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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
October 30, 2015
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Architectural History
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
Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator

Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary

Note: Meeting minutes are a summary and not a verbatim transcription. Audio recordings of each State Historical Resources Commission meeting are available at <http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/shrcminutes>.

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 9:10 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 at the dais and in the audience.

IV. WELCOME

Leslie Hartzell, Chief, Cultural Resources Division of California State Parks, welcomed the Commissioners and all present, to Sacramento. Ms. Hartzell noted with pleasure that resources at two California State Parks properties were among the nominations. She expressed her hope that more California State Park properties and resources will be nominated in the future.

V. RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented and read into the official record by Vice Chair Brandes (the full text of each resolution is available on the OHP's Actions Taken webpage: www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/actionstaken).

- A. Carol Roland-Nawi, California State Historic Preservation Officer 2012-2015
- B. Old City Cemetery Committee, Old City Cemetery, Sacramento
- C. Latino Center of Art and Culture, Sacramento

Vice Chair Brandes thanked both the Old City Cemetery Committee and the staff of the Latino Center of Art and Culture for hosting tours of their sites for the Commissioners during the Commission workshop on October 29, 2015.

VI. SPECIAL AWARD

- A. Vince Mammano, California Division Director of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), presented an Environmental Excellence Award to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in recognition of the OHP's work on the California Department of Transportation Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA). Mr. Mammano noted that the PA provides a "model for the rest of the nation to follow" with regard to clarifying responsibilities and improving the Section 106 process.

VII. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2015 MINUTES

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

VIII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Vice Chair's Report

No report given.

B. Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary and SHPO Julianne Polanco expressed her thanks for the tours given during the previous day's Commission workshop. She went on to report on the OHP's response to the Butte and Valley fires, including meetings with FEMA, and the creation of an in-office disaster response team. SHPO Polanco also reported that the OHP applied for additional Underrepresented Communities grants, which will be used to help nominate seven Latino history-related properties to the National Register of Historic Places, as part of the OHP's Preserve Latino History initiative. SHPO Polanco noted that in November 2015, she would give a key note address at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference, and in December 2015, the OHP will participate in hosting a Tribal Summit in the Sacramento region.

SHPO Polanco turned over the floor to Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders who shared a slide presentation of the eleven projects receiving a 2015 Governor's Historic Preservation Award at an awards ceremony on November 19, 2015, in Sacramento.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that the ARC is soliciting comments on guidance documents that update existing Archaeological Resource Management Reports (ARMR) guidance. Requests for comments were sent to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, agencies, and posted on the OHP website. The ARC plans to present the comment results at the Commission's January 2016 meeting.

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

Commissioner Praetzellis reported that the ICPAC had not met since the last Commission meeting. As mentioned at the Commission's August 2015 meeting, the main activity now underway is the continued efforts on behalf of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) modernization plan. Commissioner Praetzellis noted that the next ICPAC meeting had not yet been set, but suggested that it be scheduled for March 2016 in conjunction with the Society for California Archaeology's Annual Meeting.

C. Cultural Diversity Committee—Rick Moss, Chair

No report at this time.

D. Modernism Committee-Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

No report due to absence of Commissioner Harris.

X. 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.

XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. CA-LAN 1
Topanga Canyon, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance
2. Headquarters Administration Building
(The National-State Park Cooperative Program and the Civilian Conservation Corps in California State Parks Multiple Property Submission)
Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz County
State Level of Significance

3. Chateau Pacheteau
Calistoga, Napa County
Local Level of Significance
4. Lincoln Place
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance
5. San Francisco Art Institute
San Francisco, San Francisco County
Local Level of Significance
6. York House
Napa, Napa 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 Moss moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Barbara Tejada and Scott Green, both of California State Parks, spoke in support of the CA-LAN 1 nomination, noting that CA-LAN 1 will be an anchoring point for the new Topanga Canyon National Reserve. They expressed appreciation for the efforts of staff, archaeologists, and others who helped make the nomination possible.

Commissioner Praetzellis commented that CA-LAN 1 was a key site in the development of field study methods in California.

Patti Shwayder of Aimco/Lincoln Place spoke in support of Lincoln Place, thanking the Commission for working with them over the last decade.

Christine Lazaretto of Historic Resources Group also spoke in support of Lincoln Place, thanking the Commission, SHPO, and the staff of the OHP for their assistance.

XII. 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.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. DeWitt General Hospital
(Latinos in Twentieth Century Multiple Property Submission)
Auburn, Placer County
Local Level of Significance

Vice Chair Brandes read the rules and procedures regarding the presentation of items on the Discussion and Action agenda, and the public comment sessions related to the Discussion and Action items.

Break: 10:39 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Anna Shimko, representing Placer County, asked for a continuance of the DeWitt nomination, noting that the nomination had been altered, and the county had not had the allowed thirty days to prepare. She also noted that the county had only just recently seen the staff report, and had not had time to respond.

William Burg, OHP, outlined notification policies and reported that communication had been received from the county confirming that the county had reviewed the nomination after it had been edited. He also noted that OHP staff reports are not required to be included in notification packets.

Commissioner Praetzellis noted that regulations required notifications be posted within sixty days; was that done? William Burg confirmed that it had been done.

Commissioner McKay moved to hear the nomination as scheduled on the current meeting agenda. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried on roll call vote, 4-0, with one abstention by Commissioner Bertoli.

Ramona Brockman, nomination preparer, spoke in support of the nomination, showing a PowerPoint presentation emphasizing the integrity and importance of the site under Criteria A, B, and C.

Sandra Fogley, Renee Berg, and Elinor Petuskey of Preserve DeWitt Legacy, spoke in favor of the nomination, emphasizing the site's integrity, historic importance, benefit to, and support from, the community.

Ken Grehm and Anna Schimko, of Placer County, spoke in opposition, arguing that historic integrity of the site is no longer intact enough to meet criteria.

They also noted that in 2004, the site had been found to lack the integrity needed to meet criteria; since then, more buildings have been removed from the site.

Michael Otten, of Placer County Historical Society, and Ramona Brockman, spoke in rebuttal to the county, arguing that historical integrity is still strongly present at the site.

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

Vice Chair Brandes asked staff what, if any, percentage of property must remain in order to qualify as a historic district. William Burg responded that there is no specific percentage required, that criteria looks to sense of place, and presence of integrity, rather than a set number of site features.

Commissioner Moss, referring to the 2004 letter in which it was stated that the site lacked integrity, asked what had changed between then and now. William Burg reported that in 2004, consideration had been based on the site's military history only; current consideration takes into account the site's military history and also its association with artists who produced important work at the site.

Commissioner Bertoli and Commissioner Praetzellis expressed their belief that the site still maintains integrity and significance.

Commissioner McKay noted that much of the site has already been lost; what remains of the original site and its features should be preserved.

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

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations

1. University of California, Los Angeles Faculty Center
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy, and Dr. Margarita Jerabez spoke in support of the nomination, emphasizing the property's high level of integrity and the rare example of ranch style architecture in institutional buildings. Dr. Jerabez supplemented her statements with a PowerPoint presentation.

Jeffrey Averill of the University of California Los Angeles, and Ruth Todd of Page and Turnbull spoke in opposition, contending that the property does not meet

criteria requirements, and that there is no documentation that the property was the work of all of the architects noted in the nomination.

Dr. Margarita Jerabez spoke in rebuttal, noting difficulties in researching the property. She stated that determining which architects were involved with the project was based on visual evidence of specific architects' style and influence.

Adrian Scott Fine also spoke in rebuttal reiterating that the property represents a rare collaboration among all of the architects mentioned in the nomination, and also represents all seven aspects of integrity.

Jeffrey Averill responded to the rebuttal, arguing that the nomination lacks supportive documentation. He noted that Criterion 3 is based on representation of an architect's masterwork and not on unusualness of design.

Break 12:30 p.m.–12:35 p.m.

Commissioner Bertoli expressed his concern that the property's ranch style elements were not strongly evident, and overall integrity did not meet the level needed to satisfy Criterion 3. William Burg responded that assessment of the nomination found integrity was intact.

Commissioner Praetzellis noted that the California Register of Historical Resources' threshold for significance is not as stringent as that of the National Register of Historic Places.

Commissioner Moss noted concern with the lack of documented proof regarding the involvement of master architects.

Commissioner McKay observed that while the building is distinctive, it did not appear to be unique to the point of significance.

Commissioner Bertoli moved to not approve the nomination as presented. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion to not approve the nomination carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**XIII. 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.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Modernization and Sustainability Plan Update

SHPO Polanco summarized the “Maintenance and Operations Action Plan for Phases One and Two of the Modernization and Sustainability Plan, 2015 Update and Revision” provided to each of the Commissioners before the meeting. The plan outlines tasks to be completed between November 1, 2015, and April 30, 2017. It also discusses the status of the seven tasks identified in the 2013-2015 Action Plan. Those tasks from the previous plan that have not been completed have been carried over to the current plan. One of the tasks in the current plan of significant interest to the SHRC is related to the CHRIS organization and structure. A plan to move forward on that task will be brought before the Commission at their January 2016 meeting.

B. Electronic Fees Update and Approval

SHPO Polanco reported that work was still in progress on development of a new fee structure for the CHRIS. She asked that the Commission approve extending the current fee schedule until the Commission’s third meeting of 2016, to allow completion of work on the new fee structure.

Commissioner Praetzellis moved to extend the current fee schedule to the third Commission meeting of 2016. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy SHPO Saunders noted that the intent is to have the CHRIS Action Plan posted to the OHP website by the end of the coming month, so any comments or questions by the Commissioners prior to that would be welcome.

XVI. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Bertoli expressed his wish to have more site maps and floor plans available when considering nominations.

Jay Correia, OHP, agreed and said that staff would work on securing more maps and plans in future nomination packets.

XVII. MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2016

Friday, January 29 (Sacramento)

Monday, April 18 (California Preservation Conference, Presidio of San Francisco)

Friday, July 29 (Location TBD)

Friday, October 28 (Location TBD)

SHPO Polanco indicated the April meeting on a Monday was determined by the California Preservation Foundation, and that a later start time could be arranged to accommodate Monday morning travel.

Commissioner Moss moved to approve the meeting dates and locations for 2016 as presented. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XVIII. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2016

Commissioner Praetzellis submitted nominations for Commissioner McKay and Commissioner Harris for Vice Chairperson, and Vice Chair Brandes for Chairperson.

Commissioner Moss moved to accept Vice Chair Brandes as Chairperson for 2016. Commissioner Praetzellis seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Praetzellis moved to accept Commissioner McKay as Vice Chairperson for 2016. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date