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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
New City Hall, City Council Chamber
915 I Street, 1st Floor
Sacramento, California
January 28, 2015
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 at 11:15 a.m.)
Anmarie Medin, Historical Archaeology
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
David Phoenix, Public Member (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

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
William Burg, State Historian II
Amy Crain, State Historian II
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary
Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator

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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

Chair Julianne Polanco extended a welcome to all present on behalf of the Commission. The commissioners introduced themselves. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Carol Roland-Nawi introduced Office of Historic Preservation staff present at the dais and in the audience.

Chair Polanco noted that the Forsythe Memorial School for Girls nomination was pulled from the January 28, 2015 consent calendar.

IV. WELCOME

Dr. Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Ph.D., Supervisory Historian and National Historic Landmarks Program Manager, thanked the Commission and the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) for working in collaboration with the National Park Service (NPS) on the NPS Latino Heritage initiative. She commended California for taking the lead with the creation of the state's Latinos in Twentieth Century California Multiple Property Documentation Form(MPDF), and noted that as the NPS moves forward on the Latino Heritage initiative, they will look to California as the model for their national efforts.

V. APPROVAL OF November 7, 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. Chairperson's Report

No Report

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Carol Roland-Nawi reported that the statewide Latinos in Twentieth Century California historic context was scheduled to be adopted later in the meeting, and once approved, will serve as the centerpiece for a large scope of nominations. An illustrated edition of the context, for more general public access, is in production and will be presented in April at the Commission meeting and at the California Preservation Foundation's annual conference. Eight to ten nominations for the National Register of Historic Places are anticipated over the next year, for association with the Latinos in Twentieth Century California Multiple Property Submission. SHPO Roland-Nawi also reported successful completion of the statewide consultations with tribal members regarding development of a tribal access policy for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). A working group, including tribal members, will be formed to use the information and feedback gathered from the consultations in developing the CHRIS tribal access policy. Also regarding the CHRIS, SHPO Roland-Nawi noted that work continues toward implementing updates and changes to the operational and fee structures of the CHRIS. The digitization of CHRIS inventories also is moving forward with four Information Centers (ICs) now approximately 90% digitized. It is expected that all high-demand data in the CHRIS will be available digitally by the end of 2015. On the subject of Information Centers, SHPO Roland-Nawi reported that it has been decided to close the San Bernardino IC later this year due to contractual and performance difficulties. SHPO Roland-Nawi concluded her report by mentioning the statement of OHP Goals for 2015. Developed with input from OHP staff and supervisors, these goals are above and beyond the normal scope of work of the OHP, and are intended to help implement and promote the goals and objectives outlined in the State Historic Preservation Plan. Copies of the statement were shared with the commissioners and will be posted on the OHP website.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES

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

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Latinos in Twentieth Century California Multiple Property Submission (MPS)
Multiple Counties
State Level of Significance

a. Intercultural Council Houses
(Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS)
Claremont, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

2. Cayetano Juarez Adobe
Napa, Napa County
Local Level of Significance

3. JC Weinberger Winery
Napa, Napa County
Local Level of Significance

4. Nichelini Winery (Amendment)
Napa, Napa County
Local Level of Significance

5. Aeneas Sardine Packing Company
Monterey, Monterey Company
Local Level of Significance

6. Oakland Lamp Works
Oakland, Alameda County
Local Level of Significance

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

1. William A. Whiffler House
Burlingame, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance

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

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

John Dominguez spoke in favor of the Intercultural Council Houses nomination. He noted that his father built one of the houses, and that the neighborhood integration effort, of which the Council Houses were a part, was ahead of its time. He thanked the OHP and the Commission for their support of the nomination.

Chair Polanco commended the SHPO and staff for the great amount of effort they put into the Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS, and said she looks forward to seeing further nominations as the process continues.

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

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Lydia D. Killefer School
(Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS)
Orange, Orange County
Local Level of Significance

Christine Lazzaretto, Historic Resources Group, spoke in support of the nomination. She emphasized the property's importance historically as the site of voluntary desegregation that inspired further desegregation throughout the region. She also noted that the Killefer School was one of the few remaining examples of 1930s school architecture in southern California.

Tim Surrige and Michael Christensen, both of Orange Unified School District, spoke in opposition, arguing that other, better examples of this style of architecture are present in the community. They maintained that the Killefer School did not hold large historical significance, and that other sites in the city already memorialized the historic desegregation effort. They also noted that the Killefer School property was not included within the city's Historic Preservation Zone.

Christine Lazzaretto spoke in rebuttal, reiterating her earlier arguments and stating that multiple properties can have historic importance worth recognizing.

Michael Christensen spoke in rebuttal of the rebuttal, stating that there are within the community fully operational schools, and questioning the efficacy of recognizing a school building that is in poor condition and has been abandoned for years.

With the time for public comments concluded, Chair Polanco asked for any Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Harris stated that she would vote yes on this nomination based on Criterion A for which she felt there was a strong case, as well as a good case under Criterion C.

