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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
August 7, 2015
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bryan K. Brandes, Vice Chair, Public Member
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
Marshall McKay, Folklife
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Julianne Polanco, 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
Eric Allison, CHRIS Coordinator
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 (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice Chair Bryan Brandes.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Brandes led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Vice Chair Brandes extended a welcome to all present on behalf of the Commission. The Commissioners introduced themselves. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Julianne Polanco introduced Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff present.

IV. WELCOME

Lisa M. Mangat, Director of California State Parks, welcomed the Commission to Sacramento, and observed that this was her first time to speak before the Commission. Director Mangat emphasized the like-minded goal of State Parks and the OHP to protect and preserve California's resources. She noted that the public is not always aware that the OHP is a part of State Parks and is the leading entity responsible for developing and implementing preservation programs for the state's cultural and historical heritage. Director Mangat discussed the transformation work underway at State Parks with regard to leadership, hiring processes, and overall system structure. She emphasized the commitment to increasing the relevancy of State Parks with California's diverse populace, and the efforts to draw more young people into parks and the park experience. Director Mangat expressed her appreciation for the work of the Commission and the OHP, and said she looked forward to attending future Commission meetings to provide updates on the ongoing transformation efforts at State Parks.

V. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Carol Roland-Nawi, California State Historic Preservation Officer 2012-2015. The resolution was rescheduled to the Commission's October 30, 2015 meeting.

- B. Gabrielle Gallo-Rodriguez, Tara Smith, and Gabrielle Flanders, 2015 National History Day in California Special Award Recipients (Junior Group Performance). None of the resolution recipients being present, Vice Chair Brandes read the resolution designation into the record.

- C. Rafael Ibarra, Chloe Esparza, and Cameron Quijada, 2015 National History Day in California Special Award Recipients (Junior Group Documentary). None of the resolution recipients being present, Vice Chair Brandes read the resolution designation into the record.

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders provided a brief explanation of the National History Day in California Special Award, noting the Commission's co-sponsorship of the award along with the OHP and the California Historical Society. She offered to provide each of the Commissioners with online links so they may view the winning performance and documentary.

VI. APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2015, MINUTES

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

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Vice Chair's Report

No report given

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and SHPO Polanco reported that she is settling into her new position as SHPO. She expressed her continuing appreciation for the diversity and caliber of resources in California. SHPO Polanco welcomed former Commissioner Anmarie Medin to her new position as supervisor of the OHP's Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit. She also was pleased to report that California received three National Park Service Maritime Heritage Grants. The OHP has applied for an Underrepresented Community Grant to help fund the office's proposed historic context study on properties associated with African Americans in Twentieth Century California. Nominations continue to be identified and developed in association with the *Latinos in Twentieth Century California* historic context. SHPO Polanco also reported that plans were underway for a Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit later this year, and that she will be participating in the State Parks and Recreation Commission meeting regarding cultural resources. SHPO Polanco concluded by

complimenting the staff of the OHP and expressing her pleasure at working with them in the months to come.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archaeological Resources Committee (ARC)—Adrian Praetzellis, Acting Chair

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that the ARC met once since the last Commission meeting. At the meeting of the ARC, Anmarie Medin announced she would be stepping down from the Commission and the ARC to begin her new position with the OHP. Ms. Medin will continue to be secretary for the ARC in her capacity as a private citizen. Commissioner Praetzellis also reported that the ARC continues to work on goals of the White Papers including creation of a draft Archaeological Survey Report Guideline.

B. Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC)—Adrian Praetzellis, Chair

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that the ICPAC had not met since the last Commission meeting. He noted that the main issues related to the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) and the Information Centers—modernization of the inventory and delivery system, and the fee schedule updates—are being addressed by the OHP at present, with ICPAC awaiting final outcomes.

C. Cultural Diversity Committee—Rick Moss, Chair

Commissioner Moss reported that he continues to work on the African American Heritage Trail initiative. He will be meeting with Assemblymember Cheryl Brown on August 25, 2015 to discuss funding possibilities for the Trail.

D. Modernism Committee-Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

Commissioner Harris reported the Modernism Committee will meet again in September 2015. They continue to work on issues related to integrity, and plan to organize another series of panel discussions. New panel participants will be sought as a way to broaden the diversity of issues and resources to be considered. The Committee continues to work toward getting more modern resources listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Harris reported that work continues also on building a database and list-serve of modernism organizations and supporters, as well as communities that do not yet have such organizations. Commissioner Harris also thanked OHP staff for the recent newsletter issue devoted to modernism.

IX. 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.

Vice Chair Brandes noted that item X. 6h of the Consent Calendar, the Palm Springs Tramway Valley Station nomination, was moved to XI. Discussion and Action Items.

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. National Farm Workers' Association (NFWA) Headquarters
Delano, Kern County
National Level of Significance
2. LCS-102
Vallejo, Solano County
Local Level of Significance
3. Offerman, John, House
Redwood City, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance
4. Dielmann, John, House
Redwood City, San Mateo County
Local Level of Significance
5. Judson & Brown Ditch
Redlands, San Bernardino County
Local Level of Significance
6. The Architecture of Albert Frey Multiple Property Submission
Mecca and Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - a. Carey House [Frey MPS]
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - b. Fire Station #1
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance

- c. Frey House II
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - d. Kocher-Samson Building
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - e. Loewy House [Frey MPS]
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - f. North Shore Yacht Club
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Mecca, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - g. Palm Springs City Hall
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - h. Palm Springs Tramway Valley Station
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
(Moved to Discussion and Action Items)
 - i. Sieroty House
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
 - j. Tramway Gas Station
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
7. Daniel Webster Harrier House
Vallejo, Solano County
Local Level of Significance
8. Calaveritas Creek Bridge

Calaveritas, Calaveras County
Local Level of Significance

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

1. Allen, Prescott House
Tustin (Vicinity), Orange County
Local Level of Significance
2. Hoxie-Vance Cabin
Idyllwild, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance
3. Stewart, Harry House
Ione, Amador County
Local Level of Significance

Vice Chair Brandes 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.

Commissioner Harris moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Sherli Leonard, Redlands Conservancy, spoke in support of the Judson & Brown Ditch. She recounted a brief history of the ditch, noting the ditch's significance in the early agricultural and community development of the region. Ms. Leonard expressed appreciation for the help of Amy Crain and Jay Correia of the OHP with the nomination process, and for the work of Tamara Serrao-Leiva in completing and submitting the nomination.

Peter Moruzzi spoke in support of the Architecture of Albert Frey MPS. He thanked the Commissioners for their vote, noting that Albert Frey was the first architect in Palm Springs to receive this recognition, and that there was a large level of support within the Palm Springs community for Frey and this nomination.

Danny Heller, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, also spoke in support of the Albert Frey MPS, mentioning the importance the properties had for the community, and for his work as an artist in Palm Springs. Mr. Heller also called attention to the large contingent of supporters from Palm Springs present in the audience.

Steve Mikesell, Mikesell Historical Consulting, expressed his support for the Calaveritas Creek Bridge, and thanked the Commissioners for their vote. Mr. Mikesell noted that he was speaking on behalf of the three ladies who had

worked with him on completing the nominations: Francesca Preston, Judy Marvin, and Julie Costello. He also thanked Jay Correia of the OHP for his assistance.

Tony Stasuik, Navy veteran, and volunteer on the LCS-102, thanked the commissioners for their vote and recognition of LCS-102's significance.

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

A PowerPoint presentation for each property preceded public comment and Commission discussion. Vice Chair Brandes read the rules and procedures related to discussion and action items.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Palm Springs Tramway Valley Station
(The Architecture of Albert Frey MPS)
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance

Amy Crain of the OHP read a letter of objection from the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority (Authority), owner of the Palm Springs Tramway Valley Station, in which it was argued that the property's integrity has been significantly compromised due to the impacts of past flooding, and changes through the years, to the landscaping, building, and mechanical components. The Authority is a public agency and public corporation of the State of California.

Peter Moruzzi responded to the letter of objection, stating that the property does retain integrity, that the essential elements and materials as originally designed by Frey are still clearly present.

Susan Secoy Jensen, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, also spoke in support of the nomination, citing the Tramway Valley Station as one of the outstanding examples of Frey's work as a master architect. She noted that the Station is one of the properties that attract Frey admirers from around the world to Palm Springs.

With no additional members of the public wishing to speak, Vice Chair Brandes closed the public comment section.

Commissioner Harris asked Peter Moruzzi if, when standing before the Tramway Station building, it still looks like Frey's work or does it look changed.

Mr. Moruzzi responded that the building still retains the look and feel of the original 1963 design.

Commissioner Bertoli asked to once again view the images of the Station, both the 1963 images and the more recent images. He asked when the elevator was added to the building. Mr. Moruzzi stated that he believed it was within the last five years.

Commissioner Bertoli moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Town & Country Center
Palm Springs, Riverside County
Local Level of Significance

Commissioner Harris recused herself, and left the meeting room for the duration of the presentation, discussion, and vote.

