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Quarterly Meeting
of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
625 Court Street, Room 204
Woodland, California

November 5, 2004

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Anthea M. Hartig, Ph.D., Chairperson

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

Claire Bogaard

Philip P. Choy

Kathleen Green

William R. Hildebrandt, Ph.D.

Luis Hoyos, AIA

Mary L. Maniery

Carol L. Novey

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, Executive Secretary

Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Eugene Itogawa, Supervisor, Fiscal and Registration Unit

Camille Valencia, Recording Secretary

Maryln Lortie, Staff Historian

Diane Thompson, Staff Assistant

Angela Windtberg, 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 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Hartig.

II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

III. WELCOME

The Commission was welcomed to the City of Woodland by the Honorable Mariko Yamada, representing District 4 of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Honorable Neal Peartt, a member of the Woodland City Council.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2004

Chairperson Hartig had amendments to the Minutes as drafted that improved the flow and organization. Vice-Chair Bricker moved and Commissioner Green seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. **Action:** motion unanimously carried.

V. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Hartig noted that the California Performance Review has reversed its recommendation to eliminate the State Historical Resources Commission.

B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wayne Donaldson told the Commission that State Parks has embarked upon the Great Central Valley Initiative, by which it intends to focus more attention and resources on the Central Valley. To kick that off, the 2005 and 2006 meetings of the Commission will be centered on Central Valley communities, starting with the February 2005 meeting, which will be held in Bakersfield.

State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Donaldson also advised that a trailer bill to the 2005 Fiscal Year State of California Budget transferred the Main Street Program to the Office of Historic Preservation. This means that the office will eventually charge for services provided to prospective and current Main Street communities. There is currently no money to fund this program, but the search for resources is under way. In the meantime, the office is working closely with the California Main Street Association

(CAMSA). He added that when the Trade & Commerce lost funding for the Main Street program, there were 38 communities with Main Street programs. He mentioned that additional personnel would be hired to staff the Main Street program and the sorely needed CEQA reviewer position.

Mr. Donaldson also touched upon the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) programs, citing the project CHRIS is doing for the Desert Management Group. He also touched upon CHRIS work for the Biodiversity Council.

Deputy SHPO Steve Mikesell introduced Archeologist Mike McGuirt, who was not present when other OHP staff members were introduced.

VI. RESOLUTION

Chairperson Hartig announced the award of Commission Resolution of Commendation No. 2004-06 to the Town of Truckee for attaining Certified Local Government status. Truckee City Manager Duane Hall received the Resolution for the Town of Truckee.

Resolution No. 2004-07 was presented to Eugene Itogawa for his long and valued service to both OHP and the Commission. Mr. Itogawa is retiring from State service after a career spanning 30 ½ years.

A final resolution, No. 2004-08, was awarded to Dr. Hans Kreuzberg, who has long managed the Project Review unit at OHP, for his dedicated service to both the office and the people of California, as he too retires from State service.

VII. SLIDE PRESENTATION

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

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Avenel Cooperative Housing Project
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

**Holzwasser/Walker Scott
Dept Store & Owl Drugs**
San Diego, San Diego Co.
Local Level of Significance

Webster School
Markleeville, Alpine Co..
Local Level of Significance

Saratoga Foothill Club
Saratoga, Santa Clara Co
.Local Level of Significance

Storrier-Stearns Japanese Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.

Wayfarers Chapel
Rancho Palos Verdes, Los

State Level of Significance

Angeles Co.
State Level of Significance

Pettitfils-Boos Residence
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance Co.

Bridgeford House
Bethel Island, Contra Costa
Co.
Local Level of Significance

Baker and Hamilton Building
San Francisco, City/Co. of San
Francisco
Local Level of Significance

Textile Center Building
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

Bembridge (Green) House
Long Beach, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

MarylIn Lortie advised the Commission that the Merrill House nomination had been postponed.

Vice-Chair Bricker asked Beth Wyman, who had nominated the Saratoga Foothill Club, if she'd consider pursuing a National Landmark designation for the club. She will take it to the membership of the club, which is currently 100 women strong.

Jane Eiseley, who had submitted the nomination for the Bridgeford House, thanked the Commission and noted that this was the first National Register nomination she'd worked on in California.

Vice-Chair Bricker complimented the Avenel Cooperative Housing Project nomination.

Commissioner Maniery reminded commissioners that they had toured Bembridge House and asked that the nomination make reference to the presence of a possibly significant archaeological site on the property.

B. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARK

USS Recruit
San Diego, San Diego Co.

Wayne Donaldson spoke of the significance of the Recruit to the citizens of San Diego, noting that it was commissioned in 1949. He then introduced Anthony Newman, another OHP staff member and author of the nomination, who told commissioners the saga of this landlocked training vessel.

