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Quarterly Meeting of the  
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
Council Chambers  
Beverly Hills City Hall  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210  
August 3, 2012  
9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Rick Moss, Vice Chair, History  
Donn Grenda, Ph.D., Prehistoric Archaeology  
Fernando Guerra, Folklore (arrived 10:15 am)  
Julianne Polanco, Architectural History  
David Phoenix, Public Member  
Richard Shek, Ethnic History

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Bryan K. Brandes, Chair, Public Member  
Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture

**STAFF PRESENT**

Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Secretary  
to the Commission  
Jenan Saunders, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Tara Lynch, Acting Chief Counsel, California State Parks  
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor  
Amy Crain, State Historian II  
William Burg, State Historian I  
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary  
Diane Barclay, Park Interpretive Specialist, Interpretation and Education Division

## **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 Moss, who announced the following changes to the agenda:

- Item IX A3 was moved to Item X (from Consent to Discussion & Action)
- Item VI was removed from the agenda, postponed until the November meeting

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), introduced the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff and Diane Barclay, a Park Interpretive Specialist with the Interpretation and Education Division.

## **IV. WELCOME**

Honorable William W. Brien, Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, welcomed the Commission to the City of Beverly Hills, noting that this is an important time in his city due to the recent creation of their preservation program and the designation of Beverly Hills' first city landmark—the Beverly Hills Hotel. It was Mayor Brien's grandfather, Governor Earl Warren, who created the California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee, precursor to the SHRC. Mayor Brien presented the Commission with a City of Beverly Hills Proclamation.

## **V. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Mayor William W. Brien accepted the resolution presented to the City of Beverly Hills for its Historic Preservation ordinance, recognizing the hard work of City staff and Noah Furie chair of their local commission.
- B. Vicki Schwartz, Laurie Cohen, and President Susan Rosen accepted the resolution for the Friends of Greystone.
- C. The resolution prepared for the Friends of Robinson Gardens was accepted by Maralee Beck, Jeanne Anderson, Timothy Lindsay, Kerstin Royce, and Marcella Ruble.

- D. Robbie Robinson accepted the resolution prepared for the Beverly Hills Hotel, adding that although the Beverly Hills Hotel often serves the stars, today the hotel was itself the star.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2012 MINUTES**

Vice Chair Moss removed this item from the agenda; it will be considered at the same time as the minutes of this meeting at the November 2012 meeting.

## **VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chair Moss thanked Timothy Lindsay for his book on Virginia Robinson Gardens, which will be added to OHP's library. He also commented on how enthusiastic he gets seeing the passion of local preservationists and hearing about the good work they are doing.

### **B. Executive Secretary's Report**

SHPO Donaldson discussed the planned post office closures and the disposal of surplus Federal property in general, as well as the difficulties agencies are having with the Section 106 process in relation to the surplus property disposition. He also touched upon various renewable energy projects, noting that the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan process is almost complete in terms of identifying zones where development can occur.

He said that Traditional Cultural Properties and Traditional Cultural Landscapes are still a big issue, especially in relation to the proposed Gregory Mountain landfill project.

The SHPO announced the winners of CLG grants for 2012, which may be found on the OHP website. He added that the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation was also the recipient of a grant from OHP to explore designation of the El Camino Real as a World Heritage Site.

Next, SHPO Donaldson spoke about the Fort Ross Bicentennial event that had taken place the previous weekend, as well as the Department of Defense conference he attended in June.

Finally, he mentioned workshops sponsored by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that will be given at the American Cultural Resources Association and National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers conferences. SHPO Donaldson ended his remarks by speaking briefly about the Multiple Views Forum that he and Deputy SHPO Jenan Saunders attended in San

Francisco June 25-26, which focused on bringing diverse groups into the preservation mainstream.

Donaldson then turned to Deputy SHPO Saunders for a report on the Strategic Business Plan for the California Historical Resources Information System. She said the consultants have completed their evaluation of the Information Centers (ICs) and are preparing to discuss strategies with the steering committee initially, then with all ICs in August and September.

Deputy SHPO Saunders reported that the draft of the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan has been made available for public comment on OHP's website; a few comments had been received to date. Her plan is to finalize and send the plan to the National Park Service (NPS) by the end of August.

