Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
San Rafael City Hall
City Council Chambers
1400 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, California
July 28, 2017
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Marshall McKay, Chair, Folklife
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture (arrived at 9:10am)
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
Eric Allison, CHRIS Coordinator
William Burg, State Historian II
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Kathryn Cotter, Legal Counsel, California State Parks
Amy Crain, State Historian II
I. CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given and a quorum present, Chair Marshall McKay called the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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, Kathryn Tobias and Kathryn Cotter, Legal Counsel for California State Parks, and Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff in attendance.

IV. WELCOME

The Honorable Gary O. Phillips, Mayor of San Rafael, welcomed the Commission and staff to the City of San Rafael.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. Marin County Civic Center

Chair McKay read the resolution into the official record. No one was present to accept the resolution at the meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Hoyos 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

Report given by Chair Marshall McKay. Chair McKay also noted that item number 9 of the Consent Calendar had been removed per the request of the owner and the preparer.

B. Executive Secretary’s Report

Report given by SHPO Julianne Polanco. SHPO Polanco reminded all present that the meeting was being filmed in its entirety by the Cal-Span network.

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

1. Benicia Southern Pacific Passenger Depot
   Benicia, Solano County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A and C

2. Sacred Heart Parish Complex
   San Francisco, San Francisco County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, B, C, Criteria Consideration G

3. Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
   Corona, Riverside County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

4. Sierraville School
   Sierraville, Sierra County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A and C, Criteria Consideration G

5. Brooklyn Presbyterian Church
   Oakland, Alameda County
   Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

6. Georgetown Civil War Armory
   Georgetown, El Dorado County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A and C

7. Hewes, David, House
Winston, Orange County
Local Level of Significance; Criterion B

8. Item Moved to Consent Calendar Part 2

9. Item Removed from Consent Calendar

10. Wee Kirk
    Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County
    Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

Chair McKay read the rules and procedures by which commissioners consider and vote on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Commissioner Brandes moved to approve Part 1 of the Consent Calendar (items 1-7 and 10) as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Hansen recused herself and left the chamber during consideration and voting on Part 2 of the Consent Calendar.

8. Maxfield Building
    Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
    Local Level of Significance; Criteria A and C

Commissioner Brandes moved to accept Part 2 of the Consent Calendar (item 8) as presented. Commissioner Hoyos seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Break: 9:55-10:12 a.m.

Lisa Robinson, San Lorenzo Valley Museum, and preparer, and Steve and Vivian Leib, owners, spoke in support of the Wee Kirk nomination.

Fallon Blaser, owner, spoke in support of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church nomination.

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. Sperry Flour Company Vallejo Mills Historic District
   Vallejo, Solano County
   Local Level of Significance; Criteria A and C

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

- Pat Dodson, Fresh Air Vallejo
- Kara Brunzell, Brunzell Historical, and preparer
- Angela McDonald, Vallejo Architectural Heritage & Landmarks Commission
- Karimah Karah, Vallejo resident
- Stephen Hallett, on behalf of Solano County Supervisor Monica Brown
- Peter Brooks, Fresh Air Vallejo
- Cynthia Ripley, Historic Architect
- Dr. Kay Flavell, Vallejo resident, professor, University of California Davis
- Dr. Nancy Piotrowski, Vallejo Architectural Heritage Foundation

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

- Richard Loewke, on behalf of Vallejo Marine Terminal

Speaking in rebuttal to the opposition: Kara Brunzel, Stephen Hallet, Dr. Nancy Piotrowski, and LaDonna Williams, Vallejo resident.
Speaking in rebuttal to the rebuttal: Richard Loewke

With the public comment period concluded, Commissioners then entered into discussion regarding the Sperry Mills nomination. At conclusion of the discussion period, Chair McKay asked for a motion.

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

2. Marin City Public Housing
   Marin City, Marin County
   Local Level of Significance, Criteria A and C

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

- Royce McLemore, Women Helping All People
- Malachia Hoover, Housing resident
• Gracie Stover, Housing resident
• Jonathon Livingston, Livingston Energy Innovations
• Ora Anne Hathaway, southern Marin resident
• Mariah Ashby, Housing resident

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

• Lewis Jordan, Marin Housing Authority
• Gretchen Hilyard, architectural historian, ICF
• Alicia Guerra, Buchalter, land use attorney for Marin Housing Authority
• Michael Hibma, public member

Speaking in rebuttal to the opposition: Daniel Ruark, preparer
Speaking in rebuttal to the rebuttal: Alicia Guerra, and Leslie Alden on behalf of County Supervisor Kathryn Sears

The public comment period having concluded, Commissioners entered into discussion regarding the Marin City Public Housing nomination. At conclusion of the discussion period, Chair McKay asked for a motion.

Commissioner Moss moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Sriro 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 listed on the National Register of Historic Places since the last meeting of the Commission, as noted in the meeting agenda.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Historic Preservation Officer Fresno (retired), spoke regarding the Fresno-Rowell Building, which was removed from the Consent Calendar.
Karen Ashby, Housing resident, spoke regarding the Marin City Public Housing nomination.
Lesley Emmington, Claremont Preservation Coalition, spoke regarding the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley.
Steve Mathieu, AGP Video, spoke regarding the Cal-Span Network.
Mary Luz Arredondo, Marin City, spoke regarding the Marin City Housing nomination.
XIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. California Historical Resources Information System Fees (Action)

California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Coordinator Eric Allison presented a report on the proposed new CHRIS IC Fee Structure, with the recommendation that the fee structure remain in effect until the third Commission meeting of 2018, at which time the structure will be reassessed.

Commissioner Siro moved to accept the new fee structure and recommendation as presented. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XIV. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Moss alerted the Commissioners to an upcoming panel discussion regarding the African American Heritage Trail initiative.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer