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Quarterly Meeting  
of the  
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Riverside City Hall  
Art Pick Council Chamber  
3900 Main Street, First Floor  
Riverside, California

May 12, 2005

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lauren W. Bricker, Ph.D., Chairperson

Luis Hoyos, AIA, Vice Chairperson

Claire Bogaard

Kathleen Green

William R. Hildebrandt, Ph.D.

Mary L. Maniery

Carol L. Novey

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Philip P. Choy

Anthea Hartig, Ph.D.

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

Tim La Franchi, 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 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson Bricker. Those assembled recited 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 Riverside by Knox Mellon, former State Historic Preservation Officer, now the Executive Director of the California Missions Foundation and resident of Riverside. Cindy Heitzman, Executive Director of the California Preservation Foundation, welcomed the Commission on behalf of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of CPF. In addition, current CPF President, Ione Stiegler, commented on the long and mutually supportive relationship of the Commission and the Foundation.

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2005

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 Bricker acknowledged the warm welcome she and the Commission received from former SHPO Knox Mellon and the California Preservation Foundation and said she expected her tenure as Chair to be a challenging new opportunity for service to both the Preservation community and the people of California. She added that she intended to vote on questions coming before the Commission.

### B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

SHPO Wayne Donaldson spoke of the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)'s recent acquisition of the Main Street Program, which means that the office will eventually have its own fund source and has already provided the office with two badly-needed new employees. The first new city to join the program is Redding. He had just returned from an energizing and inspiring National Main Street Conference in Baltimore. Immediately before traveling to Baltimore he met, accompanied by OHP staffer Dwight Dutschke, with a group of tribal historic preservation officers and then participated in the celebration of Sea Ranch's fortieth anniversary. He also spoke of

his commitment to changing the way the recent past (including living persons) is treated by the National Park Service. A recent survey conducted by OHP has revealed that California has the lowest number of National Register nominations per capita of all the states and, in addition, that most states enjoy additional funding of historic preservation activities from state coffers.

#### C. DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Deputy SHPO Steve Mikesell presented a Power Point presentation showing the progress made since the last meeting of the Commission on the 2005 Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan.

### VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

A resolution was presented to the Riverside Municipal Museum, represented by Curator H. Vincent Moses, Ph.D. Riverside City Councilman Dom Betro gracefully accepted a resolution presented to the City of Riverside for its commitment to the cause and imperative of historic preservation. Knox Mellon accepted a resolution on behalf of the California Mission Foundation. The City of San Juan Bautista, which recently became a Certified Local Government, was commended on that achievement by a resolution accepted by Judy Leydig of the San Carlos Heritage Foundation. Ms. Leydig told the Commission that San Juan Bautista volunteers had labored for four long years to bring this achievement to fruition.

Supervising Ranger Joann Redoble accepted a resolution applauding California Citrus State Historic Park for preserving the history of the Citrus Industry for present and future Californians. Ranger Redoble expressed her appreciation to the City of Riverside for its cooperation and ongoing assistance. Finally, Commissioner William Hildebrandt, who is retiring from the Commission, was presented a resolution of appreciation for his dedicated service to the Commission and the State.

### VII. **SLIDE PRESENTATION**

Deputy SHPO Stephen Mikesell, MaryIn Lortie and Cynthia Howse presented slides of all properties on the Commission consent calendar.

Deputy SHPO Steve Mikesell discussed the six Napa County stone bridges. Napa County is home to virtually all the stone bridges in the State, which were designed by Oliver Buckman in the early twentieth century.

## VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**Maxwell Creek Bridge on Hardin Road**  
Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Corona High School**  
Corona, Riverside County  
Local Level of Significance

**Carneros Creek Bridge on Old Sonoma Road**  
Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Condominium 1**  
Sonoma County  
National Level of Significance

**Napa River Bridge on Zinfandel Lane**  
Local Level of Significance

**Kerckhoff Building & Annex**  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance

**Garnett Creek Bridge on State Highway 29**  
Calistoga, Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Long Beach Professional Building**  
Long Beach, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance

**Garnett Creek Bridge on Greenwood Avenue**  
Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Temelec**  
Sonoma County  
State Level of Significance

**Swartz Creek Bridge on Aetna Springs Road**  
Napa County  
Local Level of Significance

**Hornitos Masonic Hall No. 98**  
Mariposa County  
Local Level of Significance

### B. CALIFORNIA REGISTER

**Oak Lawn/Shippee Ranch**  
Stockton, San Joaquin County

**Markham Hotel**  
Ripon, San Joaquin County

### C. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

**Mother Orange Tree**  
Butte County

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

Commissioner Hoyos said he had enjoyed the stone bridges nominations and was thrilled that Condominium 1 of Sea Ranch had been nominated. He also

voiced his appreciation of the chance to see and learn about Corona High School, which he considered a fine building. Finally, he expressed his admiration for the tiny Hornitos Masonic Hall, a “jewel.”

