Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Pasadena City Hall
City Council Chambers
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249
Pasadena, California
May 10, 2017
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Marshall McKay, Chair, Folklife
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Bryan K. Brandes, Public Member
Janet Hansen, History
Luis Hoyos, Architectural History
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology
Adam Sriro, Historical Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Julianne Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary to the Commission
Jenan Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tara Lynch, Chief Legal Counsel, California State Parks
Kathryn Cotter, Legal Counsel, California State Parks
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
William Burg, State Historian II
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 9:02 a.m. by Chair Marshall McKay.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McKay led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Chair McKay welcomed all present, and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Julianne Polanco introduced herself, Chief Legal Counsel Tara Lynch, Kathryn Cotter, Legal Counsel for California State Parks, and Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff in attendance.

IV. WELCOME

The Honorable Terry Tornek, Mayor of Pasadena, welcomed the Commission and staff to the City of Pasadena, speaking of the value of preservation, and Pasadena’s active commitment to preserving the community’s heritage, including more than forty citywide historic districts.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. World War I National Remembrance
   Chair McKay read the resolution into the official record. Courtland Jindra and Bill Betten, Co-directors of the California WWI Centennial Task Force, accepted the resolution.

B. Linda Dishman – Twenty-five years with the Los Angeles Conservancy. Chair McKay read the resolution into the official record. Ms. Dishman accepted.

VI. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2017 MINUTES
Commissioner Brandes moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried by roll call vote, with Commissioners Hansen, Hoyos, and Sriro abstaining.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chair’s Report

No report given. Chair McKay used his time to thank Mayor Tornek and the City of Pasadena for hosting the Commission meeting.

B. Executive Secretary’s Report

SHPO Julianne Polanco opened her report by welcoming newly appointed Commissioners Hansen, Hoyos, and Sriro, and expressing thanks to Commissioner Beth Edwards Harris for her recently completed service on the Commission and her continued participation on the Commission’s Modernism Committee. SHPO Polanco then reported on the in-office and off-site activities of the OHP. She invited Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders to provide an update on the public input process for the creation of a new Statewide Historic Preservation Plan.

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.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations – Part 1

Commissioner Hansen recused herself and left the chamber during the presentation and vote on Consent Calendar Part 1.

1. Great Wall of Los Angeles
   (Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS)
   Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
   State Level of Significance; Criteria A, C; Criteria Consideration G

2. Edward Roybal House
   (Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS)
   Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion B
Commissioner Hoyos moved to approve Part 1 of the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded. **Action:** Motion carried by roll call vote with one recusal by Commissioner Hansen.

Commissioner Moss expressed his support for the Great Wall of Los Angeles, noting it was part of a mural movement reflected in similar resources in communities across California and the nation.

Commissioner Hoyos expressed his support of the Roybal House and his hopes that a National Historic Landmark nomination might be pursued for the property.

Ken Bernstein, Manager of the Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources, Principal Planner, Los Angeles Department of City Planning, and Doug Mensman, City of Los Angeles, spoke in support of the Great Wall of Los Angeles and the Edward Roybal House.

Judy Baca, SPARC, Great Wall artist, spoke in support of the Great Wall of Los Angeles.

Ed Avila, President, Project Restore, spoke in support of the Edward Roybal House.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations – Part 2

3. **Walter D. Valentine Cottage B.**
   Altadena, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

4. **Christian Science Society**
   Avalon, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

5. **Malibu Historic District**
   Malibu, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion A

6. **Robert J. Dunn House**
   Redlands, San Bernardino County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

7. **Montecito Ranch House**
   Ramona, San Diego County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C
8. Juan María Osuna Adobe  
   Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County  
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C

9. Henry Geilfuss House  
   San Francisco, San Francisco County  
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria B, C

10. Nystrom Elementary School  
    Richmond, Contra Costa County  
    National Level of Significance; Criterion A

11. Mohr & Yoerk Market  
    Sacramento, Sacramento County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C

12. Mayfair Hotel  
    Pomona, Los Angeles County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C

13. Albion River Bridge  
    (Historic Highway Bridges of California MPS)  
    Albion, Mendocino County  
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

Commissioner Praetzellis asked whether Criterion C was considered as well as A for the Nystrom School. Jay Correia, OHP, responded that only one criterion needs to be met for eligibility, and the case perhaps was stronger for Criterion A.

Commissioner Hoyos moved to approve Part 2 of the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mike Rivkin, owner, spoke in support of the Christian Science Society Building.

Michael Blum, nominator, spoke in support of the Malibu Historic District. Barbara Tejada, California State Parks, expressed concerns regarding the Malibu Historic District.


John Clifford, nominator, spoke in support of the Mayfair Hotel.
Dr. Hassan Astaneh, University of California Berkeley, and John Johansen, nominator, and resident of Albion Village, spoke in support of the Albion River Bridge.

Break: 11:04-11:25 a.m.

X. 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. Earl Crabbe Gymnasium
   (Historic and Architectural Resources of Auburn MPS)
   Auburn, Placer County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

Commissioner Bertoli asked if any facilities still existed other than the basketball court shown in the presentation photos. William Burg, OHP, confirmed other facilities are present.

With no public members speaking in support or opposition to the nomination, Chair McKay asked for a motion.

Commissioner Hoyos moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Praetzelis seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

2. Willow Glen Trestle
   San Jose, Santa Clara County
   Local Level of Significance, Criterion 1

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

- Larry Ames, Friends of the Willow Glen Trestle
- Severn Edmonds, resident of Willow Glen, San Jose
- Kathy Pimentel, resident of Willow Glen, San Jose

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

- Susan Walsh, Historic Preservation Officer, City of San Jose
• Pierre Luigi Oliverio, former councilman and current resident, City of San Jose
• Stephen Mikesell, Mikesell Historical Consulting

Speaking in rebuttal to the opposition: Larry Ames and Martha Heinrichs
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The public comment period then concluded.

All Commissioners entered into discussion regarding the nomination. Issues addressed during discussion included differences in eligibility thresholds of the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources, the level of significance of the nominated property, and the aesthetic and community value of the property.

Commissioner Brandes moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
Progress Report

Chair McKay 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.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyle Jarrett, California resident, reported that between 2011 and 2016 he successfully visited all 1,111 Landmarks, and found that having the history of sites outlined on the Landmark plaques, and shared by docents at many of the sites, greatly enriched the understanding and appreciation of that history. He encouraged the Commission and the OHP to consider producing plaques in a material other than bronze, which is attractive to thieves for its monetary value.

XIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

None.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHRC committee meetings are open to the public, and members of the public may serve on the committees. Committee meetings are open to the public. Information about the committees is available at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/shrcccommittees.

A. Archaeological Resources Committee (ARC)–Adrian Praetzellis, Acting Chair
No report given.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee--Rick Moss, Chair

Commissioner Moss reported on the recent introduction of California Assembly Bill 783, calling for creation of an African American Cultural Heritage Commission.

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

No report given.

D. Modernism Committee--Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

No report given.

XV. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Praetzellis addressed what he perceived to be the challenges and shortcomings of the National Register of Historic Places criteria when applied toward evaluation of places of importance to tribal communities.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer