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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Downtown Anaheim Community Center
250 East Center Street
Anaheim, California
May 1, 2013
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bryan K. Brandes, Public Member
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Marshall McKay, Folklife
Anmarie Medin, Historic Archaeology
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Julianne Polanco, Chair, History
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture
David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary to the Commission
Jenan Saunders, 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 II
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary

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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 Chair Julianne Polanco.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Polanco led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Carol Roland-Nawi, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), introduced the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

IV. WELCOME

Audrey Lujan, City Librarian for the Anaheim Public Library, and Jane Newell, Heritage Services Manager for the City of Anaheim, welcomed the Commission to Anaheim. Ms. Lujan and Ms. Newell mentioned the City's continuing work in the arena of historic preservation and history, including the Anaheim Public Library's Heritage Services Room, the Muzeo complex's use of the original Carnegie Library building, the 3rd grade curriculum developed for Founders' Park, which has two relocated buildings from Anaheim's early settlement period, and the City's Mills Act program, which is the third largest in the state.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. Jane Newell, Heritage Services Manager for the Anaheim Muzeo, accepted the resolution being given to the Anaheim Muzeo.

VI. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2013, MINUTES

Commissioner Moss moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Brandes seconded the motion. Action: Motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Chair Polanco had no report.

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Roland-Nawi commented that she would focus on happenings at OHP in her remarks. She first mentioned that the Office of Historic Preservation has released a Request for Proposals to enter into a contract for the creation of a context statement and National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form on Latinos in California in the 20th century. Proposals are due by May 16, and we anticipate the project being completed by June 2014.

SHPO Roland-Nawi also advised that the North Coastal Information Center has closed, and its records moved to the Northwest Information Center. As she will be meeting soon with North Coast tribes, she will seek to ascertain their interest in finding a way for the records formerly maintained by the North Coastal Information Center to be kept in the north coast area.

SHPO Roland-Nawi also announced the formation of the OHP Outreach/Communications Committee tasked with assessing the effectiveness of current modes of outreach and communication and the development of new methods and models. In an attempt to make some improvements to our communications, the OHP newsletter, *Preservation Matters*, will take a thematic approach to each issue. The upcoming issue will be focused on California as a trendsetter and trailblazer in terms of historic preservation programs and projects.

SHPO Roland-Nawi addressed the progress that is being made on a Modernization and Sustainability Plan for the California Historical Resources Information System, which was discussed at the Commission's workshop on April 30, 2013.

SHPO Roland-Nawi also discussed pending archaeological property nominations in the OHP and plans for getting them reviewed and, when applicable, bringing them before the Commission for a hearing.

SHPO Roland-Nawi noted that longtime Review and Compliance Unit staffer Dwight Dutschke had retired at year's end and that Local Government Unit staff member Marie Nelson, the OHP's survey coordinator, retired in March 2013.

Lastly, Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders was asked to give an update on the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. Saunders announced that, with the plan's approval by the National Park Service, the State Plan team in the OHP had created a series of lists of suggested activities that people can undertake in support of the plan's goals and vision. These lists are available online and pertain to different categories of

people, such as tribal members, consultants, preservation advocates, historic sites managers, etc. Deputy SHPO Saunders also reminded the commission and public in attendance that nominations are currently being accepted for the 2013 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards, which are presented in November. Nominations are due in the OHP office, or postmarked, by May 13, 2013.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES

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

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Polanco announced that three properties will be moved from the Consent Calendar to Discussion and Action (Item X). These included the National Register nominations for Plummer Park, West Hollywood, Los Angeles County; Case Study House #23A, La Jolla, San Diego County; and University Heights Water Storage and Pumping Station Historic District, San Diego, San Diego County.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Hotel Rosslyn
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
2. Vallejo City Hall
Vallejo, Solano County
Local Level of Significance
3. Vallejo Masonic Temple
Vallejo, Solano County
Local Level of Significance
5. Women's Twentieth Century Clubhouse Eagle Rock
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local level of Significance
6. Boyle Hotel
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
7. The Case Study House Program: 1945-1966 MPS
Los Angeles, San Diego, Ventura Counties
Local Level of Significance

8. Case Study House #1
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
9. Case Study House #9 (Entenza House)
Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
10. Case Study House #10
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
11. Case Study House #16
Bel Air, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
12. Case Study House #18
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
13. Case Study House #20 (Bass House)
Altadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
14. Case Study House #21
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
15. Case Study House #22 (Stahl House)
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
16. Case Study House #23C
La Jolla, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance
17. Case Study House #28
Thousand Oaks, Ventura County
Local Level of Significance
18. Mount San Jacinto State Park Historic District
Idyllwild, Riverside County
State Level of Significance
19. Historic Designed Gardens in Pasadena: 1873-1975 MPS
Pasadena, Los Angeles County

Local Level of Significance

20. Richard & Mary Alice Frank Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
21. Herbert Hoover Jr. & Margaret Watson Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance
22. Batchelder/Dean Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
23. Herbert Coppell Garden Water Feature
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
24. Ira & Margaret Byner Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
25. La Pintesca Park
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance
26. Reynolds, Kenyon & Patricia (Pfitzer) Garden
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
27. Upper Busch Gardens Historic District
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
28. Lower Busch Gardens Historic District
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
29. George Hansen House
Anaheim, Orange County
Local Level of Significance
30. John Woelke House
Anaheim, Orange County
Local Level of Significance

B. California Point of Historical Interest, New Nominations

1. San Juan Elementary School
San Juan Capistrano, Orange County
Local Level of Significance

Commissioner Brandes moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion approved unanimously.

Ernesto Espinoza, from the East Los Angeles Community Corporation, thanked the Commission for their approval of the Boyle Hotel nomination. Mr. Espinoza discussed how the hotel's restoration gives him a sense of pride as a native of Boyle Heights.

Linda Allen, current president of the Women's 20th Century Club of Eagle Rock, mentioned how excited she was about the approval of their National Register nomination and thanked Christy McAvoy for her help with it. Ms. Allen discussed how the club has been the cultural heart of the community for 100 years.

Elysha Paluszek, who prepared the nomination for the Hotel Rosslyn, wanted to thank the commission for their support of the nomination.

Michelle Taylor-Buble, a volunteer with the Capistrano Unified School District, discussed how the designation of the San Juan School is a well-deserved recognition for the City of San Juan Capistrano as a culturally-minded community and thanked the commission, school superintendent, and principal for their support.

Christy McAvoy, who worked on the Women's 20th Century Club nomination, thanked the commission and OHP staff for their assistance and thanked the club's leadership for their support.

Pamela Galera, a landscape architect with the City of Anaheim, discussed the designed landscape at Founders' Park, which had two properties on this agenda, and thanked Heritage Services Manager Jane Newell for her support of the nominations.

Adrian Scott Fine, with the Los Angeles Conservancy, thanked the Conservancy's Modern Committee for its work on the Case Study House Program nomination and thanked the commission and Amy Crain for their support and assistance.

Alex Bevil, of California State Parks, thanked the commission and Amy Crain for their support of and assistance with the Mt. San Jacinto nomination. He also discussed the support of the department's Inland Empire District and staff at the

park unit. Mr. Bevil hopes this nomination will open the door to more nominations of properties in California's state parks and told the commission to expect more nominations in the future as funding allows.

Todd Friedman, of California State Parks, thanked the commission for its approval of the Mt. San Jacinto nomination.