Tracy Beckman, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, spoke in support of the Town & Country Center (TCC) nomination, recounting the efforts to gain recognition for the mid-century property. She noted that the TCC nomination had support from some of the leading voices in modern architecture.

Susan Secoy Jensen also spoke in support, noting that TCC embodies key themes representative of the work of master architect A. Quincy Jones. She stated her belief that Town & Country Center is an excellent candidate for rehabilitation as an urban infill project.

Jim Harlan and Danny Heller, both of the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, also expressed their support, noting the property's value and potential for rehabilitation, and urging the Commission to support the nomination.

Peter Moruzzi, spoke in support, noting that TCC retains the high degree of integrity and significance required to meet the National Register criteria.

Chris VerPlanck, VerPlanck Historic Preservation Consulting, added his support, pointing out Town & Country Center's value as a commercial property that embodies a remarkably high degree of integrity.

With no additional members of the public wishing to speak, Vice Chair Brandes closed the public comment section.

Commissioner Moss asked for clarification on what was meant by Class 1 designation as mentioned in a letter of objection from Mr. Flinn Fagg, Director,

City of Palm Springs, Department of Planning Services. Staff explained that the classification was Palm Springs' way of identifying their preservation properties.

Commissioner Bertoli asked to see the Town & Country Center photos again. Staff mentioned that both new and historic images were presented as a way to help illustrate how much integrity still remained, and how little the property had changed over the years.

Jay Correia asked to go on record in response to Commissioner Moss's question regarding local designations. Mr. Correia stated that city councils frequently override their preservation office's recommendations and designations.

Commissioner Moss noted the significance of master architects Jones and Williams' involvement with the property, pointing out Paul Williams' significance as a pioneering and renowned African American architect.

Commissioner Bertoli moved to approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Break: 11:08-11:20 a.m.

XII. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Progress Report

Vice Chair Brandes updated the Commission on the various properties that had been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since the last meeting of the Commission, as noted in the meeting agenda.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XIV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Meeting Schedule Change: November 6, 2015 to October 30, 2015

To avoid conflict with the National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, and in response to requests from the public, the recommendation was made that the next Commission workshop and meeting be moved to October 29th and 30th respectively.

Commissioner Harris so moved. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. CHRIS Modernization and Sustainability Plan and Electronic Fees Update

SHPO Polanco directed the Commissioners' attention to the summary of public comments on the CHRIS Service Delivery Model Analysis and Recommendation Report; the Commissioners had received the public comments summary by email prior to the meeting. SHPO Polanco noted that the public comments will be referred to and considered as the CHRIS Transition Study is developed.

Eric Allison, CHRIS Coordinator, reviewed the new annual report format now being used by the Information Centers (IC), demonstrating how information related to fees and IC activities and agreements is listed within the report and what categories of information are included. He also presented a draft Summary Report, noting that the report draws from the IC reports and includes information regarding searches, financial totals, contracts executed during the reporting cycle, and the status of data available online.

Commissioner Praetzellis expressed his appreciation for the reports and the added categories of information.

Vice Chair Brandes also stated his appreciation for the reports, feeling they provide transparency.

Mr. Allison reported that the OHP has looked at various means of tracking IC information and activities, and automating billing processes. Mr. Allison also stated that he has investigated cloud-based reporting formats and whether the format and the cost will fit the needs of the CHRIS. He feels the level of information in the IC reports currently is good. He asked the Commissioners to let him know if they required any additional information beyond what is listed in the reports.

SHPO Polanco stated that by the next Commission meeting they would have more analysis available now that Mr. Allison had created a good means of comparing like-information and had the cooperation of all the ICs to provide that information.

Commissioner Bertoli asked when the Commission will discuss the fee structure. SHPO Polanco responded that the Commission had agreed to include that discussion on the agenda for their next meeting.

Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders gave an update on the CHRIS Action Plan, going over the eight actions identified in the plan and reporting on their current status with regard to completion. She reported that a new Action Plan is targeted to cover the period from November 2015 through April 2017, focusing on a number of actions including the transition study. The new Action Plan will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Praetzellis asked if there was anything the Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC) could be doing to assist with any of the action items in the plan. Deputy SHPO Saunders replied that the ICPAC's assistance with the transition study would be helpful. SHPO Polanco added that the ICPAC's input also would be valuable in answering some of the questions the Commission may have as the process moves forward.

SHPO Polanco noted that Native American tribal access fees policies fees are being addressed separately and should not therefore be caught up in the longer-term study and process. She also said the Commissioners would be provided with links to the Archaeological Resources Committee's White Papers and the CHRIS Rules of Operations Manual.

XV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date