It was moved by Commissioner Bogaard that the Commission approve the nominations on the Consent Calendar. **Action:** Motion unanimously carried.

IX. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Cogged Stone, ORA-83

Bolsa Chica, Orange Co.

State Level of Significance

Staff Archaeologist Mike McGuirt gave the Commission his staff report, which recommended that the nomination be returned to the applicant for revision.

Chair Hartig advised the applicant and her attorney that time constraints would permit them forty minutes to present their information, as the owners of the property, who oppose the nomination, had not sent representatives.

Ms. Jeffredo-Warden presented her conclusions to the Commission, noting that the site is one of the earliest religious sites, significant for its place in prehistory. It is remarkable for the astronomically-based art to be found there. She took great pride in her role in bringing this information to the world and in her ancestors' role in creating this site and the artifacts found there. She advised the Commission that the Coastal Commission had voted to accept her archeoastronomical interpretation of the site. She also presented a slide show of artifacts and the site itself.

Next, Tom Hoskinson presented his supporting information about California Indian astronomy to the commissioners. He referred to the Native American tradition of systematic sky watching and gave, as an example, their belief that the Milky Way is the river that souls of the dead travel.

Next, Paul Kleven, Ms. Jeffredo-Warden's attorney, addressed the Commission, asking them to send the Cogged Stone nomination reworked by his client to the National Park Service and let the Keeper make the decision. He further stated his belief that there are many problems with an earlier nomination for the site, prepared by Dr. Patricia Martz.

As the applicant raised the issue of short notice of staff concerns about the nomination, Deputy SHPO Mikesell said that the applicant had, in fact, been notified of the negative comments of reviewing staff, but that, because of other staff commitments, that notification had occurred not long before the SHRC meeting.

Commissioner Hildebrandt agreed that the site is important and said he would support taking the nomination from the state to the national level of significance. He elaborated that the stone sculpture is phenomenal and, dated to about 8,000 years ago, represents the earliest high quality art in North America. He found less plausible the applicant's archeoastronomical arguments for the site, enumerating his reasons for his position. First is the location of the site on high ground. Then, he found applicant's linking of the cogged stones with celestial bodies only one of a number of possible interpretations of their meaning or use. Commissioner Hildebrandt felt that a more compelling case could be made for the interpretation of the cogged stones as abstract,

portable sculpture, rather than representational art, as implied in the nomination. Finally, as regards the connection of the site and alignments with celestial bodies at the time of the solstice, he voiced the opinion that few could speak with authority on this subject and he was not persuaded by applicant's assertions.

Commissioner Hildebrandt said that he reviewed ten years of the journal *Archeoastronomy*, fifty-five papers in all, and concluded that the ORA-83 site lacks the linear features noted for many of the archaeoastronomical observation points in those articles. Further, he felt that the proposal before the Commission offers too unequivocal a stance. He suggested that the applicant focus on the site as a potentially important source of data for discussions of the coastal migration theory for the peopling of the western hemisphere, document that the site contains the earliest high quality art but back off on the solstice issue and, if feasible, pare the nomination down to twenty-five pages.

Commissioner Choy asked his fellow commissioners what tipped the balance when deciding whether a nomination was to be forwarded or returned for additional work? He cited page 12 of the nomination, which states that Native Americans have the right to submit their own nomination reflecting their own point of view, even if that point of view is not shared by OHP staff or the Commission. He believed that this passage rebutted the staff report.

Commissioner Novey contributed her thought that staff and the Commission, as Westerners, may simply not understand the ideas put forth in the nomination, as much information is passed down from one generation to the next in the Native American world. She thought it critical to respect the viewpoint put forth in the nomination, even if that means accepting the fact that we outsiders may not understand this perspective.

Vice-Chair Bricker offered a pragmatic approach, that if the main concern is to save the site, that fact should outweigh all others and her fellow commissioners would do well to see this nomination as an amendment to the original nomination and relay it to the Keeper.

Commissioner Maniery stated that she agreed with the staff report and felt that the nomination needs more comparative data and greater development of some of the points made.

Chair Hartig remarked that the potential for the archaeoastronomical perspective doesn't require integrity of the site, as it has already been so extensively excavated. She added that she felt that the case for Criterion A needed further work.

Commissioner Hoyos said he had no doubt that the nomination has merit, but noted that the Commission had a hard time accepting the perspective expressed. He wondered if they could determine eligibility, add their comments and forward the current nomination.

Wayne Donaldson stated that commissioners needed to decide if they could forward the nomination as is or if they wanted applicant to work with staff in reworking some passages.