**X. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM**

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Plummer Park
West Hollywood, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

Jen Dunbar, president of the West Hollywood Preservation Alliance and author of the Plummer Park nomination, spoke in support of the nomination. She thanked the Commission for hearing this nomination and discussed how listing of the clubhouse would be a source of pride for her organization and the community. She urged approval of the nomination under Criterion A for its association with the Works Progress Administration (WPA), and under Criterion C for its representation of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. Ms. Dunbar mentioned how the resource represents a historic era when there was a major effort to promote and facilitate the creation of parks in the Los Angeles area. She closed by describing the clubhouse as a living building in that it has been continuously in use by the community since 1938.

Kevin Farrell, a member of Act Up Los Angeles and researcher at UCLA, spoke in support of the nomination and discussed the founding of Act Up Los Angeles in Plummer Park's Great Hall in 1987, where they continued to meet weekly for a decade. During that time West Hollywood represented the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in the Los Angeles area and the work of Act Up LA during the time they met in Plummer Park is extremely important within Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) history. Mr. Farrell discussed how the work of Act Up LA further supports the building's significance under Criterion A even though it wasn't included in the nomination.

Stephanie Harker, founder of Protect Plummer Park and co-founder of the West Hollywood Preservation Alliance, spoke in support of the nomination and discussed how the park's Great Hall/Long Hall building served as a location for community activities and organizations

throughout its existence, including such groups as the Head Start program and the Audubon Society.

Cathy Blanas, a longtime West Hollywood resident, spoke in support of the nomination and read from the City's Municipal Code about the value of historical resources and the importance of preservation in order to build understanding of the city's history. She thanked the commission for helping the city's residents protect Plummer Park.

Adrian Scott Fine, on behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, spoke in support of the nomination and discussed how the Conservancy offers its strong support for this nomination due to the rarity of WPA resources in the Los Angeles area and for the resource's association with LGBT history.

John Keho, Planning Manager for the City of West Hollywood, spoke in opposition to the nomination and read from the letter the City had submitted prior to the meeting about the city's history of support for historic preservation. In summary, the letter discussed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that the City prepared for Plummer Park. The EIR found the Clubhouse eligible for listing as a local and a state resource, and the City adopted a statement of overriding considerations because other community needs outweigh the preservation of the building.

Jen Dunbar spoke in rebuttal to the opposition and mentioned that although the city has other problems involved with this building, the Commission's charge in this meeting is to look simply at the criteria for eligibility.

No one spoke in rebuttal for the opposition.

Commissioner Brandes asked staff to re-read the criteria under which the park is being considered. Jay Correia restated Criterion A for its association with the WPA and Criterion C for its embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival style.

Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission approve the nomination under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance. He also commended the City of West Hollywood for their work in historic preservation and reminded them that the Commission is only looking at eligibility criteria, not economic or social factors. Commissioner Brandes seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Case Study House #23A
La Jolla, San Diego County

Local Level of Significance

Chairperson Polanco asked staff to read the letter of opposition received from the property owner for this nomination. Amy Crain read the letter which simply stated the owner's opposition to listing without providing any reason or arguments against eligibility. Chairperson Polanco then asked legal counsel to explain the issue of property owner objection. Tara Lynch described how the Commission's charge is simply to look at the issue of eligibility under the applicable criteria. If the Commission approves of a nomination, it is then sent to the Keeper of the National Register who, if she agrees with the Commission's finding, will formally determine the resource eligible for listing due to the fact that a property cannot be listed in the National Register over the owner's objections.

Regina O'Brien, chair of the Los Angeles Conservancy's Modern Committee, spoke in support of the nomination. She thanked the committee for its work in preparing these nominations.

Peter Moruzzi, of the Los Angeles Conservancy, spoke in support of the nomination and thanked the Commission for its support of the nomination. He discussed how Case Study House #23A is a very important component of the Case Study House Program.

Alan Leib, of the Los Angeles Conservancy's Modern Committee, spoke in support of the nomination and thanked Ken Bernstein and the Los Angeles Conservancy for their work on it. He discussed how these houses are threatened by inappropriate changes and used the house next door to Case Study House #23A as an example in that it couldn't be nominated to the National Register as a result of inappropriate changes that had been made to it that significantly impacted its historic integrity.

