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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Historic City Hall, Historic Hearing Room
915 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California
November 7, 2014
9:00 a.m.
DRAFT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Julianne Polanco, Chair, History
Bryan K. Brandes, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Marshall McKay, Folklife (arrived 9:20 a.m.)
Anmarie Medin, Historical Archaeology
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

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, Chief Counsel, California State Parks
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Eric Allison, California Historical Resources Information System Coordinator
William Burg, State Historian II

Amy Crain, State Historian II
Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator
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 (SHRC) 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

Chair Julianne Polanco extended a welcome to all present on behalf of the Commission. She extended the Commission's appreciation to Kathleen Green, Sacramento Old City Association, for hosting a reception following the Commission's workshop on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

The Commissioners introduced themselves. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Carol Roland-Nawi introduced Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff present both at the dais and in the audience, noting newest staff members, Sean deCourcy and Patrick Riordan.

IV. WELCOME

Cynthia Gomez, Tribal Liaison to the Governor's Office, and Executive Secretary of the National Heritage Commission spoke on behalf Lisa Mangat, Acting Director of California State Parks, who was unable to attend the meeting.

V. RESOLUTIONS

- A. City of Palm Springs (California's 65th Certified Local Government).
- B. City of Sonoma (California's 66th Certified Local Government).

VI. APPROVAL OF August 1, 2014, MINUTES

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

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Julianne Polanco–Chairperson’s Report

No Report

B. Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.–Executive Secretary’s Report

1. Latinos in Twentieth Century California Multiple Property Submission (MPS) Update

SHPO Roland-Nawi reported that the MPS is undergoing in-house review and will be on the agenda for the Commission’s January 28, 2015 meeting.

2. 2014 Year in Review

Roland-Nawi outlined some of the highlights of the OHP’s year including development of the *Latinos in Twentieth Century California* context, revamping of the OHP website, a thematic format for the newsletter, resumption of the monthly ePosts, and internal reorganization of the OHP which will allow for cross-training of staff and expansion of Section 106 programs. SHPO Roland-Nawi noted the successful number of projects completed under Certified Local Government (CLG) grants, and the increased number of historic districts and tribal archaeological sites submitted for National Register nominations. She also mentioned the Tribal Consultation meetings the OHP has scheduled for late November and December in which the OHP will solicit tribal input on developing a tribal access policy for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

SHPO Roland-Nawi then invited Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders to present a PowerPoint presentation of the 2014 Governor’s Historic Preservation Award recipients. Three organizations and eight projects received awards this year.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee – Anmarie Medin, Chair

Commissioner Medin reported that the committee continues to move forward on implementation of the White Papers, working with OHP staff to meet the papers’ goals.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee – Rick Moss, Chair

Commissioner Moss reported on his plans to establish an initiative for a statewide African American Heritage Trail, which would increase public awareness and appreciation for resources significant to African American history and culture in California. The California African American Heritage Trail would be the first of its kind in the western United States.

Commissioner Moss invited John William Templeton to speak about his work in developing San Francisco's African American Freedom Trail. Mr. Templeton also spoke to the importance of increasing public awareness as a step toward better protection and preservation of resources related to African American history and culture.

Chair Polanco asked Commissioner Moss to place this item on the next meeting's agenda so a motion can be made by the Commission to formally recognize the initiative effort.

C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC) – Adrian Praetzellis, Chair

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that the committee has not met since the last Commission meeting. He mentioned that reports were given during Thursday's workshop regarding the CHRIS electronic fee structure. Commissioner Praetzellis noted that Eric Allison would report on this later on in the meeting.

D. Modernism Committee – Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

Commissioner Harris reported that the Modernism Committee is moving forward on two initiatives:

Integrity – panel discussions are planned for the California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference and for Modernism Week in Palm Springs.

Outreach – the goal is to connect modernism groups throughout the state to exchange best practices and discuss current issues related to California's modernism resources.

Break: 10:12 – 10:20 a.m.

IX. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR PROPERTIES

Jay Correia, State Historian III/Registration Unit Supervisor; Amy Crain, State Historian II; William Burg, State Historian II

X. CONSENT CALENDAR*

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Sebastian Indian Reserve Discontiguous Archaeological District
Restricted Location, Kern County
State Level of Significance
2. Franklin Rosborough Thomas House
La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
3. Amelia Vollers House
San Mateo, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance
4. George and Eliza Withington House
Ione, Amador County
Local Level of Significance
5. Mount Tamalpais Mountain Theater
(CCC in CA State Parks MPS)
Mill Valley (vicinity), Marin County
Local Level of Significance
6. Sonoma Valley Woman's Club
Sonoma, Sonoma County
Local Level of Significance
7. Guapiabit-Serrano Homeland Archaeological District
Location Restricted, San Bernardino County
State Level of Significance
8. San Diego Fire Station #6
San Diego, San Diego County
National Level of Significance
9. San Jose Central Fire Station
San Jose, Santa Clara County
Local Level of Significance
10. Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Palo Alto, Santa Clara County
Local Level of Significance

Chair Polanco read aloud the rules and procedures by which the Commission reviews and votes on the National Register of Historic Places and California Historical Landmarks nominations.

Commissioner McKay moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Christine Lazaretto, Historic Resources Group, and Theodore Thomas (son of Frank Thomas) spoke in support of the Frank Thomas House, thanking the Commission for their vote and Jay Correia, OHP Registration Unit, for his assistance.

John McMillian, San Jose Fire Museum, thanked the Commission for their support of the San Jose Central Fire Station.