With no further Commissioner comments, Commissioner Medin moved that the Commission determine that the Lydia D. Killefer School meets National Register Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, and procedural

requirements of the nomination process have been met. Commissioner Harris seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Historic Resources of Martinez, California Multiple Property Submission
Martinez, Contra Costa County
Local Level of Significance
 - a. Borland Home
(Historic Resources of Martinez, California MPS)
Martinez, Contra Costa County
Local Level of Significance

Kristin Henderson spoke in support of the nomination, stating that she was available to answer any questions the Commission might have as they made their deliberation.

Ray Pyle, Contra Costa Community College District, spoke in opposition. He asked the Commission to delay deliberation on this nomination until the next meeting, citing a need on his part to better prepare his argument against eligibility under Criteria A and C, and stating that he did not believe there had been enough time to prepare or become familiar with the criteria since being notified of the nomination.

Chair Polanco asked Chief Counsel Tara Lynch to remind them of the rules governing delays. Lynch explained that the Commission could choose to delay if they felt more information was needed to make a determination; however, there is no standard or criteria that would require the Commission to accept a request for delay.

After discussion among Commissioners, staff, and legal counsel, it was determined that notification procedures had been fully met within the required time frame, and that no further information was required by the Commissioners in order to vote on this nomination.

Commissioner Harris moved to accept the Historic Resources of Martinez MPS, and determine that the Borland Home meets National Register of Historic Places Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, and that procedural requirements of the nomination process have been met. Commissioner Bertoli seconded. **Action:** motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Harris commented that it would be good to do some additional public outreach educating people about National Register listing, in order to reduce the unnecessary fear associated with the process.

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, as noted in the meeting agenda.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josephine Talamantez commended the Commission and the OHP for their work on the Latinos Theme Study and the development of the Latinos in Twentieth Century California historic context. She stated that she was very proud to work with the OHP and Commission on this important work, and noted that California has been much more supportive of the effort than she has witnessed in other states.

Chair Polanco then thanked Ms. Talamantez for her participation on the Latino Advisory Committee.

Kristin Henderson spoke, thanking the Commission for their vote on the Martinez nomination, and agreeing with Commissioner Harris's remarks regarding the challenges of understanding and navigating the designation process. .

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee—Anmarie Medin, Chair

Commissioner Medin reported that work continues on implementing the White Papers. She also noted that the Committee will be taking part in the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) Annual Meeting in March, and she encouraged all present to attend the meeting as well.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee—Rick Moss, Chair

No report at this time.

C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee—Adrian Praetzellis, Chair

Chair Praetzellis reported that the committee had not met since the last Commission meeting. The next meeting would be in the Spring.

D. Modernism Committee

Commissioner Harris reported on the Committee's two working groups. The outreach group is working with OHP staff to facilitate efforts to connect modernism groups throughout the state. Members of the integrity group will be

presenting case studies as part of a panel discussion during Modernism Week in Palm Springs in February. The panel will also be presented at the CPF conference in April. Commissioner Harris expressed the Committee's desire to know how to appropriately support advocacy groups without overstepping the Committee's responsibilities and role as an extension of the Commission. The SHPO and legal counsel agreed to work with the Modernism Committee on this concern.

XIV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the State Historical Resources Commission 2014 Annual Report

Commissioner Moss moved to approve the report as presented.
Commissioner Harris seconded. **Action:** motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Harris complimented OHP staff on the professional presentation of the report, and suggested it be presented at the CPF conference. SHPO Roland-Nawi mentioned that the Director of Parks also was highly impressed with the report.

B. Committee Assignments and Membership

Chair Polanco asked for an update on Commissioners currently serving on each committee:

Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee:
Adrian Praetzellis, Chair; Bryan Brandes, Vice-Chair

Modernism Committee:
Beth Edwards-Harris, Chair; Marshall McKay, member; David Phoenix, member
Public members include Alan Hess, Vice-Chair, William Kolpek, and Gretchen Steinberg

Cultural Diversity Committee:
Rick Moss, Chair; Marshall McKay, member

Archaeological Resources Committee:
Anmarie Medin, Chair; Adrian Praetzellis, Vice-Chair

C. Approval for Support of the Statewide African American Heritage Trail Initiative

Historian John William Templeton spoke, thanking Commissioner Moss for bringing this initiative before the Commission. Mr. Templeton presented an

overview of the importance of African American history in the broader context of California and American history, and stressed the importance of getting that history into classroom curriculum and out to the public. He expressed his pleasure in working with Commissioner Moss on the African American Heritage Trail initiative.

Commissioner Moss asked the Commission to pass approval to support the initiative in whatever way their official capacity will allow.

Chair Polanco moved to approve and work with the OHP to support the African American Heritage Trail initiative. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** motion carried unanimously.

XV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

4/7/2015

Date