Commissioner Hoyos asked for agreement from Commissioner Hildebrandt that the nomination would be molded to emphasize its strengths, while eliminating its more speculative aspects

Vice-Chair Bricker asked Mike McGuirt if he was concerned about the integrity of the site. She added that there were originally three sites, but this nomination deals with a portion of the Hearthside Homes site. That issue was rewritten in the Martz nomination.

Commissioner Bogaard agreed that paramount is the fact that the site needs to be preserved. She asked that the nomination be condensed and the archeoastronomical aspect downplayed.

Commissioner Hildebrandt agreed with Commissioner Bogaard, but wanted nevertheless to see the nomination again, as he was not convinced by the archeoastronomical aspects of the nomination

Chairperson Hartig asked for a motion.. Deputy SHPO Mikesell laid out the options as approve, reject, staff to work with applicant to reword, the applicant to rewrite parts of the nomination, then forward to Keeper, and approval by the Commission with conditions.

Commissioner Hildebrandt moved, but subsequently withdrew, his motion to condense the nomination, focus on the coastal migration theory, and make a better case for the archeoastronomical aspect of the nomination. Commissioner Hoyos had seconded that initial motion.

Vice-Chair Bricker, noting that the Martz nomination covered the larger site, asked if there can be two nominations of essentially the same site.

Commissioner Choy commented that the Commission doesn't have the right to deny Native Americans their rights.

Commissioner Hildebrandt responded that he saw his job was to protect the integrity of the National Register.

Commissioner Hildebrandt moved, Hoyos seconded that applicant be asked to revise the nomination for resubmission to the Commission in the future.

Vice-Chair Bricker and Wayne Donaldson agreed in their contention that the nomination didn't warrant rehearing, preferring that it be approved conditionally.

Chairperson Hartig asked for a vote on the motion before the Commission, the Hildebrandt-Hoyos motion. **Action:** Motion failed passage.

Vice-Chair Bricker moved to approve the nomination with the condition that OHP approve the revised nomination before it is forwarded to the Keeper. Commissioner Novey seconded.

Chairperson Hartig, in an attempt to specify the criteria relative to which OHP would approve the proposed revision to the nomination, said that there should be four key changes to the existing nomination before it is deemed a complete application by staff and then forwarded to the Keeper. The first one is to focus the discussion of significance on the coastal migration theory of the peopling of the continent. To focus, secondly, on the fact the incredible product of the material culture of the site is the earliest high quality sculptural artifacts that exist in this part of North American or in the nation at least. And that the archaeoastronomical issues that have been recently articulated continue to be considered but perhaps less vehemently. The chairperson also recommended that the applicant reduce the application down to a manageable size of less than 30 pages.

Chairperson Hartig further stated that the site's high quality sculpture should be found to be significant under C rather than A, and that the revised application should clearly articulate the property's significance under Criteria A, C, and D at the national level of significance.

Staff Counsel Tara Lynch suggested that a time frame be added to the motion. Deputy SHPO Steve Mikesell said that the key issues are site boundaries, level of significance, and criteria A & D. He suggested that applicant focus on the coastal migration, the fact that the stones are the earliest high quality sculpted artifacts, lessen the prominence of the archeoastronomical issue, and reduce the application to a manageable size, perhaps less than 30 pages.

Commissioner Bogaard suggested a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of six months for the time frame, to which Vice-Chair Bricker and Commissioner Novey agreed.

Chairperson Hartig restated the motion to conditionally approve CA-Ora-83 and to go through the four conditions within the next six months, or before May 5, 2005. At such time as staff feels that the conditions of approval have been met, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper. Chairperson Hartig then called for a vote, which was a tie, with four votes yea (Bogaard, Bricker, Green, Novey) and four votes nay (Hildebrandt, Maniery, Hoyos, and Choy. Chair Hartig then voted in the affirmative to break the tie.

Action: Motion carried.

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.*

Church of St. Joseph , Los Banos, Merced Co.	7/08/04
Casa de Rosas , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	7/14/04
La Loma Bridge , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	7/14/04
Whitley Court , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	7/28/04
John Stanford Brown House , Walnut Grove, Sacramento Co.	7/28/04
Building at 735 Market Street , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	7/27/04

First Street Bridge , Napa, Napa Co.	8/05/04
Milliken Creek Bridge , Napa, Napa Co.	8/05/04
Hillcrest Park Fullerton, Orange Co.	8/11/04
House at 1015 Prospect Boulevard , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	8/20/04
House at 1141 North Chester Avenue , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	8/20/04
House at 1240 North Los Robles , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	8/20/04
House at 674 Elliot Drive , Pasadena, Los Angeles Co.	8/20/04
Dr. Raymond Babcock House , Willits, Mendocino Co.	8/19/04
Swedenborgian Church , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	8/18/04
Baker Highway Maintenance Station , Strawberry, Tuolumne Co.	9/02/04
First Pacific Coast Salmon Cannery Site , Broderick, Yolo Co.	9/04/04
Women's Athletic Club of San Francisco , San Francisco, San Francisco Co.	9/10/04
Monterey County Jail , Salinas, Monterey Co.	9/24/04
Alpine County Courthouse , Markleeville, Alpine Co.	9/30/04

