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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Natural Resources Building Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California
August 2, 2013
9:00 a.m.
DRAFT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Bryan K. Brandes, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Marshall McKay, Folklife
Anmarie Medin, Historical Archaeology
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Julianne Polanco, Chair, History
David Phoenix, Public Member
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

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
Eric Allison, California Historical Resources Information System Coordinator
William Burg, State Historian I
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor

Amy Crain, State Historian II
Matthew Walker, Volunteer Intern
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 9:02 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

Aaron Robertson, Chief Deputy Director for California State Parks, welcomed the commission and discussed various State Parks initiatives, including: the upcoming 150th anniversary of California State Parks (and the modern parks movement) to take place next year; the new leadership of the Parks Forward Commission, the members of which will be announced in mid-August; the department's new Strategic Action Plan, which is focused on restoring and rehabilitating the state park system currently in place; and, State Parks' partnership with UC Merced in the development of a Parks Leadership Institute. Chief Deputy Director Robertson concluded by telling the commission about the cultural archives facility the department has opened at McClellan Business Park and invited the commission to tour the facility at a future meeting.

V. RESOLUTIONS

A. Milford Wayne Donaldson accepted the resolution given to him by the commission in recognition of his years as State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary to the commission.

- B. Samantha Fisher and Elizabeth Leong accepted the resolution given to them by the commission in recognition of their having been selected for the California Historic Places special award at National History Day in California for their Junior Group Exhibit entitled "Building a Legacy: The Golden Gate Bridge and Its Impact on the World." The award was co-sponsored by the California Office of Historic Preservation, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the California Historical Society.
- C. Anusha Vemuri and Pratyusha Vemuri were not able to attend the meeting to accept the resolution given to them by the commission in recognition of their having been selected for the California Historic Places special award at National History Day in California for their Senior Group Exhibit entitled "Richmond Kaiser Shipyards (1941-1946): A New Frontier in Shipbuilding." The award was co-sponsored by the California Office of Historic Preservation, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the California Historical Society. The resolution will be mailed to the Misses Vemuri.

VI. APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2013, MINUTES

Commissioner McKay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion approved unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Chair Polanco thanked the North Central Information Center for their hospitality in hosting the tour and workshop on August 1, 2013, and thanked all who participated in the workshop discussion. Chair Polanco then mentioned the recent passing of preservationist and architect Alice Carey and emphasized what a huge personal and professional loss her passing represents.

Chair Polanco reviewed the action taken by the Commission at their workshop on August 1, 2013, which created the Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (Chair Polanco, Vice-Chair Brandes, and Commissioners Medin and Praetzellis, committee members); Archaeological Resources Committee (Commissioners Medin and Praetzellis, committee members); Cultural Diversity Committee (Commissioners Moss and McKay, committee members); Modernism Committee (Commissioners Harris, Phoenix, McKay, and Bertoli, committee members); and abolished any previously standing committees. Commissioner McKay moved to approve the motion. Vice-Chair Brandes seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously. Chair Polanco

then announced the appointment of the committee chairs as suggested at the previous day's workshop:

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Roland-Nawi introduced Morrissa Reddon, a summer intern with the Office of Historic Preservation, and discussed the program under which she is working—the National Park Service's Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program. Roland-Nawi also discussed the project Morrissa is focusing on during her time with the OHP, researching the history of the community of Marinship in Sausalito and evaluating its eligibility for the National Register.

Roland-Nawi then discussed the OHP's new Latinos in 20th Century California context and Multiple Property Documentation Form project, for which a contract has just been executed and an advisory committee established. Roland-Nawi informed the commission about the members of the advisory committee and indicated they would have their first meeting in September in Los Angeles.

Roland-Nawi went on to discuss the OHP's work, with partner organizations, to explore the possibility of getting a state tax credit passed. She additionally informed the commission of the OHP's progress on the Modernization and Sustainability Plan for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) and a more specific action plan that will guide the CHRIS' efforts over an 18-month period beginning November 1.

Roland-Nawi reported on how the OHP had recently provided training for its own staff in the coordination of the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 review processes, which was particularly valuable because it focused on these issues from the perspective of the OHP's work as project reviewers.

Roland-Nawi closed by informing the commission about the Certified Local Government grants that were recently announced by the OHP, which will fund a variety of activities and projects in cities and counties throughout the state.

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders mentioned, as part of the Executive Secretary's report, a project that the OHP is undertaking as part of the California State Parks 150th anniversary and one that will also involve the commission. That project will involve the designation of new California Historical Landmarks in state parks throughout California and the placement of plaques at those locations as well as at current Landmarks in parks that do not yet have a plaque. She indicated that she hopes some of the commissioners will be able to attend the plaque dedication ceremonies for parks in their region or in which they have a special interest.

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

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Strathmore Apartments
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance
2. Rubel Castle Historic District
Glendora, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
3. Residence at 1111 North Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
4. Residence at 1121 North Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

B. National Register of Historic Places, Request for Approval to Relocate

1. Bono's Restaurant and Deli
Riverside, Riverside County

C. National Register of Historic Places, Removal

1. Folsom Depot Passenger Coach (Contributor)
Folsom, Sacramento County

D. California Historical Landmarks, New Nomination

1. Site of Echo Summit
South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County

E. California Points of Historical Interest, New Nomination

1. Leona Valley Schoolhouse
Leona Valley, Los Angeles County

Vice-Chair Brandes moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion approved unanimously.

