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Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Robert T. Matsui Federal Courthouse
Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center
501 I Street, Suite 1-400
Sacramento, California
February 3, 2017
9:00 a.m.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Marshall McKay, Chair, Folklife (arrived 9:15 a.m.)
Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Vice-Chair, Architectural History
Alberto Bertoli, Architecture (arrived 9:08 a.m.)
Bryan K. Brandes, Public Member
Rick Moss, Ethnic History
Adrian Praetzellis, Prehistoric Archaeology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Julianne Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jenan Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Tara Lynch, Chief Legal 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
Claire Flynn, OHP volunteer intern

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 9:01 a.m. by Vice-Chair Elizabeth Edwards Harris.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Harris led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Vice-Chair Harris welcomed all present, and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Julianne Polanco introduced herself and members of the OHP staff in attendance.

IV. WELCOME

Kimberly J. Mueller, US District Court Judge for the Eastern District of California, welcomed Commissioners and staff to the Robert T. Matsui Federal Courthouse. She remarked on the court's active appreciation of history, noting that historic court cases were the focus of studies in the court's summer institute. Justice Mueller also shared copies of a map of sites in Sacramento associated with many of the historic cases, and pointed out that the Federal Courthouse itself was situated on the original site of Sacramento's historic Chinatown. She encouraged all present to remain after the meeting and explore the exhibits and courtrooms of the Courthouse.

V. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2016 MINUTES

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

VI. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

No report given.

B. Executive Secretary's Report

SHPO Polanco reported that public listening sessions were now underway as part of the effort to develop the next Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Six listening sessions are scheduled to be conducted statewide. SHPO Polanco invited everyone to participate; information on the sessions can be found on the OHP State Plan webpage: www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/stateplan. She reported on other OHP activity and work including a workshop to be held in San Jose and led by the OHP Local Government Unit, and a number of active tax credit projects under review by the OHP Architectural Review Unit. SHPO Polanco mentioned that Vice-Chair Harris and she would be participating in a preservation panel discussion at Modernism Week in Palm Springs. She also reported that the 100th anniversary of World War I is underway, with a nationwide commemoration to take place in April; the OHP is currently determining how the office might participate in the event. SHPO Polanco concluded her report by expressing the OHP's pleasure at receiving a federal Underrepresented Communities Grant to develop a historic context study focused on Asian American and Pacific Islanders in California. The study will be similar to that done two years ago for the Latinos in Twentieth Century California historic context statement.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The committee did not meet since the last Commission meeting, so no report was available.

B. Cultural Diversity Committee—Rick Moss, Chair

Commissioner Moss reported that he met with some of the residents of the View Park community in Los Angeles. Residents were interested in the possibility of including View Park on the southern portion of the proposed California African American Heritage Trail. With regard to the Heritage Trail, Commissioner Ross reported that present efforts are focused on securing corporate support for the initiative, with one corporation already in negotiations.

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

The committee did not meet since the last Commission meeting, so no report was available.

D. Modernism Committee—Elizabeth Edwards Harris, Chair

The committee did not meet since last Commission meeting, so no report was available. Commissioner Harris will have a report following the conclusion of Modernism Week.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR 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. Sutter Club
Sacramento, Sacramento County
Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C
2. Azteca Theater
(Latinos in Twentieth Century California Multiple Property Submission [MPS])
Fresno, Fresno County
Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, B, C
3. Pan American Bank of East Los Angeles
(Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS)
East Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance; Criteria A, B
4. Melrose Baptist Church
Oakland, Alameda County
Local Level of Significance; Criterion C
5. Grand Central Air Terminal
Glendale, Los Angeles County
State Level of Significance; Criteria A, C
6. Grether & Grether Building
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance; Criteria A, C
7. Halcyon Historic District
Halcyon, San Luis Obispo County
Local Level of Significance; Criterion A
8. Point Sur Light Station Amendment

Point Sur, Monterey County
State Level of Significance; Criterion A

9. Portuguese Chapel of San Diego
San Diego, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance; Criterion C, Criteria Consideration A

10. Washington Firehouse
West Sacramento, Yolo County
Local Level of Significance; Criterion C

Chair Marshall McKay 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. With neither the Commissioners nor members of the public requesting items removed from the Consent Calendar, Chair McKay asked for a motion.

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

Commissioner Moss commented on the historic community of Halcyon, asking if it still maintained its utopian philosophy. Amy Crain, OHP, reported that Halcyon operated much as it did during the period of significance. SHPO Polanco commented on growing interest in and recognition of the significance of communities like Halcyon. She expressed hope that a historic context could be developed to document and recognize these communities while they still exist.

Lee Otter, citizen, formerly of the California Coastal Commission, spoke in support of the Point Sur Light Station.

Laura Dominguez, Los Angeles Conservancy, spoke in support of the Pan American Bank Building.

Rob Mawson, Heritage Consulting, spoke in support of the Melrose Baptist Church.

Geri Laurian, citizen, spoke in support of the Portuguese Chapel of San Diego.

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

A. None

XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Progress Report

Chair McKay 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.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Adams, citizen of Downieville, California, reminded all present of the upcoming admission-free Museum Day in Sacramento. He also informed all present of the recent death of Marta Becket, founder of the historic Amargosa Opera House, Death Valley, California.

XIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the State Historical Resources Commission 2016 Annual Report

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

B. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Update

SHPO Julianne Polanco and CHRIS Coordinator Eric Allison updated the Commissioners on the status of the CHRIS inventory digitization process. A more detailed report will be presented at the Commission's next workshop. Eric Allison also reviewed a chart outlining the status of the CHRIS data conversion; copies of the chart were provided to each Commissioner. A version of the chart is available to the public on the CHRIS Digital Data Availability page of the OHP website: www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/chrisdata.

Commissioner Brandes asked if the CHRIS system was now able to receive all incoming information in digital format. Mr. Allison confirmed that was now possible.

Commissioner Bertoli asked what the time estimate was for completing digitization of the entire CHRIS inventory. Mr. Allison answered that it would likely take several years, consistent with the 2013 Modernization and Sustainability Plan estimate of eight total years, assuming CHRIS funding and staff remain consistent.

Chair McKay expressed his desire that consideration be given to determining the most effective number of Information Centers needed to productively accomplish the work of the CHRIS. SHPO Polanco responded that the subject

of effective numbers of Information Centers would be included in future discussions regarding CHRIS information delivery systems.

XIV. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harris expressed her enthusiasm for the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan initiative, and encouraged the public to participate in the listening sessions. She noted that the Modernism Week preservation panel is especially timely, in light of the State Plan initiative.

Commissioner Praetzellis congratulated the OHP on receiving the grant to develop an Asian American and Pacific Islander context. He expressed his hope that the context will emphasize the positive aspects of that history, and the strength of the culture and community.

SHPO Polanco thanked Commissioner Praetzellis for his comments, saying the office is excited about the opportunity to develop the context, and has received enthusiastic response from the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McKay adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date