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**DRAFT
Quarterly Meeting
of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers
1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor
Bakersfield, California 93301**

February 4, 2005

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D., Chairperson

Lauren W. Bricker, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson

Claire Bogaard

Kathleen Green

William R. Hildebrandt, Ph.D.

Luis Hoyos, AIA

Mary L. Maniery

Carol L. Novey

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Philip P. Choy

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, Executive Secretary

Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Camille Valencia, Recording Secretary

Maryln Lortie, Staff Historian

Cynthia Howse, Staff Historian

Diane Thompson, Staff Assistant

Tara Lynch, Staff Counsel, Department of Parks and Recreation

I. CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given, the State Historical Resources Commission meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson Hartig. Those assembled said the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commission members introduced themselves and Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer, (SHPO), introduced Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

III. WELCOME

The Commission was welcomed to the City of Bakersfield by the Honorable Barbara Patrick, representing District 3 of the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Patrick is also on the Board of the Kern County Museum, which commissioners had toured the previous day and was the location for both the Workshop and the site of the evening reception. Also present to welcome the Commission was Ray Watson, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, who pointed out that there are forty-two historic landmarks in Bakersfield. The Honorable Harvey Hall, Mayor of Bakersfield, also welcomed the Commission, noting that Bakersfield is California's eleventh largest city. Dr. Larry Reider, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, who told commissioners that there are 18,000 teachers responsible for the students in his county, read a Resolution of Welcome. Finally, Jeff Nickell, Curator of the Kern County Museum and President of the Kern County Historical Society, added his welcoming remarks.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2004

Commissioner Bogaard moved and Commissioner Green seconded that the minutes be approved as written. **Action:** motion unanimously carried.

V. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Hartig reminded those present that the California Performance Review has reversed its recommendation to eliminate the State Historical Resources Commission. She announced that the OHP and the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) had scheduled jointly-sponsored workshops open to the public February 14 through 16 in Modesto.

B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wayne Donaldson reminded the Commission that State Parks has embarked upon the Great Central Valley Initiative, by which it intends to focus greater attention and resources on the Central Valley.

Donaldson reported on the Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. OHP canvassed the public for issues they would like to see addressed and were gratified by the more than 600 responses. The central issues raised are now being expanded upon by OHP staff, who are drafting "white papers" for inclusion in the final document.

There were many changes in the staffing of OHP. SHPO Donaldson announced the hiring of William Soule, an archeologist who joined the Project Review staff, and Michelle Messinger, who will handle CEQA for the office. Filling the big shoes of recently-retired Gene Itogawa and Hans Kreutzberg are Maryln Lortie, appointed to Gene's position, and Michael McGuirt, Interim Supervisor of the Project Review Unit.

Wayne remains excited that the Main Street Program, recently added to OHP's responsibilities, will be, once funding has been secured, a very constructive program for the office and the State. Steade Craigo has agreed to head up that program. He also announced that the California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA)) will hold its first conference in Davis the last week of February. While he will be unable to attend, he is delighted that Ruth Coleman, State Parks Director, will be the conference's keynote speaker.

Wayne also announced he will attend the annual meeting of SHPOs to be held in Washington DC in late February. Before that meeting, he and Deputy SHPO Steve Mikesell will attend a meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Monterey February 16 through 18.

Finally, Wayne reminded the Commission and the audience that OHP's website is being very capably updated and improved by the diligent efforts of Marie Nelson of the OHP staff.

VI. SLIDE PRESENTATION

Maryln Lortie and Cynthia Howse presented slides of all properties on the Commission agenda.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Panoramic Hill
Berkeley, Alameda Co.
Local Level of Significance

**Security First National Bank
of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

Second Church of Christ Scientist
Long Beach, Los Angeles Co..
Local Level of Significance

John Spencer House
San Francisco, San Francisco Co
Local Level of Significance

Havens, Weston, House
Berkeley, Alameda Co.
State Level of Significance

Merrill, Charles W., House
Orinda, Contra Costa Co.
Local Level of Significance

Standish Hall
Lassen Co.
Local Level of Significance.

