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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Chico Old Municipal Building
441 Main Street
Chico, California 95928
January 20, 2012
9:00 a.m.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bryan K. Brandes, Chair, Public Member
Rick Moss, Vice Chair, History
Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture
Donn Grenda, Ph.D., Prehistoric Archaeology
Richard Shek, Ethnic History

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Fernando Guerra, Folklore
David Phoenix, Public Member
Julianne Polanco, Architectural History

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary
to the Commission
Jenan Saunders, Acting Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tara Lynch, Senior Staff Counsel, California State Parks
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Amy Crain, State Historian II
William Burg, State Historian I
Eric Allison, Associate Information Systems Analyst/California Historical Resources
Information System Coordinator
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary

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 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Brandes.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brandes led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), introduced the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

IV. WELCOME

Honorable Mary Ann Schwab, Mayor of the City of Chico, welcomed the Commission to the City of Chico.

Bob Summerville, Senior Planner with the City of Chico Planning Department, welcomed the Commission and described the process of creating a preservation program in the City of Chico, how his city became a Certified Local Government (CLG), and provided some information about their preservation ordinance.

Chairman Brandes then thanked the many people who had helped with the logistics of the workshop and meeting as well as the tour and reception on Thursday.

V. RESOLUTIONS

Marilyn Linkem, District Superintendent for California State Parks' Northern Buttes District, accepted the resolution for Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park, and Michael Magliari accepted on behalf of the Bidwell Mansion Association.

John Gallardo, President of the Chico Heritage Association, accepted the resolution for his organization, ably assisted by Lucy Sperlin.

Bob Summerville, Senior Planner with the City of Chico, accepted the resolution for the City.

VI. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2011 MINUTES

Chairman Brandes entertained a motion to approve the October 28, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Grenda moved to approve the minutes as

submitted. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chairperson Brandes had no report.

B. Executive Secretary's Report

SHPO Donaldson thanked staff for their work in planning and holding Thursday's workshop and Friday's meeting. He reminded the City of Chico about the funding opportunities open to them now that they're a Certified Local Government.

He went on to talk about the NASA Guidelines for Moon Resources that were inspired in part by the listing by various states, including California, of the resources at Tranquility Base.

SHPO Donaldson touched upon the fact that renewable energy projects are still a big issue in California as well as the rest of the nation.

SHPO Donaldson went on to talk about the Main Street program, which is undergoing some major changes at present. He also mentioned the currently unfunded Preserve America program and noted that state historic preservation offices nationwide are looking for ways to link the Main Street, Preserve America, and Certified Local Government programs.

SHPO Donaldson then asked Acting Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders to discuss the State Plan that OHP is in the process of writing. Deputy SHPO Saunders mentioned the draft goals and objectives that had been distributed to the Commission on January 13. She noted that Commissioner Polanco, who was unable to attend the meeting, had emailed her suggestions that stewardship be woven into the goals and objectives, along with the idea of OHP taking a leadership role in California preservation issues. No other commissioners commented on the draft goals and objectives. Deputy SHPO Saunders said the team would be revising the draft goals and objectives based on comments received and would post them on the OHP website for public comment within the next few weeks.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Registration Unit staff presented a PowerPoint program that highlighted the properties to be heard by the Commission.

IX. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Dr. O.S. Ensign House
Ontario, San Bernardino County
Local Level of Significance
2. Howard-Ralston Eucalyptus Tree Rows
Burlingame, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance
3. Fox Wilshire Theatre
Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
4. Lorenz Hotel
Redding, Shasta County
Local Level of Significance
5. Steel Development House Number 2
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nomination

1. Legg Lake Play Sculptures
South El Monte, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

C. California Historical Landmarks, New Nomination

1. Savannah Memorial Park
El Monte, Los Angeles County

Chairman Brandes asked whether anyone wanted to request that a nomination be withdrawn. No one made such a request.

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice Chair Moss moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Blaylock, a member of the Burlingame City Council, congratulated the City of Chico on obtaining CLG status and thanked the Commission for approving the **Howard-Ralston Eucalyptus Tree Rows**. Jennifer Pfaff, President of the Burlingame Historical Society, thanked the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for help in drafting the nomination, along with OHP

Registration Unit Supervisor Jay Correia and William Burg. Elizabeth Kruse Greene, of Caltrans District 4, commented that trees are an interesting resource to manage because they're a living resource. Caltrans works with the City of Burlingame and OHP when trees need to be removed or replaced. She added that Caltrans works hard to balance safety needs with their responsibilities as good stewards of historical resources.

