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State Historical Resources Commission  
Meeting  
Women's Club of Hollywood  
1749 North La Brea  
Hollywood, California 90046

May 3, 2007

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Donn Grenda, Ph.D., Chair, Prehistoric Archeologist Member  
Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architect Member  
Bryan K. Brandes, Public Member  
Fernando Guerra, Ph.D., Folklore Member  
David Phoenix, Public Member  
Julianne Polanco, Architectural History

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Rick Moss, Vice Chair, Historian Member  
Trish Fernandez, M.A., Historic Archaeologist Member  
Richard Shek, Ph.D., Ethnic History Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, State Historic Preservation Officer, Executive Secretary  
Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Cynthia Howse, Supervisor, Registration Unit  
Patricia Ambacher, Staff Historian I  
Cynthia Toffelmier, Staff Historian II  
Susan Stratton, Supervisor, Project Review Unit  
Twila Willis-Hunter, Staff, Executive Secretary  
Tara Todd, Senior Staff Counsel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Legal notice having been duly given, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Grenda.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

Commissioners introduced themselves; Milford Wayne Donaldson; State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) introduced himself; and Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff introduced themselves.

### IV. **WELCOME**

Chairman Grenda acknowledged the presence of audience members: Cindy Heitzman, Executive Director, California Preservation Foundation (CPF); Carol Roland, President, CPF; Mary Klaus Martin, President of the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission; and Ken Bernstein, Manager of the Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources.

Chairman Grenda and SHPO Donaldson presented a Resolution of Recognition to the City of Los Angeles on becoming a Certified Local Government. Mary Klaus Martin and Ken Bernstein accepted the resolution.

Cindy Heitzman welcomed the Commission to Hollywood and extended to the Commission an invitation to the CPF Conference.

Mary Klaus Martin thanked the Commission for the resolution.

### V. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2007 MINUTES**

Chairman Grenda asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. Chairman Grenda asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 2, 2007 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Bertoli, Commissioner Phoenix seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

### VI. **COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

Chairman Grenda asked the Commission to make clear and concise motions on action items; and instructed the audience to address all comments or questions to him after which he would request Commissioner or staff to respond.

Chairman Grenda reported he attended the Society for California Archeology 2007 Annual meeting where SHPO Donaldson spoke at the opening session and Commissioners Fernandez and Grenda lead a session related to a series of "white papers" that were developed for the Commission's archeology committee.

Chairman Grenda attended the Society for American Archaeology National Conference held in Austin, Texas where he co-authored two papers on Southern California Archaeology.

Chairman Grenda thanked former Commissioner Luis Hoyos for arranging the previous day's tour of the Richard Neutra VDL Research House and for holding a reception at his home; the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for allowing

the Commission to tour their residence retreat, formerly the Earle C. Anthony House, designed by Bernard Maybeck; and Gordon Olschlager for the tour of his home in the Avenel Apartments.

SHPO Donaldson reported the third All Tribal Summit was held February 13-15, 2007. He discussed the Information Centers transition from paper data to digital. SHPO Donaldson mentioned there are eleven Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) in the state of California which surpasses any other state.

SHPO Donaldson attended the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and Preservation Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. between February 26 and March 2, 2007. SHPO Donaldson met with legislators to discuss funding for historic preservation for California. SHPO Donaldson received a letter signed by twenty-seven United States Senators supporting the increase in preservation funding from the budgeted \$33 million to \$50 million.

At NCSHPO, SHPO Donaldson met with the New Mexico SHPO, Kat Slick, presented the Greening of Historic Properties Leadership of Energy, Environmental Design. SHPO Donaldson mentioned there are twelve states that have an executive order to deal with the Leadership of Energy, Environmental Design produced by the United States of Green Building Council. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order in 2004, and the Governor of New Mexico issued an executive order in 2006. SHPOs Donaldson and Slick took the lead presenting the executive order to the Green Building Council at the NCSHPO Conference. SHPO Donaldson acknowledged he and OHP staff Tim Brandt are LEED certified.

SHPO Donaldson will attend the Presidential Preserve America Awards Ceremony at the White House on May 9, 2007.

Chairman Grenda thanked OHP staff Susan Stratton and Dwight Dutschke for their help during the sessions at the Society for California Archeology's conference.

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were given by Chairman Grenda and SHPO Donaldson:

- A. Hollywood Heritage  
Christy Johnson McAvoy accepted the resolution.
  
- B. Los Angeles State Historic Park  
John Foster, Acting Chief of the Archeology, History and Museum Division of California State Parks, accepted the resolution.

- C. Claire W. Bogaard  
Former Commissioner Bogaard accepted the resolution.
- D. Luis G. Hoyos, AIA  
Former Commissioner Hoyos accepted the resolution.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Pending Litigation: California Register of Historical Resources – Lincoln Place Apartments, Venice, California

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would prejudice the position of the Commission. (Government Code § 11126(e) (1) & (e)(2)(A).)