Ken Cooper, Lodge Historian for the Hornitos Masonic Hall #98, thanked the Commission and especially Cynthia Howse for her invaluable assistance. The Lodge will be the centerpiece of a 150th anniversary of the town.

Peggy Temple, Planning Director of the City of Corona, thanked the Commission for its positive reception of the Corona High School National Register nomination. Chair Bricker spoke of her fondness for Corona and its “circular” plan, designed to attract people to the town.

Commissioner Hildebrandt asked Deputy SHPO Mikesell about the condition of the stone bridges of Napa County. Mr. Mikesell noted that the bridges were amazingly well preserved. The Commissioner also asked Historian Howse about Sea Ranch and its chances of receiving National Register status. Ms. Howse replied that she was going to address that issue Friday afternoon in her presentation at the California Preservation Foundation Conference.

#### D. 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.*

<b>Baker &amp; Hamilton</b> , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	2/09/05
<b>Petitfils-Boos House</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	2/15/05
<b>Storrier-Stearns Japanese Gardens</b> , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	2/15/05
<b>Textile Center Building</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	2/15/05
<b>Bembridge House</b> , Long Beach, Los Angeles Co.	2/10/05
<b>Avenel Cooperative Housing Project</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	2/27/05
<b>Holzwasser Building</b> , San Diego, San Diego Co.	2/27/05
<b>Saratoga Foothill Club</b> , Saratoga, Santa Clara Co.	2/27/05
<b>El Cabrillo</b> , Los Angeles Los Angeles Co.	3/30/05
<b>Second Church of Christ Scientist</b> , Long Beach, Los Angeles Co.	4/05/05
<b>Security First Bank of Los Angeles</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	3/30/05
<b>Southern Pacific Railroad Depot</b> , Whittier, Los Angeles Co.	3/29/05
<b>Merrill, Charles W., House</b> , Orinda, Santa Clara Co.	4/07/05
<b>Spencer, John, House</b> , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	4/14/05

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **Capitol Historic Preservation Society**

Dan Visnich, Executive Secretary of the Capitol Historic Preservation Society, appeared before the Commission to ask that it recommend to the Legislature's Joint Rules Committee that it support the position that the Capitol View Protection Act be extended south of Capitol Mall to X Street and from Eighth Street west to the Sacramento River. The reason, he asserted, was to prevent an imprisonment of the Capitol complex that would forever curtain off scenic views.

Visnich went on to explain that his organization believes that the overriding issue is that proposed state and private commercial buildings – especially the Twin Towers scheduled for construction on the former Sacramento Union newspaper site on Capitol Mall – are destroying views of the Capitol. He hopes that a bill by Assembly Member Jones introduced to increase housing in the West End Project could be amended to impose height restrictions around the Capitol complex views.

SHPO Donaldson commented that preserving a view corridor to the Capitol is a worthy objective.

Commissioner Hoyos asked if OHP is in the loop as regards this issue.

SHPO Donaldson said it is, especially as regards the West End Project. He said he couldn't see how the 52-story twin towers would fit in.

Commissioner Green noted that the high-rise towers went before the city Historic Preservation Board and that group had had no comment. The first 20 floors of one building will be hotel space. First, one building will be built; then, if the response is good, the second tower will be built. She added that although the community seems clearly against moving Heilbron House, the Department of General Services (DGS) reported that there was no objection to moving it.

Mr. Visnich added that the Capitol Commission wanted height limitations in 1992, but couldn't get them approved.

Chair Bricker asked the Commission for direction in drafting a letter voicing its opinion on Stanford Mansion and/or Heilbron House and the Capitol View Protection Plan.

Commission Green said that she is Chair of the State Historic Capitol Commission and would like the Commission to protest moving Heilbron House to make way for the West End Project. She suggested that there be two separate letters: one to the SHPO's office for forwarding to the City of Sacramento and one to DGS.

Chairperson Bricker said she wanted to hear this issue again at the August meeting in Sacramento.

SHPO Donaldson suggested that the Commission could tour both the Stanford Mansion and Heilbron House after the Thursday Workshop in August.

### **Lincoln Place Apartments**

Laura Burns spoke on behalf of Amanda Seward, who was unable to attend the meeting. She said that the proponents of Lincoln Place felt that the removing of that property from the agenda was unfair. She added that the Applicant had five days to prepare an amendment addressing documentation of the nomination whereas the owner's attorney had five months to mount his objections. She pointed out that the statute, regulations, and technical manual governing nominations to the California Register are not consistent. Ms Seward prepared the nomination and received technical help from OHP staff. She believes there was substantial compliance with the regulations and technical manual and that the additional information requested added nothing that altered the original nomination substantively. This is not a controversial nomination, but is instead one whose support is wide and deep. The only opposition is from an out-of-state company.