El Cabrillo
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

B. CALIFORNIA REGISTER

Fehlmann-Morgan House
San Diego, San Diego Co.

Action: Commissioner Green moved, and Commissioner Bogaard seconded, that the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Bricker commented that she particularly appreciated the Berkeley nominations.

Commissioner Hildebrandt voiced his appreciation of the Standish Hall nomination and commented that he appreciated the effort taken to nominate this Lassen County property to the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairperson Hartig also remarked that a property considered at the November, 2004 meeting was the first Alpine County property to be nominated.

Janice Thomas, who wrote the nomination for Panoramic Hill, thanked Maryln Lortie for her help and support during the drafting process. She added that the Weston Havens property will be included in a May 1 tour of Berkeley's Best Architecture.

VIII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Ramona
West Hollywood, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

Salk Institute
San Diego, San Diego Co.
National Level of Significance

Oaklawn/Shippee House

Stockton Vicinity, San Joaquin Co.
Local Level of Significance

The Ramona

Staff Historian Lortie noted that the Ramona was on the Discussion Calendar only because the owner objects to its listing.

Commissioner Maniery asked that the political paragraphs be removed from the nomination as she didn't believe their inclusion appropriate.

Vice-Chair Bricker, noting that she had co-authored the nomination of the Harper Avenue Historic District some years ago, strongly supported the nomination and the cause of courtyard housing.

Janelle Hensley spoke on behalf of the nomination, quoting historian James Tice, who found the nominated property a prime example of the courtyard housing type of architecture.

Action: Commissioner Novey moved and Commissioner Hoyos seconded a motion that the nomination be approved as eligible. Unanimously carried.

Oaklawn/Shippee House

Oaklawn/Shippee House, nominated by the grandson of the owner, might be sold, so will be considered for the California Register at the next meeting of the Commission. Commissioner Bogaard suggested that either the Commission or the Office of Historic Preservation write a letter advising Applicant that the Commission looks forward to considering the property at their next scheduled meeting.

Vice-Chair Bricker commented that the criteria for the California Register are on par with the criteria for the National Register except in matters of integrity, which is why the Oaklawn property will be considered for the California, not the National, Register next meeting.

Salk Institute

Staff Historian Howse read her staff report and stated the owners were opposed to a boundary that included the entire 26.34-acre historic parcel. The owner would, however, support a nomination with a small boundary that would include the Kahn buildings and plaza surrounded by a 100 foot setting.

Chair Hartig advised each side – those supporting and those opposing – would be given fifteen minutes for their basic presentation and an additional five minutes for rebuttal.

Counsel Courtney Coyle introduced herself and the proponents: Professor Jeffrey Shorn, AIA, member of the San Diego Historic Sites Board and Vonn Marie May, co-preparer of the application with Shorn.

Counsel Coyle discussed the relationship of the National Register application with the earlier local designation under the City of San Diego ordinance, arguing the city designation was for the full legal parcel.

Shorn addressed some of the same issues stating the city recommended National Register listing of the property when it was locally designated in 1991 and a permit was sought for the East Buildings. The Historic Sites Board recommended a 100-foot to 125-foot separation between the original lab buildings and the new East Buildings.

May spoke about the Kahn buildings and their relationship to their setting.

Counsel Coyle summarized the applicants' support for nominating the full 26.23-acre parcel.

Counsel Marie Lia introduced Salk Institute representatives and showed a video presentation from Dr. Richard Murphy, President and CEO of the Institute. Counsel Lia explained the origin of the 100-foot buffer, stating it was not part of the local historic designation, but part of the city's permitting of the East Buildings project. Counsel Lia stated a large boundary would affect new construction on the site. Counsel Lia stated the current nomination has not adequately justified including the entire legal parcel. The appropriate boundary would include only the significant Louis Kahn buildings and plaza.

Jack McAllister, FAIA, stated he worked for Louis Kahn on the Salk Institute and continues today as a consulting architect. McAllister stated he supports listing the Louis Kahn buildings and plaza but opposes including the entire legal parcel.

Charles Kaminsky, architect and citizen of San Diego, spoke of his support and that of others in the architectural community who support the listing of the full legal parcel.

Eric Bruvold, with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, stated he supports the listing of the Kahn building and plaza but opposes including the entire legal parcel.

Chair Hartig closed public comment and began Commission discussion.

Commissioner Hildebrandt stated a smaller boundary than the legal parcel seemed appropriate. Commissioner Hoyos stated he favored a boundary that included the north and south lawn areas and the eastern block of the parcel, which included the parking lot, but excluded the two mesas. Commissioner Novey concurred that a smaller boundary would be appropriate. Commissioner Green asked how the new east buildings would be counted. Commissioner Bogaard requested clarification on how the north mesa has lost integrity and how parking lots affect integrity. Staff Historian Howse stated parking lots are generally not counted in districts; they are neutral. Vice-Chair Bricker stated the south mesa should be included in the boundary because it retained integrity to the period of significance, 1965. Commissioner Maniery stated she supported a boundary similar to the Hoyos boundary, but without the new construction and parking lot on the eastern edge.

Action: Commissioner Hildebrandt moved and Commissioner Green seconded to recommend to SHPO the property, as defined by the legal boundaries on the north, south, and east and the city imposed boundary on the west, is eligible for the National Register at the national level of significance under Criterion C. Commissioners Hoyos, Green, Maniery, Hildebrandt voted yes; Commissioners Bricker, Novey, Bogaard voted no; Chair Hartig abstained. Motion passed four to three.

Counsel Coyle asked, as a point of order, if the Chair voted or not. Chair Hartig stated as a general rule she does not vote except to break a tie.

SHPO Donaldson asked Staff Counsel Lynch what a majority vote is when one Commissioner is absent and the Chair does not vote. Staff Counsel Lynch stated with one Commissioner absent there is still a quorum. Seven votes were cast and four is a majority. If the chair had wanted to vote she would have stated that at the time of the vote.

Discussion followed regarding recommended changes to the nomination, which raised questions about who would make the changes, if the applicant was willing to make changes, and if the owner would support the revised boundary. Staff Historian Howse stated if and when a revised nomination was submitted to OHP local governments and the owner would be notified of the changes and given an opportunity to comment; and in the case of the owner, support or oppose the revised nomination.

Staff Counsel Lynch stated, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, the Commission can make a restorative motion or a motion that brings back a question if the Commission believes its decision was made too quickly or without enough information. An earlier motion is rescinded by a two-thirds vote, in this case two-thirds of seven, or five.

Action: Commissioner Novey moved and Commissioner Bricker seconded to rescind previous motion. Commissioners Novey, Bogaard, Bricker voted yes; Commissioners Green, Hoyos, Maniery, Hildebrandt voted no; Chair Hartig abstained. Motion failed.

Action: Discussion followed regarding what boundary had been approved in first motion. At the recommendation of Chair Hartig, Commissioner Novey moved to rescind first motion to clarify boundary; no second. Motion failed.

Further discussion followed regarding what boundary the Commission approved in the first motion. Staff Counsel Lynch recommended the Commission, in light of confusion, rescind the first motion and make a new motion based on a clearly drawn boundary on a site plan.

Action: Commissioner Novey moved and Commissioner Bricker seconded to rescind previous motion. Commissioners Bricker, Hoyos, Bogaard, Maniery, Hildebrandt, Novey voted yes; Commissioner Green voted no; Chair Hartig abstained. Motion passed six to one.

Action: Commissioner Hoyos moved and Commissioner Bogaard seconded to recommend to SHPO the property is eligible for the National Register at the national level of significance under Criterion C with the following boundaries: The legal boundaries on the north, south, and east. The western boundary will be 100 feet out from the farthest western constructed point of the Kahn built construction. The boundary will only include Salk owned property and the western boundary will jog east where city owned property extends into the 100-foot zone. SHPO Donaldson stated the applicant would revise the nomination, not OHP. Vice-Chair Bricker recommended changes to the statement of significance, particularly to the summary paragraph, which currently is not consistent with the narrative that follows. Chair Hartig called for the vote, stating she was going to exercise her right to vote. Commissioners Hildebrandt, Maniery, Green, Hoyos voted yes; Commissioners Bogaard, Novey, Bricker, Hartig voted no. Motion failed.

Action: Commissioner Novey moved and Commissioner Bogaard seconded the boundary be revised to include the south mesa, but not the north mesa. Commissioners Novey, Hartig, Bogaard, Bricker voted yes; Commissioners Hildebrandt, Hoyos, Green, Maniery voted no. Motion failed.

Discussion followed regarding expanding the boundary to include city owned property and what effect that would have on forwarding the nomination to NPS. SHPO Donaldson stated the Commission could take no action on a boundary that included city owned property because OHP had not noticed the hearing of the property as including city owned property. Staff Counsel Lynch stated if the Commission takes no action the applicant could forward the nomination to NPS on appeal. Commissioner Maniery stated she would like to consider continuing the nomination to the next meeting so Commissioner Choy could have input. SHPO Donaldson stated a field trip to the site could be arranged before the next Commission meeting.

Action: Commissioner Bogaard moved and Commissioner Maniery seconded to continue the hearing of the Salk Institute National Register nomination until May 12, 2005 in Riverside. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Maniery requested a site visit to Salk Institute prior to the next Commission meeting.

B. PROGRESS REPORT

The following nominations have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service Notice of Listings identifying these nominations has been received by the Office of Historic Preservation since the last regular meeting of the Commission. *These properties also have been placed on the California Register of Historical Resources.*

Pomona City Stable , Pomona, Los Angeles Co.	10/06/04
Monterey County Jail , Salinas, Monterey Co..	9/24/04
Bank of Italy , Merced, Merced Co.	10/12/04

Goldschmidt House , San Clemente, Orange Co.	10/14/04
Naval Training Station , San Diego, San Diego Co.	
Proposed Move Approved	10/14/04
Golden Gate Park , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	10/15/04
Building at 816 South Grand , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	12/02/04
House at 1487 Loma Vista Street , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	8/20/04
Southern Pacific Railroad Station , Whittier, Los Angeles Co.	Removed

C. CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Harvard-Westlake Middle School

Staff Historian Lortie read aloud the staff report, which did not recommend listing.

Dr. Portia Lee introduced proponents of the listing, Marcia Selz of the Holmby Hills Homeowners' Association, Jay Platt of the Los Angeles Conservancy, and two alumnae of the school. Mr. Platt cited the property's significance in the history of women's education in Los Angeles. Ms. Lee rebutted the staff report, stressing that this is the only building at the school that remains to memorialize its unique contribution to women's education history at the turn of the twentieth century.

John Amato, assistant headmaster at the school, headed up the opponents to the listing of this property. He included in his comments his contention that neighbors of the school are against the modernization currently under way and back listing as a means to that end.

Dr. Lee and Mr. Platt offered their rebuttal of the opponents' contentions.

Staff Historian Lortie noted that there had been a great loss of integrity. Asked to compare it to the Oaklawn Shippee property, Lortie asserted that the Oaklawn property had not undergone the changes that the Westlake property had.

Action: Commissioner Maniery moved to accept the staff recommendation to deny listing on the California Register for reasons of integrity. Her motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-Chair Bricker asked Assistant Headmaster Amato what was to become of the Paul Williams house on campus. He responded that the school is negotiating with the Holmby Hills Homeowners' Association and that the house will be relocated, not demolished.

Azusa-Pacific Drive-In

Speaking for the nomination were Jeanette McKenna, who wrote the nomination and Jay Platt of the Los Angeles Conservancy.

Speaking against the nomination were Azusa-Pacific University and the City of Azusa. Patrick Perry represented the university; Mark Dickerson is General Counsel for the university,

Opponents of the nomination urged the Commission not to adopt the findings that associated the drive-in with the 1950s "car culture." They asserted that the drive-in was built in 1962, well after the heyday of drive-in theatres.

Jeanette McKenna asked the Commission to revisit the total documentation; Mr. Platt added that it is the last drive-in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Hoyos recused himself from voting on this nomination.

Action: Commissioner Bogaard moved to approve the findings, seconded by Vice-Chair Bricker. The motion was carried with five "yes" votes, with the above-noted recusal and Commissioner Maniery abstaining.

D. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

E. PROGRESS REPORT

Registrations approved by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. *These properties also have been listed on the California Register of Historical Resources.*

USS Recruit
San Diego

2/04/05

IX. 2005 COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Deputy SHPO Mikesell updated the Commission on the progress the OHP staff has made on the plan. The team has arrived at nine issues after internal polling of staff and compiling the results of questionnaires completed by visitors to the OHP web site. The team has as a result formed nine subcommittees, which will each produce a "white paper" on the topic assigned. Mr. Mikesell requested that the Commission discuss these topics at the next Workshop preceding the meeting so as to come up with some historic preservation objectives. After some discussion, it was decided that the Plan would be on the regular Commission meeting agenda immediately before the slide presentation. If possible, Mr. Mikesell would like each commissioner to "adopt" an issue so as to fill in missing subtopics and help hone the goals to be included in the final document.

SHPO Donaldson added that cultural diversity and cultural landscapes, though not suggested in the questionnaire responses, are subjects also worthy of time and talent. Certain topics seemed suited to certain commissioners; Commissioner Hoyos will work on Recent Past and Information Management, along with Vice-Chair Bricker; Commissioners Hildebrandt and Maniery will work on the Archaeology component, and Vice-Chair Bricker will also, along with Commissioner Novey, focus on Cultural Landscapes. Chairperson Hartig will examine the issue of local land use; OHP's Tim Brandt will flesh out the Incentives to Preservation topic, while Commissioner Bogaard will examine Outreach and Public Education. Commissioner Choy, an architect absent from this meeting, will work on the Cultural Diversity and Cultural Landscape

objectives. Commissioner Maniery closed the discussion with the comment that there's a tremendous amount of cross-over in all these topics. Deputy SHPO Mikesell reminded the Commission that the completed Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan should reach the National Park Service by December 31, 2005.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelley Davis-King, President-Elect of the Society for California Archaeology was introduced from the audience and advised the Commission that she will assume the presidency at the April meeting of SCA. She offered copies of SCA's newsletter. She also mentioned the Valley Futures Project and suggested commissioners check the web site: www.valleyfutures.org. She commented on the National Register and California Register process and said that from her perspective there are no incentives to prepare National Register nominations, especially those involving archaeological sites. The cost can be enormous and those she has spoken to believe it is very difficult to get nominations approved by OHP and the Commission. She stressed that it is important to disabuse the public of this impression of the process and the parts OHP and the Commission play in it. She closed by noting the need for qualification standards for her profession.

XI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- A. State Historical Building Safety Board ~ Vice Chair Bricker and Commissioner Choy

No report

- B. Public Outreach Committee ~ Chairperson Hartig

No report

- C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee ~ Commissioners Maniery and Hildebrandt

Commissioners Hildebrandt and Maniery sent a report for inclusion in the minutes.

- D. Public Policy and Legislation Committee ~ Commissioners Green and Novey

No report

- E. Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee ~ Chairperson Hartig

No report

F. Modern Movement Committee ~ Vice Chair Bricker and Commissioner Hoyos

No report

G. California Register Regulations Assessment Committee ~ Commissioner Bogaard

No report

Commissioners briefly discussed the agenda for the California Preservation Foundation Conference, which will take place in Riverside the second week in May, the same week the Commission meets there. They discussed keynote speakers and the breakout sessions, noting that there would be a session on transportation and one on oral history.

XII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairperson Hartig announced that she has accepted the position of Director of the Western office of the National Trust and is stepping down as Chair. She suggested that Lauren Bricker assume the Chair of the Commission and that commissioners vote for a new Vice-Chair. Luis Hoyos expressed an interest in the position and was voted in as Vice Chair to replace Dr. Bricker.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

DATED _____