AIMCO VENEZIA, LLC v. State of California, State Historical Resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BS 099 726. (Appeal by Amanda Seward)

AIMCO VENEZIA, LLC v. State of California, State Historical Resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BS 103 594

Chairman Grenda convened the meeting in the closed session at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Guerra arrived in the closed session at 9:50 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

Chairman Grenda reconvened the open session of the Commission at 10:10 a.m.

**IX. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES**

Cynthia Howse, Supervisor of the Registration Unit, and Patricia Ambacher, State Historian I, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the nominated properties.

**X. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NEW APPLICATIONS

**Roosevelt Building**  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance

**Highway 152 Tree Row**  
Gilroy, Santa Clara County  
Local Level of Significance

**Ramos Sherry House/Depot Saloon**  
St. Helena, Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Cowell Lime Works Historic District**  
Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County  
Local Level of Significance

B. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, AMENDMENTS

**Southwest Museum (Amendment)**  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
National Level of Significance

C. CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES, REMOVALS

**Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach**  
Seal Beach, Orange County

**Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Fallbrook**  
Fallbrook, San Diego County

Chairman Grenda asked the Commission for a motion on consent items A and B. Commissioner Brandes moved to approve the consent items for the National Register of Historic Places new applications: Roosevelt Building, Highway 152 Tree Row, Ramos Sherry House/Depot Saloon, Crowell Lime Works Historic District and Southwest Museum. The Commission found these properties met the registration criteria and recommend the SHPO forward the nominations to the Keeper. Commissioner Guerra seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grenda asked the Commission for a motion on consent item C. Commissioner Polanco moved to remove the following resources from the California Register: Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Seal Beach; and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Fallbrook. Commissioner Phoenix seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grenda announced the Commission will hear comments or questions regarding consent items.

David Burton, Director of Government Affairs with the Autry National Center, thanked the Commission for approving the amendment of the Southwest Museum nomination to reflect a national level of significance.

XI. **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACE DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. COYOTE CANYON WILD HORSE HISTORIC DISTRICT, NEW APPLICATION

## **STAFF REPORT**

Deputy SHPO Mikesell presented his staff report to deny the nomination.

Chairman Grenda instructed the audience and those supporting and opposing the nominations that it was the Commission's desire to act on these items in a fair and timely manner. To that end, he imposed time limits on the public discussion of each item, twenty minutes for those supporting and the same for the opposition, followed with a five minute rebuttal by each side. The time will sound at the end of each period, after which public discussion will close and the Commissioners will discuss and then act on the items. He asked if any Commissioner wished to recuse himself or herself from the discussion of either item. There being no response, he allowed public comments.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

### **Proponents**

Tom King, consultant for Backcountry Horseman and preparer of the nomination, spoke in favor of the nomination. He stated the focus of the nomination is the property's significance under Criterion A, for associations with horses and their role in United States western heritage. Amending the nomination to include significance under Criterion B and Criterion D was in response to NPS and OHP suggestions to address traditional cultural significance, but this was not addressed in detail so as not to deflect from the point of the nomination, the property's association with horses.

Kathleen Hayden, representing Backcountry Horseman and founder of Coyote Canyon Caballos de Anza, supported the nomination.

Charles Collins's wife spoke on his behalf to support the nomination. He stated bringing back the herd would return the natural balance of living systems within the canyon. He would like the nomination to move forward to the federal level because of the Canyon's national historical and cultural significance.

Mary Benson spoke in support of the nomination. Ms. Benson stated the horses are a part of our cultural that left no trace and their contributions need to be preserved along with the contributions of people.

### **Opponents**

Sue Wade, Associate Archeologist for California State Parks of the Colorado Desert District, spoke in opposition of the nomination as written. Ms. Wade stated there are many historical themes associated with the Canyon, but it is

most importantly the traditional landscape of the Cahilla Indians. Coyote Canyon is eligible for its importance as the Cahilla traditional homeland. Ms. Wade stated Coyote Canyon is eligible under Criterion D; and Coyote Canyon as a traditional homeland meets all of the relevant criteria of integrity, including location, setting, feeling and association.

Mark Jorgensen, Superintendent of Anza Borrego Desert State Park, spoke in opposition of the nomination.

Katherine Saubel, Cahuilla Indian and member of the Los Coyotes Band of Indians spoke in opposition of the nomination.

### **Rebuttal by Proponents**

Tom King and Kathleen Hayes rebutted.

### **Rebuttal by Opponents**

John Foster, Acting Preservation Officer for California State Parks, rebutted.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Grenda supported the staff recommendation, stating the nomination does not support the property as a historic resource and encouraged the applicants to prepare another nomination that focuses on the property's human occupation.