Chairperson Bricker advised Ms. Burns and the audience that OHP is looking at the inconsistencies.

### **Society for California Archaeology**

Shelly Davis-King, new President of the Society, said she'd sat on the original forms committee for the DPR 523, which has long needed updating and revision. She presented copies of a handsome poster done by her husband, John A. Lytle, an artist. She added that she has initiated an updating of the CEQA guidelines and would like a joint commission or task force to accomplish the revisions. She added that archaeology should not be the stepchild of historic preservation.

## **X. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

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

No report

- B. Public Outreach Committee ~ Commissioner Hartig

No report

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

Commissioners Maniery reported that the manual the committee has been working on is awaiting approval by the State Parks Legal Office. She added that John Thomas has new responsibilities, so Eric Allison is the new CHRIS Coordinator. Her committee's report was also available on the back table of the auditorium.

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

Commissioner Hoyos advised that his report on the Modern Movement Committee was available on the back table.

G. California Register Regulations Assessment Committee ~ Commissioner Bogaard

No report

## **XII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hildebrandt wanted to discuss the issue brought up at the Workshop session. It seemed clear to him that the Commission wants input on issues which prevented the State Historical Resources Commission from hearing the Salk and Lincoln Place nominations.

Commissioner Bogaard commented that she would appreciate a greater level of communication so that the Commission could offer its expertise to staff when it is considering these issues. She reiterated Ms. Burns earlier complaint that the statutes, regulations, and technical manual governing California Register are not, in fact, consistent.

Commissioner Novey said she wasn't clear what time constraints had had to do with the removal of Lincoln Place from the agenda.

SHPO Wayne Donaldson reminded the Commission that responsibility for the technical review of nominations rests with OHP staff.

Commissioner Bogaard asked if the Commission was going to be able to hear both nominations at the next Commission meeting.

SHPO Donaldson said that the California Register was intended to be a people's register. The League of Cities complicated matters with their timetable of notification. It is his responsibility to advise the Commission Chair when properties are withdrawn from the Commission agenda. In the case of Lincoln Place, there were more deficiencies than those pinpointed by the attorney for the property owners.

Chairperson Bricker commented that she would like, as Chair, to be part of the dialogue when properties are removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Bogaard requested that both properties be heard at the August Commission meeting.

SHPO Donaldson assured her that Lincoln Place would be on the agenda, but that there may be impediments to hearing the Salk nomination.

Commissioner Hoyos remarked that he too understood that commissioners could request that nominations be heard and that he too requested that the two nomination be heard.

Staff Counsel La Franchi said that the 60-day notice was critical.

Commissioner Maniery asked if someone needed to make a motion that the properties be heard.

Chairperson Bricker wondered if the motion on the table at the end of the May meeting were renewed, could the Commission then hear the two nominations?

Staff Counsel La Franchi responded that it would be appropriate only if the motion failed to be approved.

Chairperson Bricker wanted aye or nay votes on each property.

Commissioner Hildebrandt said he thought it was still up in the air how after what happened at the last meeting. Was it, he asked, up to the legal staff to make that determination?

**Action:** Chairperson Bricker asked for an audible vote on the Commission's willingness to hear the Salk nomination. Motion unanimously carried.

**Action:** Chairperson Bricker asked for an audible vote on the Commission's willingness to hear the Lincoln Place nomination. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Bogaard asked SHPO Donaldson if a tour of Salk was still an option. Mr. Donaldson said he understood that a group tour was not possible; only individuals or two commissioners at a time could tour the property. Commissioner Bogaard said she thought seeing the property on a one-to-one basis was inappropriate. SHPO Donaldson thought that Chairperson Bricker was probably the best point of contact for whatever tours might be feasible.

Commissioner Novey thanked retiring Commissioner Hildebrandt for his very thoughtful participation in the Commission and said she would miss him.

Chairperson Bricker brought up the proposed amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and asked that the issue be placed on next meeting's agenda so the Commission can take appropriate action.

Commissioner Bogaard said that if something happens as regards the NHPA in the interim, she'd appreciate an email message from the Office of Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Hildebrandt reminded commissioners that at the Thursday workshop they'd spoken of writing the eight members of the legislative committee considering the amendments who are from California. The American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) wants OHP to compile data on properties that might be affected by the changes.

Chairperson Bricker reminded Commissioners that the next Commission meeting would be August 5 in Sacramento.

Deputy SHPO Mikesell said he thought it would be possible to arrange tours of both the newly-completed Stanford Mansion and Heilbron House; OHP staff will advise once plans are in place.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
Executive Secretary

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