Clerk. The City Clerk will forward the staff report with a summary of information elicited through the Commission's meetings along with the Historical Commission's recommendation report and a request that the City Council award official historical landmark designation.
4. After a property has been designated as a historic landmark, any changes made to the property must be approved by the Calexico Historical Commission through the filing of a Certificate of Appropriateness. Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness may be obtained from the City Clerk.
8. An application for Certificate of Appropriateness must be filed with the City Clerk's Office at least 21 days prior to the next meeting of the Historical Commission, accompanied by sketches, drawings, photographs, specifications, descriptions, etc. as may be appropriate.

**9. In cases where the Commission deems it necessary, it may hold a public hearing concerning an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.**

**10. If an application is recommended, the City Clerk shall present a written Certificate of Appropriateness clearly describing the nature of the work at the following Council meeting for City Council Approval.**

**11. If an application is denied, written reasons for denial will be made available to the applicant.**

**APPLICATION**  
**LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

1. Name of property \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Owner's Name  
& Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Property Location \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Amount of Land  
To Be Designated  
(acreage) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Interior To Be Designated \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*Please complete the following information on continuation sheets*

6. When was the structure erected? For Whom? (If you don't know the exact date, please give a general time frame.) Have there been additions or modifications? If so, describe and give dates.
7. Do you know the names of any of the craftsmen who worked on the structure (i.e., architects, carpenters, contractors, landscape designers, etc.)? Do any architect's plans or building accounts exist? Where?
8. Do you have any old photographs of the structure? If so, do you know the dates of the photographs?
9. How has the building been passed down through the years, from whom to whom (i.e., a quick chain of title)?
10. What was the structure's original use, if different from today? Has the building ever been moved? List the sources of your information.
11. What is the significance of this property? (Please be specific and to the point.) Include a list of sources for your information.
13. Describe the architecture and present condition of the structure, also including any outbuildings or other appurtenant features to be included in the designation. If the property has been restored, what were the dates of restoration? Was the restoration done under the supervision of any historic preservation organization? If the property has not been restored, is any restoration planned for the property?
14. Is the property listed in any existing architectural or historical survey (i.e., the National Register of Historic Places)? If so, please give the title and date of the listing.

***In addition to written application, the following materials must be submitted simultaneously:***

- An 8" x 10" overall photograph clearly depicting the property being designated.
- Digital photos showing all sides of the main structure and any outbuildings (may include architectural details, interior and exterior, which add to the property's significance)
- The images should be **jpgs** with a minimum image is **1950 pixels x 1350 pixels**. They may be larger. Such an image would make a print of 6.5" x 4.5" **at a resolution of 300 ppi** (a 7" x 5" print with margins). A 3 megapixel camera should create an image of about 2100 x 1400 pixels
- The images should be submitted on CDs. Do not use "rewriteable" CD-RW disks, which often cannot be read by computers other than the one on which they were created. Use the less expensive CD-R disks. Photos that are burned to the CD cannot subsequently be edited on the CD, though you can add additional photos or copy over a photo with a new version of the same file name at a later time. The XP operating system enables you to burn files to a CD without the purchase of any special software.
- A tax map showing the location of the property, including any buildings and appurtenant features.

(Please label the above materials with the name of the property owner)

**APPLICATION FEE \$50.00 (Check Payable to City of Calexico)**

The following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

Mailing Address:

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# ITEM NO. 7

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER  
CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

Committee Members	01/26/16	02/23/16	03/22/16																	
Carlos Herrera	X	Absent	X																	
Vincent Cuevas	Absent	Absent	Absent																	
Hilda Bowen	X	X	X																	
Flora Martinez	X	X	X																	

**N.Q. = No Quorum**

**M.C. = Meeting Cancelled**

**N.M. = No Meeting Scheduled**