Removed

C. CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

An anticipated discussion of the Commission's findings on the Azusa Foothill Drive-In was postponed until February

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.*

Childhood Home of the Beach Boys, Hawthorne, Los Angeles Co. 8/6/04

F. CALIFORNIA POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

G. 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:*

Severn Dairy Wallscape, Burlingame, San Mateo Co. 8/6/04

X. 2005 COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Deputy SHPO Mikesell updated the Commission on the progress OHP staff has made towards the plan. The team is in the process of identifying three levels of specificity: issues, goals, and, finally, objectives, actual measurable actions to be taken. The group has agreed to nine topics and expect to produce white papers on each for the next milestone, the February Commission meeting. As a means of narrowing and giving focus to the identified areas of concern, staff held a workshop

under the auspices of the California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH), which drew forty participants who surprised staff by devoting two solid hours to the discussion of appropriate areas of concern.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelly Davis-King was introduced as the President of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA). She told the Commission she intends to attend as many Commission meetings as she is able to assure that SCA and the Commission work together as cooperatively as possible.

XII. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2005 Election of Officers

Commissioners Hildebrandt and Novey informed the audience that Chairperson Hartig and Vice-Chair Bricker had been nominated for a second term.

Wayne Donaldson queried Staff Counsel as to how to put appointment of commissioners back on a staggered basis, as at present two-thirds of the commissioners' terms will expire in July, 2005. Staff Counsel Lynch promised to research the issue and report back at the February meeting.

Commissioner Hildebrandt then moved, second by Commissioner Novey, that Commissioners Hartig and Bricker be retained in their present positions for another term. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

B. Selection of Meeting Dates and Locations

Wayne Donaldson told the Commission that State Parks has embarked on what it is calling the Great Central Valley Initiative, hence meeting locations for the upcoming year reflect a Central Valley emphasis. Deputy SHPO Mikesell then presented the Commission the schedule of next year's meetings and locations, which are as follows:

February 4, 2005 in Bakersfield
May 12, 2005 in Riverside (coincides with CPF Conference)
August 5, 2005 in Sacramento
November 4, 2005 in Fresno

Vice-Chair Bricker moved, seconded by Commissioner Hoyos, that these locations be approved for 2005. **Action:** Motion unanimously carried.

The Commission discussed the logistics for the next meeting in Bakersfield. It was suggested that the Workshop preceding that meeting be devoted to a panel discussion wherein commissioners

might discuss their areas of expertise and how those interests and skills might be utilized by Bakersfield. Commissioner Bogaard asked that time be set aside to discuss documentation requirements, as she had felt more time was needed than the discussion at the Thursday Workshop.

- C. 2004 Annual Report of the State Historical Resources Commission
Gene Itogawa told the Commission that the report is being compiled by OHP staff and will be ready for their approval at the February meeting. Chairperson Hartig noted that she was in the process of revising Commission goals to be included in the report.

XIII. 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

A written report was made available.

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

Commissioner Novey told the Commission that she and Commissioner Green would be brainstorming ways to secure the investment of the Schwarzenegger administration in preservation issues.

- E. Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee ~ Chairperson Hartig

Advised the Commission that she is in the process of revising the Yearly Goals and Objectives for insertion in the Commission's Annual Report.

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

No Report other than the news that Cynthia Howse has prepared language for the OHP website to publicize news of the Committee. Vice-Chair Bricker is co-chair of the Modern Committee for next year's California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Conference to be held in Riverside in May.

G. California Register Regulations Assessment Committee ~ Commissioner Bogaard

No report

XIV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Bricker asked OHP staff if they had heard anything relating to the Jackling House, which was discussed at last meeting and she understood was slated for an appeal hearing on October 12. Staff had received no news about this property.

Commissioner Novey graciously thanked OHP staff for their help in preparing for Commission meetings. Deputy SHPO Mikesell complimented the contributions of new OHP staff member, Camille Valencia, whom he called a "dynamo."

Gene Itogawa thanked the Commission for their support and cooperation during his long tenure as head of the Registration unit and staff to the Commission. Though assured he would always be welcome at future Commission meetings, he doubted he would have difficulty in discovering other uses for his time in retirement.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
Executive Secretary

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