Commissioner Bertoli asked Ms. Wade if the activity of the horses could have an affect on the integrity of the archeological conditions. Ms. Wade stated yes, the horses had an impact on the integrity of archeological resources.

Commissioner Phoenix asked Chairman Grenda if the nomination was approved would the horses be returned in the area. Chairman Grenda responded it is possible the horses would return, but the Commission's focus is whether or not the nomination meets the criteria for listing in the National Register.

Chairman Grenda asked for a motion. Commissioner Guerra moved to accept staff's recommendation to deny the application of the Coyote Canyon Wild Horse Herd Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Bertoli seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission broke for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

## **B. CUYAMACA VILLAGE /AH-HA KWE-AH-MAC' – NEW APPLICATION**

### **Staff Report**

Susan Stratton, Supervisor of Project Review Unit, presented her staff report of the Cuyamaca Village also know as Ah-ha Kwe-ah-mac'. Staff recommended forwarding the nomination to the Keeper, but removing the last sentence in section eight in the narrative statement of significance on page four and extending the boundary to include the entire 55 acre site area.

SHPO Donaldson apologized to the audience that copies of the restricted nomination were inadvertently distributed by the San Diego County Historical Board, and stated OHP is not allowed to withhold information from the public during the state review and public hearing process. He stated the OHP will include a cover sheet warning local governments not to distribute sensitive archaeological information to the public in the future

Chairman Grenda asked if any Commissioner wished to recuse himself or herself from the discussion or report any communication. None responded. Chairman Grenda reiterated that each side would have twenty minutes to make its case, followed by a five minute rebuttal for each side.

## **Public Comments**

### **Proponents**

Susan Hecter with ASM Affiliates supported the nomination. She stated the nomination is in conformance with the mission of State Parks, and consistent with California State Parks guidelines and the Cuyamaca State Parks General Plan.

John Foster supported the nomination on behalf of California State Parks. He stated the nomination presented a strong case for eligibility under Criteria A and D and Cuyamaca Village Site is the most significant archeological and ethnic graphic complexes in the State Parks system.

Carmen Lucas, a Kwaaymii Indian, supported the nomination.

Courtney Coyle, an attorney in the City of San Diego, supported the nomination.

### **Opponents**

James O'Keefe, President of the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretative Association, mentioned that CRSPIA did not contribute materials to the nomination. He stated the information presented in the nomination is confusing, ambiguous, and the argument is weak. Mr. O'Keefe mentioned that a number of people have stated the nomination includes factual errors.



Ernie Smith, Vice President of Cuyamaca Equestrian Association, did not support the nomination as worded. Mr. Smith stated without the restrictive language and inaccurate description of the campground, his association would support the nomination.

Bernard J. Martin stated he would like to see the verbiage that the campground was destroyed taken out of the document.

Kandy Franklin Collins, Vice President of the East County Fire Protection District, stated she thought the nomination needed to be revised for accuracy.

### **Rebuttal Proponent**

Susan Hector rebutted.

Sue Wade, California State Parks, rebutted.

Courtney Coyle rebutted.

### **Rebuttal Opponent**

James O'Keefe stated the nomination needed review before forwarding to NPS.

Bernard Martin reiterated Mr. O'Keefe's comment; the language that the campground is destroyed should be removed.

### **Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Grenda stated the nomination was well prepared. Chairman Grenda supported the nomination.

Commissioner Guerra agreed with Chairman Grenda that the nomination was well prepared and he supported the nomination.

Chairman Grenda entertained a motion.

Commissioner Guerra moved that the Commission accept staff recommendation and forward the nomination of the Cuyamaca Village to the Keeper for the listing in the National Register under Criterion A and D at the Local Level of Significance on the condition the last sentence from section eight page four, in which the author stated "however the campground no longer exists in the preserve boundary should extend to include the entire 55 acre site area" be removed. Commissioner Phoenix seconded the motion.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

### **XIII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Chairman Grenda asked for committee reports.

Public Policy and Legislation Committee – Commissioner Polanco reported she and Commissioner Fernandez met with staff on March 28, 2007 to discuss issues with the California State Register and notification to owner for listing on the California Register. The Commissioners and staff discussed the practice of automatically listing properties on the California Register through the Section 106 process. The committee wants to conduct public hearings to notify changes on the California Register and Commission intention in taking action on regulatory issues.

Chairman Grenda noted that Commissioner Guerra left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee – Commissioner Phoenix stated he and Commissioner Brandes will give their report at the August meeting.

SHPO Donaldson thanked staff for arranging Thursday's tour of the Earle C. Anthony House, and he asked the Commission if they liked that type of activity.

Chairman Grenda said yes. Commissioner Polanco asked to include more diversity, including cultural landscapes, as a possibility to learn more about our resources.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grenda thanked the staff and Commissioner and stated the next quarterly meeting will be in Oakland August 3, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.