Cindy Oswald of the Eldorado National Forest spoke in support of the nomination of the Site of Echo Summit as a California Historical Landmark. She mentioned how important the 1968 Olympics were in a time when there weren't sports on TV 24/7 as there are now. She discussed how Echo Summit is managed by the U.S. Forest Service for recreational purposes today and the Eldorado National Forest's importance as a convergence point for the Pacific Coast Trail, Tahoe Rim Trail, Pony Express Trail, and U.S. Highway 50 (the old Lincoln Highway).

Walt Little also spoke in support of the nomination for Echo Summit. He thanked the commissioners and staff for their help in designating the site and mentioned how the original idea for this high-altitude training camp was his father's, who was a sports editor for a newspaper in Bakersfield before moving to Tahoe and purchasing a paper there.

Three people spoke in support of the nomination for the Rubel Castle Historic District. First Christine Lazzaretto of Historic Resources Group thanked the commission and OHP staff Amy Crain and William Burg for their assistance. She also thanked the Glendora Historical Society. Jim Riley, president of the Glendora Historical Society, discussed how the district is a very unique place and represents 25 years of hard work in building it. Lastly Scott Rubel discussed how he worked at the castle in his teens and 20s and the impact it has had on him and others who helped create the castle and keep it.

X. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nomination

1. Chung Mei Home
El Cerrito, Contra Costa County
Local Level of Significance

Tom Pannas, a resident of El Cerrito, spoke in support of the nomination of the Chung Mei Home. He discussed what a unique institution it was and read from a speech made by a former Chung Mei Home boy about the influence the home, and its founder, had on his life. Pannas also discussed the issue of the integrity of the gymnasium building, pointing out that LSA Associates had worked on the new building and made recommendations regarding lessening its impact on the gymnasium, and that the school followed all these recommendations.

Joanne Rubio of the El Cerrito Historical Society spoke next in support of the nomination. She talked about discussions she has had with former residents of the school and how important it was to them in their growth and development. Rubio also emphasized how the school exemplifies the City of El Cerrito's openness to cultures that other cities shunned and actively worked to expel at the time the school was built.

Doug Griffin of Educational Ventures spoke against the nomination on behalf of the property owners. He discussed how the owners appreciate the cultural significance of the property and do not currently plan any changes to the school. He pointed out that the study conducted by LSA Associates in relation to the gymnasium building was at that time only predicting what impact the new building would have but that it does not necessarily reflect the impact it actually has had. He also stated that the photos selected for the nomination do not accurately reflect the impact of the new building on the gymnasium.

Tom Pannas spoke in rebuttal to the argument about the gymnasium building's integrity and the nomination's photographs, saying that there were many photos that showed the gymnasium building. Doug Griffin pointed out that the building is now only visible from a small portion of the site whereas originally it was a prominent element of the school campus.

In discussing the nomination, Commissioner Phoenix pointed out that the issue of the integrity of the gymnasium building needs to be considered in light of the fact that the property is being nominated under Criterion A, not C. Chair Polanco then reminded the commission about what owner objection means in relation to a nomination—that the property can only be determined eligible, not listed. Commissioner Harris said that in her opinion the nomination is accurate. Commissioner Bertoli asked if the school has any plans to change the campus, and Doug Griffin replied that they do not.

Commissioner Phoenix moved to recommend that the Chung Mei Home meets National Register Criterion A at the local level of significance. Commissioner Moss seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
Altadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

There were no public or commissioner comments related to this nomination. It was agendaized as a discussion item because the owner objects to the listing of the property but did not discuss in its objection

letter any reasons for the property not meeting the National Register criteria.

Commissioner Medin moved to recommend that the church meets National Register Criterion C at the local level of significance and meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration A. 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

There were no public comments on subjects other than the above agenda items.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Note: Chair Polanco moved this item and the next to earlier in the meeting than on the original agenda. She reiterated the Committees determined by the Commission at the Workshop on Thursday, and listed the Commissioners who had agreed to participate in each Committee.

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.

XIV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no commissioner comments.

XV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Electronic Fee Structure

Chair Polanco mentioned the lively and lengthy discussion the commission had at its workshop yesterday. Eric Allison then read the staff report he prepared, which was sent to the commission in advance of the meeting. Chair Polanco went over her notes from the workshop discussion, identifying the items that the CHRIS will be working on next: data storage and security, a plan for keeping up with changes in technology, letting the public know about what's available in electronic format, putting in place consistent standards for data and formats for software and hardware, OHP and Information Center coordination on information sharing. She closed by mentioning that she's disappointed that more progress has not been made and she is heartened by the CHRIS' plans for the future.

Commissioner Harris emphasized the need for standardization. She discussed, however, that she recognizes the Information Centers are doing a good job for their customers. Harris closed by saying that she would like to hear more specifics about the action plan in the future. Commissioner Praetzellis reminded the commission that they should keep the CHRIS' larger mission in mind and that the action plan needs to be aligned with this mission. Vice-Chair Brandes stated that he looks forward to seeing expedited movement on getting the CHRIS' Modernization and Sustainability Plan and Action Plan going. Commissioner Bertoli emphasized that he would like to see things happening as soon as possible. Commissioner McKay stated that he concurs with the other commissioners on the importance of mission, consistency, and standards and that he would like to see the CHRIS further its work with all governments—local, state, federal, and tribal. Commissioner Moss discussed that his goal is to see a successful resolution of the problems brought before the commission and that he is encouraged by the goal to have the CHRIS completely digitized by April 2015, if funding allows, and appreciates the hard work put into this effort by OHP staff, the Information Centers, and the commission.

Chair Polanco moved to approve the existing electronic fee structure until the commission's first meeting of 2014 at which time the OHP will provide an update on the action plan, with an emphasis on the CHRIS mission, storage and security issues, technology changes, consistency and standards implementation, public relations, and OHP and Information Center processes review. Commissioner McKay seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

9/16/13

Date