Brian McGuire discussed the history of **Steel Development House Number 2** and how it fit into the context of modernist architecture.

Senya Lubisich, representing Friends of La Laguna, thanked the Commission for approving the nomination of **Legg Lake Play Sculptures** to the California Register of Historical Resources.

X. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM

A. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nomination

A. Arcata Branch Chapel, LDS Church Arcata, Humboldt County Local Level of Significance

Jay Correia gave a PowerPoint presentation about this nomination and read his Staff Report. Subsequently, the three people attending in opposition to this nomination, led by Russ Guns, of Mitchell, Brisso, Delaney, and Vrieze, gave their PowerPoint presentation and followed up by stating their basic position in opposition to the nomination. Melinda Peak, of Peak and Associates, rebutted the nomination's arguments regarding the resource's eligibility under Criteria 1 and 3.

Ray Luce, an elder of the LDS Church, as well as a former SHPO from Ohio and Georgia, discussed the resource's lack of integrity and how it doesn't meet the 50-year rule under either National Register or California Register criteria. Mr. Guns then submitted a letter of opposition from 33 community residents.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bertoli voiced his opinion that the later modifications to the building were too extreme and didn't reflect the same sensibility as the original design. In addition, he felt that the staff report was accurate and straightforward.

Commissioner Shek asked staff why proponents of the nomination weren't present; Jay Correia replied he didn't know.

Commissioner Shek moved that the nomination had failed to show that the resource meets the criteria for listing in the California Register. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Chaplin, from Nevada County, discussed the value of the historical plaque program, which makes the state's history visible to the public and provides a context for resources. She spoke of her concern that plaques are susceptible to theft and replacing them is too expensive. She wondered if there is a more affordable way to provide those plaques, perhaps made of some other material. SHPO Donaldson then told the history of the program and changes it had undergone over time, along with the role that groups like E Clampus Vitus have played. He added that OHP is looking at the use of other materials to help keep costs down, as well as a new app our IT Division is considering creating for State Historical Landmarks as a way to help the public get more information about CHLs and provide an avenue for the public to interact with the program by uploading photos and GPS coordinates.

Cathy Blaylock, City of Burlingame, discussed the WPA resources that are being threatened, including the Burlingame Post Office, which has become a de facto town center for Burlingame and is now for sale as surplus federal property. SHPO Donaldson added to that discussion by saying that such surplus sales must go through the Section 106 process, so interested members of the public should inform themselves and get involved in that process in order to have their comments heard and thus factored into any decisions involving such resources.

XII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2011 Annual Report

Vice-Chair Moss moved to accept the report as presented by staff. Commissioner Grenda seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

B. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Revised Electronic Fee Structure – Eric Allison, Associate IS Analyst/CHRIS Coordinator

Eric Allison gave some background on the fee structure presented to the Commission, along with some sense of the discussions that Commissioner Grenda had with SHPO Donaldson and staff the night before the meeting.

The Commission then discussed the proposed electronic fee structure presented by staff as well as an alternate structure presented by Commissioner Grenda. During the course of this discussion, Commissioner Grenda voiced concern about not having been involved in the process to develop the fee structure presented by staff. SHPO Donaldson assured Commissioner Grenda that he would be involved in all future discussions with the ICs about the fee structure.

Commissioner Grenda moved to maintain the current fee structure until the next Commission meeting on condition that he be directly involved in discussions regarding development of a new fee structure that can be analyzed by The Results Group during their work on the Strategic and Business Plan. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Grenda noted that the Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee has been involved in working on the fees.

There were no other committee reports.

Commission Grenda also advised that the Archeology Committee was continuing with white paper implementation.

XIV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no commissioner comments. A recess was called at 12:15 p.m. and the commissioners were transported to the Northeast Information Center (NEIC) for the next item on the agenda.

XV. PRESENTATION AT THE NORTHEAST INFORMATION CENTER

The meeting was reconvened at 12:40 p.m. at the NEIC.

Amy Huberland, Coordinator for the Northeast Information Center, gave commissioners and staff an introduction to her Information Center and how it operates. She went on to answer questions from commissioners and members of the public in attendance.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date