Marilyn McDonald, Woman's Club of Palo Alto, thanked the Commission for their support of the Club, and also thanked Jay Correia and William Burg of the OHP for their assistance with the nomination process.

Victor Bjelajac, Department of Parks and Recreation, thanked the staffs of the OHP and California State Parks' Archaeology, History, and Museum Division for their assistance with the Mount Tamalpais Mountain Theater nomination.

XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Chair Polanco explained the process and time limits for public comments and rebuttals regarding the action items.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. CA-ORA-855
San Juan Capistrano, Orange County
Local Level of Significance

Patricia Martz, California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance, and Rebecca Robles, Native American descendant, spoke in favor of the nomination, noting the importance of this site in Native American traditions and oral history, and the fact that so many sites have been lost. They thanked the SHPO and staff of OHP for their assistance.

Commissioner Praetzellis voiced his support, saying he was glad significance was found under Criterion A, as this reflects the importance of considering human history, not just research when evaluating such sites.

With the period for discussion concluded, Commissioner Medin moved that the Commission determine that CA-ORA-855 meets National Register Criterion A at the local level of significance, and that procedural requirements of the nomination process have been met. Commissioner McKay seconded.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

2. Capitol Towers
Sacramento, Sacramento County
Local Level of Significance

Gretchen Steinberg of Sac Modern, Flora Chou of Page & Turnbull, Carr Kunze, and Barry Wasserman all spoke in favor of the nomination. They emphasized, among other things, the property's significance as the city's first construction project after the city launched its redevelopment efforts in the 1960s; the project's innovative use of outdoor spaces that brought the garden community idea of centuries past into a modern urban environment; and the importance of the property as a resource for studies on mid-century urban redevelopment.

Chris McMorris of JRP Historical Consulting spoke in opposition, stating JRP's belief that the property lacked sufficient historic integrity to meet the criteria for significance.

Commissioners Bertoli, Harris, Moss, and McKay all spoke in support of the nomination. The commissioners noted the successful interrelationship of indoor and outdoor spaces at Capitol Towers, and the property's importance as an example of this type of blended environment in a world moving increasingly toward high-density urbanization. They expressed their belief that having this type of property extant within the city's urban landscape is an asset to Sacramento.

The comment period having concluded, Commissioner Medin moved that the Commission determine that Capitol Towers meets National Register Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, and that procedural requirements of the nomination process have been met. Commissioner McKay seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McKay departed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

1. Cottrell House
La Jolla, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance

Desiree Kellogg and Diane Kane spoke in favor of the nomination and specifically the inclusion of parcel 4 for purposes of preserving the viewshed. They noted the existence of documents that detail architect May's intent to make the viewshed of the property integral to the architectural design of the property.

David Mandelbaum, the property owner, spoke in opposition to the nomination as written. He expressed his willingness to designate the house but opposed inclusion of the adjoining parcels, such as parcel 4, which he contended lacked significance.

The Commissioners then discussed the nomination, its merits, and the question of the importance of the viewshed to the property's significance. They reviewed which parcels were or were not included in the nomination and asked if they had the choice of considering only parcel 1 on which the house sits. Chief Counsel Tara Lynch stated that the SHRC does not have the authority to change a nomination; the commission's responsibility is to determine eligibility under California Register criteria of a nomination as it is written and submitted.

Commissioner Harris moved that the Commission determine the Cottrell House meets California Register of Historical Resources Criterion 3 at the local level of significance, and approve the nomination as written for listing in the Register. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded. A roll-call vote was taken: Commissioner Praetzellis—yes; Commissioner Harris—yes; Commissioner Medin—yes; Chair Polanco—no; Vice-Chair Brandes—no; Commissioner Bertoli—no; Commissioner Moss—no. **Action:** Motion failed.

XII. 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, as noted in the meeting agenda.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XIV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Native American Access Policy

SHPO Roland-Nawi reported that the OHP has four Tribal Consultation meetings scheduled for later in November and in December. A

teleconference is also scheduled. The purpose of the meetings is to gain tribal input on developing a tribal access policy for CHRIS. The OHP will report back to the Commission at the January 28, 2015 meeting regarding the results of the consultations.

B. California Historical Resources System (CHRIS) Electronic Fee Schedule

Eric Allison reported that the CHRIS electronic fee schedule was discussed at the SHRC workshop on Thursday, November 6, 2014, with a presentation by The Results Group, the contractor hired to analyze the current fee system. Based on the discussion and the contractor's findings, it was decided to keep the current fee schedule in place until all analysis evaluations are concluded in early 2015 and any recommended changes can be brought before the SHRC at their April 2015 meeting. Chair Polanco commended staff for all of their work on this issue.

Vice-Chair Brandes moved to continue the current fee schedule until the April 29, 2015 meeting of the SHRC. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded.

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

XVI. MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2015

Chair Polanco read the schedule of State Historical Resources Commission meetings for 2015 into the record:

January 28, 2015, Sacramento
April 29, 2015, San Diego
August 7, 2015, Sacramento
November 6, 2015, Sacramento

XVII. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2015

Commissioner Moss reported that no recommendations had come forward for new nominees; that instead the commissioners expressed the desire to reelect Chair Polanco and Vice-Chair Brandes, commending them for their excellent service through the last two term years.

Commissioner Moss moved to nominate Julianne Polanco and Bryan K. Brandes to a third term as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the SHRC. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously. Chair Polanco and Vice-Chair Brandes thanked the Commissioners for their endorsement and vote, and accepted the nomination.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

1/7/2015

Date