Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
City of Redlands Civic Center
City Council Chambers
35 Cajon Street, Suite 2
Redlands, California
October 28, 2016
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bryan K. Brandes, Chair, Public Member
Marshall McKay, Vice-Chair, Folklife
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
David Phoenix, Public Member

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

STAFF PRESENT

Jenan Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Kathryn Tobias, Senior Legal Counsel, California State Parks
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
William Burg, State Historian II
Amy Crain, State Historian II
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary
I. CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given and a quorum present, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Bryan Brandes.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brandes led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Chair Brandes welcomed all present, and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves. Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (Deputy SHPO) Jenan Saunders introduced herself and members of the OHP staff in attendance.

IV. WELCOME

The Honorable Paul W. Foster, Mayor of Redlands, and Donn Grenda, Vice President, Redlands Conservancy, welcomed the Commission and staff to the City of Redlands, speaking of the value of preservation, the City’s history, and the commitment to preserving the community’s collective heritage.

Deputy SHPO Saunders thanked the Redlands Conservancy, Redlands Area Historical Society, Redlands Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, Donn and Janet Grenda, Larry Burgess, and Margie Armitrot, for each of their roles in hosting the previous day’s workshop, tour, reception, and dinner for the Commissioners and staff.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. City of Redlands (California’s 67th Certified Local Government)

Deputy SHPO Saunders read the resolution into the official record. Loralee Farris, staff to the Redlands Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, accepted on behalf of the City.

VI. APPROVAL OF JULY 29, 2016 MINUTES

Vice-Chair McKay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chair’s Report

No report given.

B. Executive Secretary’s Report

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders presented the report on behalf of Executive Secretary and SHPO Julianne Polanco who was absent. Deputy SHPO Saunders reported that the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) had applied for an underrepresented communities grant from the National Park Service (NPS) to begin development of a statewide context on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California. The decision was made to not apply for the NPS African American Civil Rights grant due to a limited capacity to address two grants at the same time should we have received them both. Deputy SHPO Saunders also reported that the OHP, working with local governments and nonprofits, successfully met the goal set for their current underrepresented communities grant, which involved identifying and developing seven to ten National Register of Historic Places nominations for Latino-associated properties in California. Deputy SHPO Saunders noted that the OHP has started the public outreach phase to develop a new Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California, covering the years 2018 through 2022. She mentioned the possibility of holding one of the State Plan public listening sessions at the Commission’s February 2017 meeting. Finally, Deputy SHPO Saunders concluded the Executive Report with a brief slide presentation of the recipients of the 2016 Governor’s Historic Preservation Awards. Details about each awardee are available on the OHP website at [www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/governorsawards](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/governorsawards).

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR PROPERTIES

Presented by Jay Correia, State Historian III/Registration Unit Supervisor; Amy Crain, State Historian II; and William Burg, State Historian II.

Chair Brandes noted that there were two Consent Calendars, which would allow Commissioner Harris to recuse herself from deliberations on nominations in the second Calendar. Chair Brandes also reported that item 9 under Consent Calendar I was being removed from the agenda due to jurisdictional issues.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR I
A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Beckman Instruments Building
   Fullerton, Orange County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, B, C

2. Egan House
   San Juan Capistrano, Orange County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion B

3. Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS (Amendment)
   Multiple Counties
   Multiple Levels of Significance; Criterion C

4. La Laguna de San Gabriel
   San Gabriel, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

5. St. Joseph's Home for the Aged
   Oakland, Alameda County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

6. Rattlesnake Canyon Bridge (Historic Highway Bridges in California MPS)
   Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

7. Wii’puk Uun’Yaw Trail
   Location Restricted, San Diego County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, B, C, D

8. Zumbrota
   Marina del Rey, Los Angeles County
   Level of Significance; Criterion C

9. (Removed from Agenda)

10. Woman’s Club of Hollywood
    Hollywood, Los Angeles County
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion A

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

1. Rancho Minerva
   Vista, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance; Criteria 1, 3

Chair Brandes read aloud the rules and procedures by which the Commission reviews and votes on National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources nominations. With neither the Commissioners nor members of the public requesting items removed from the Consent Calendar, other than the previously stated removal of item 9, Chair Brandes asked for a motion.

Commissioner Harris moved to approve Consent Calendar I as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Eloy Zarate, Friends of La Laguna, spoke in support of the La Laguna de San Gabriel nomination.
Carmen Lucas, Kwaaymii Laguna Band, spoke in support of the Wii’puk Uun ‘Yaw Trail nomination.

X. **CONSENT CALENDAR II**

Commissioner Harris recused herself and left the dais during deliberations and voting on Consent Calendar II.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. The Architecture of E. Stewart Williams Multiple Property Submission
   Multiple Counties
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

   a. Coachella Valley Savings #2
      (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)
      Palm Springs, Riverside County
      Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

   b. Edris Residence
      (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)
      Palm Springs, Riverside County
      Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

   c. Kenaston Residence
      (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)
      Rancho Mirage, Riverside County
      Local Level of Significance; Criterion C
d. Koerner Residence  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

e. Palm Springs Desert Museum  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

f. Palm Springs Unified School District Educational Administrative Center  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

g. Santa Fe Federal Savings and Loan Association  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

h. Frank Sinatra Residence  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

i. E. Stewart and Mari Williams Residence  
    (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
    Palm Springs, Riverside County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

Commissioner Bertoli asked if the photos of the Frank Sinatra Residence reflected the current state of the exterior features. Amy Crain, OHP, confirmed that the images were all current.

Commissioner Moss moved to approve Consent Calendar II as presented. Commissioner Phoenix seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Break: 10:40–10:55 a.m.

**XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES**  
**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
A PowerPoint presentation for each property preceded public comment and Commission discussion.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Mitchell Camera Corporation Factory
   West Hollywood, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion A

The following members of the public spoke in support of the nomination:

- Kate Eggert, nomination co-author, West Hollywood Heritage Project
- Krisy Gosney, nomination co-author, West Hollywood Heritage Project
- Christy McAvoy, Hollywood Heritage

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the nomination:

- Rusty Areias, California Strategies
- Margarita Jerabek, Ph.D., ESA PCR

Speaking in rebuttal to the opposition: Kate Eggert and Krisy Gosney
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The public comment period then concluded.

All Commissioners entered into discussion regarding the nomination. Issues addressed included the architectural integrity of the building, the cultural, historical significance of the property, and the degree to which integrity versus significance should be considered in terms of the presented nomination. Staff at the request of Chair Brandes clarified the understanding of historic significance, and integrity, as considered under Criterion A.

Commissioner Harris moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. Action: Four ayes (Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair McKay, and Commissioners Moss and Harris), two nays (Commissioners Phoenix and Bertoli), and no abstentions. With the ayes in majority, the motion carried.

Commissioner Harris recused herself and left the dais during deliberations and voting on the remaining three discussion and action items.

2. Coachella Valley Savings #1
   (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)
   Palm Springs, Riverside County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

The following member of the public spoke in support of the nomination:
• Peter Moruzzi, architectural historian, and author of the E. Stewart Williams MPS nominations

With no speakers in opposition, the public comment period concluded.

Commissioner Moss moved to approve the nomination as presented. Vice-Chair McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Oasis Commercial Building  
   (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
   Palm Springs, Riverside County  
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

The following members of the public spoke in support of the nomination:

• Lauren Bricker, Ph.D., Cal Poly Pomona Professor of Architecture  
• Robert Imber, Palm Springs Modern Committee  
• Chris Menrad, Palm Springs Modern Committee  
• Peter Moruzzi, architectural historian and nomination author  
• Eric J. Williams, M.D., son of E. Stewart Williams

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the nomination:

• Steve Lyle, property owner  
• Andrea Urbas, architect

Speaking in rebuttal to the opposition: Lauren Bricker, Peter Moruzzi, and Dr. Eric J. Williams  
Speaking in rebuttal to the rebuttal: Steve Lyle and Andrea Urbas  
The public comment period then concluded.

All Commissioners entered into discussion regarding the nomination. Issues addressed during discussion included integrity of the building, and specifically, whether modifications to the original features had compromised integrity.

Commissioner Phoenix moved to approve the nomination as presented. Vice-Chair McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Mountain Station  
   (Architecture of E. Stewart Williams MPS)  
   Palm Springs, Riverside County  
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C
The following members of the public spoke in support of the nomination:

- Kelly Elliott, District Superintendent, Inland Empire District, California State Parks
- Peter Moruzzi, architectural historian and nomination author

With no speakers in opposition, the public comment period concluded.

Vice-Chair McKay moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Phoenix seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**XII. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
**Progress Report**

Chair Brandes updated the Commission on the various properties that had been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since the last meeting of the Commission, as noted in the meeting agenda.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Wilkman, Wilkman Historical Services, on behalf of the City of Norco, reported on his current work on a National Register nomination for the Naval Hospital Corona in Norco that he hopes to bring before the Commission in 2017.

Tammy Williams, View Park Arts and Cultural Foundation, spoke about the View Park Historic District’s connections to civil rights history, and thanked staff and the Commission for their support and help in achieving historic designation for the district.

**XIV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS)**

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders asked that due to the absence of SHPO Julianne Polanco and Commissioner Adrian Praetzellis from the current meeting, a discussion regarding the CHRIS be delayed until the Commission’s February 2017 meeting. Deputy SHPO did report that the annual meeting of CHRIS Information Center Coordinators took place in late September and proved productive and successful. She also reported that the OHP is working on the update to the CHRIS inventory digitization assessment in order to better identify the resources needed to complete the digitization process. The goal is to have the assessment completed in time to report on it at the February commission meeting.
Donn Grenda, Leaders in Energy and Preservation, addressed the cost of fees for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), asking the Commission to consider lowering the per shape fee.

Chair Brandes acknowledged that the issues surrounding CHRIS fees had been ongoing for some time. He noted that the fees would be on the agenda for discussion and action at the third Commission meeting in 2017.

XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee (ARC)–Adrian Praetzellis, Acting Chair

No report given due to the absence of Commissioner Praetzellis.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee–Rick Moss, Chair

Commissioner Moss reported that he was scheduled to meet with the California Heritage Foundation on October 29, 2016, to discuss the ongoing work and status of the California African American Heritage Trail.

C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC)–Adrian Praetzellis, Chair

No report given due to the absence of Commissioner Praetzellis.

D. Modernism Committee–Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

No report given.

XVI. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

None.

XVII. PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2017

Friday, February 3 (Sacramento)
Wednesday, May 10 (California Preservation Conference, Pasadena)
Friday, July 28 (Location to be Determined)
Friday, October 27 (Location to be Determined)

Vice-Chair McKay moved to approve the proposed meeting dates and locations for 2017. Commissioner Phoenix seconded. Action: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

XVIII. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2017
Commissioner Harris moved to elect Vice-Chair Marshall McKay as Chair for 2017. Commissioner Phoenix seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Moss moved to elect Commissioner Beth Edwards Harris as Vice-Chair for 2017. Commissioner Phoenix seconded. **Action:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne Polanco  
State Historic Preservation Officer