Steven Patrick Kyle, of the Los Angeles Conservancy's Modern Committee, spoke in support of the nomination and pointed out how the owner's letter of objection presents no argument for opposing the nomination or why they feel the property is not eligible. Mr. Kyle believes this is a result of confusion and lack of understanding about what listing means. He mentioned that the committee will continue to talk with the property owner to hopefully clear up any misunderstandings that might exist.

There was no one present to speak in opposition to the nomination.

Commissioner Brandes moved that the Commission determine that the property meets National Register Criteria A and C at the local level of

significance. Commissioner Moss seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

3. University Heights Water Storage & Pumping Station Historic District
San Diego, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance

Chairperson Polanco asked staff to explain the position of the opposition to this nomination. Amy Crain read from the letter sent by the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board, explaining that the City of San Diego Development Services Department staff recommendation in the letter is that only the Elevated Metal Water Tank is eligible and not the rest of the district.

Alex Bevil, representing the North Park Historical Society, spoke in support of the nomination, which he wrote as a volunteer. He discussed how limiting the nomination to just the water storage tank ignores the important role that the entire complex played in the history of the city's development. Mr. Bevil argued that all contributors to the district are part of a unified story, even though they may not be individually eligible.

Katherine Hon, Secretary for the North Park Historical Society, spoke in support of the nomination as an important component in protecting their neighborhood's historic character. She further discussed how the district nomination places the water storage tank in its larger context and therefore helps to tell the whole story of how providing water enabled the growth and development of the neighborhood. Ms. Hon finished by reading from the letter of a local fifth grader about the importance of the district.

Stephen Hon, President of the North Park Historical Society, spoke in support of the nomination. He mentioned how he was gratified that the City of San Diego supported the water storage tank's listing but argued that separating it from the district takes it out of context.

No one spoke in opposition to the nomination.

Commissioner Medin asked staff to re-state the issue of district eligibility versus individual eligibility of the water storage tank. Amy Crain said that the district is eligible under both Criteria A and C and that the water storage tank is individually eligible under Criterion C for engineering.

Commissioner Medin moved to recommend that the district meets National Register Criteria A and C at the local level and that the water

storage tank is individually eligible under Criterion C. Commissioner McKay seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
Progress Report**

Chair Polanco updated the Commission on the various properties that had been listed in the National Register since the last meeting of the Commission.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rachel Ruston, with San Diego Gas and Electric, talked about the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) digitization efforts and her company's strong support for getting the Information Centers digitized and keeping this on the commission's agenda in the future.

Sebastian Garza, of Southern California Gas and Electric, stated his disappointment in not seeing the CHRIS digitization effort on the agenda for this meeting of the Commission. He emphasized the need for standardization and consistency and discussed how having digital data will save money, expedite the environmental review process, and minimize impacts to resources.

Chairperson Polanco asked Deputy SHPO Saunders to give an update on the CHRIS Modernization and Sustainability Plan. Ms. Saunders mentioned how the plan has been reviewed by the Information Centers, the CHRIS Working Group, and the full Commission. It will be finalized shortly and put online for public comment. Ms. Saunders reiterated that the Office of Historic Preservation also wants to see the digitization effort accelerated from what it has been the past few years and that the plan lays out a course for achieving this based on sufficient funding being found.

XIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. None

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee

This committee had no report

B. Cultural Diversity Committee

This committee had no report.

C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC)

This committee had no report.

D. Modernism Committee

This committee had no report.

XV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moss apologized for missing the workshop on April 30, welcomed the new commissioners, and said he was looking forward to serving on this commission with them.

Chairperson Polanco mentioned that the Commission will have a discussion about committees and committee membership at their next meeting.

XVI. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2013

Counsel Tara Lynch reported that Commissioner Brandes had nominated himself to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of the year. Commissioner McKay moved to accept the nomination. Commissioner Harris seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date