California Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit conversation
August 21, 2013

Attendees:
California Preservation Foundation: Cindy Heitzman
Los Angeles Conservancy: Linda Dishman and Adrian Scott Fine (LAC)
OHP: Tim Brandt
Additional: Robert Chattel and Tony Gonzalez (CHS)

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1. Discuss commitment of LAC, CPF, and CHS
   - CHS
     - As discussed with Anthea, CHS could be a potential fiscal agent in a partnership where CPF would take the lead.
   - CPF
     - Trying to assemble budget. Need to get a scope of work together and what a person would do along with extent of travel, ancillary expenses and what other services are needed. Getting numbers for a staff member not a problem, but would need to know what needs to be done and a roughly defined work scope.
     - Board did not feel comfortable taking on with current work.
     - Note: See previous consultation meeting minutes (on suggestions for fundraising and providing money to CPF for effort) as well as Tim's outlines of process and components (on OHP Architectural Review's State Historic Tax Credit page).
   - Coalition/Committee Leader
     - Role needs to be defined

2. Next Steps
   - Hopefully two groups (southern and bay area) will become one group.
   - Ideally a statewide non-profit would take the lead in forming and supporting a coalition.
     - CHS and CPF to talk on extent to which the organizations could partner and coordinate.
     - Could coalition be sponsored by the City of Oakland and the Oakland Chamber of Commerce?

3. Basic provisions
   - Provision for commercial properties similar to federal 20% tax credit
   - Provision for single family residences (non-commercial properties not eligible for federal credit)
     - Likely to cause a substantial spike in residential rehabilitation work

4. Process
   Governor's budget vs. a separate piece of legislation
   - Administrative Route
     - Preferred to get it into the Governor's budget
       - Goes to fiscal for scoring
       - Have to work with Department of Finance staff (new director Elliot Cohan)
         - If finance has a problem, it won't move out of committee
       - LAO (Legislative Analyst Office) reviews elements of budget, gives line items a grade and projected fiscal impact
       - Will probably go to:
         - Resources Subcommittee
         - State Administration and General Government Subcommittee
       - Work top down with Claudia and bottom up with staff
       - Decisions made mid-December, made public Jan 10
       - May revise includes a more current assessment of the revenue situation
     - Likelihood for 2014?
       - Depends on state perspective of estimated fiscal impact
       - General Fund loss, economic impacts
       - 80-90% of Governor's items survive budget
     - Push this route for a couple of months, and work with coalition and administration. If doesn't work out go to:
   - Legislative Route

5. Fiscal Impacts
   - **While there is a fiscal impact there is also an economic uplift**
   - Could be politically catchy if presented by the right people at the right time

6. Eligible Properties
   - How can we best assess the number of eligible properties?
     - What has been surveyed and determined eligible
     - LA Survey numbers
     - Building departments and other reporting agencies
     - What is time frame for OHP GIS database?

7. Contacts
   - Get Claudia to talk to Governor
   - Get Oakland people to talk to Phil Tagami

8. Additional
   - How important is an economic study?
     - **Robert and Adrian to follow up with USC**
     - **Tony to inquire about an analysis by Franchise Tax Board on proposal and cost estimate**

Additional Notes

- Legislative session ends September 13, 2013.
- This is Tim's interpretation of the meeting. Please contact him at tim.brandt@parks.ca.gov with any major revisions and/or corrections.