SHPO Donaldson then asked Commissioner Polanco to report on the recent California Preservation Foundation (CPF) conference in Oakland, in which OHP was very involved. Commissioner Polanco did so and went on to say she was heartened by the meeting of the Advocacy committee and believes it likely that CPF will be able to do more to give preservation a voice in politics. She added that the next conference will take place May 1-3, 2013, in Orange County.

#### **VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS OF ALL NOMINATED PROPERTIES**

Registration Unit staff presented a PowerPoint program that highlighted the properties on the Consent Calendar to be heard by the Commission.

#### **IX. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations**

1. Boulevard Heights Historic District  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
2. First Congregational Church of Long Beach  
Long Beach, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
3. Yamashiro Historic Distric  
Hollywood, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
4. Maydestone Apartments  
Sacramento, Sacramento County  
Local Level of Significance

5. Ontario and San Antonio Heights Waiting Station  
Upland, San Bernardino County  
Local Level of Significance
- B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nominations
1. 572 7<sup>th</sup> Street Warehouse  
San Francisco, San Francisco County  
Local Level of Significance
  2. Maravilla Handball Court and El Centro Grocery  
East Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
- C. California Historical Landmark, New Nomination
1. Allensworth  
Tulare County

Commissioner Polanco moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Phoenix seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Moss commented on the importance of the Allensworth nomination and thanked **Diane Barclay** for her work in preparing it. SHPO Donaldson also thanked Ms. Barclay and noted the involvement of Assemblymembers Perez's and Carter's staff.

**Robert Kalayjian, MD**, spoke in support of First Congregational Church of Long Beach and thanked Amy Crain of OHP's Registration Unit for her help.

**Christy McAvoy** thanked the Commission on behalf of the owners and operators of the Yamashiro property, adding her thanks to Amy Crain. She mentioned that Hollywood Heritage also supports the nomination.

**Luis Garcia** thanked the Commission for their support for the Maravilla Handball Court. He added that the LA Conservancy also supports the nomination and had pointed out that the property meets all seven aspects of integrity. He also mentioned the inter-ethnic cooperation exemplified by efforts to contribute to this nomination. **Virginia Sandoval** also thanked the Commission for their positive response to Maravilla Handball Court. She said the impact of this designation on East Los Angeles would be great, helping young people understand the history of the court and the neighborhood and why it's important. **Amanda Perez** thanked the Maravilla Historical Society and the LA Conservancy for their help with the nomination. **George Del Rio** added his thanks to the Commission on behalf of the community of Maravilla. He said this will show the community that there's

hope that the wider world will value the resources of this community and the importance of the store as a community gathering place. **Bill Martinez** said he was working with the Maravilla Historical Society on reuse options for other properties in the neighborhood and thought this action by the Commission will help people see the value of the community's resources. **Sonny Roque** also thanked the Commission for their vote and said he is looking forward to what will happen in the community in the future. **Oscar Guizar** pointed out the importance of recognizing Maravilla as a safe place to meet and overcome differences. He is looking forward to working with young people in the future. **Gina de Baca** is the director of a cultural school and member of the Maravilla Historical Society. She thanked the Commission for recognizing sites like this; the pride it instills in the community is immense. **Tony Huante** said he works with young people all over the world and sees the importance of Maravilla as a good and safe place to play. Finally, **Anthony W. Huante** thanked the Commission.

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

### **A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations**

1. Markham Place Historic District  
Pasadena, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance

Amy Crain, State Historian II with the Registration Unit, gave a PowerPoint presentation about Markham Place Historic District.

**Jenna Kachour**, Preservation Director for Pasadena Heritage, said she supports the nomination with the suggested amendments. She added that the nomination was done in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). **Gloria Scott** of Caltrans thanked Amy and Pasadena Heritage for having the willingness to work with Caltrans to include additional properties in the district. Ms. Scott also mentioned that the date of the Determination of Eligibility was 1983. She thanked the Commission for considering the extended period of significance in keeping with the staff report recommendation.

Commissioner Grenda moved to accept the nomination as amended  
Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion. **Action** : Motion carried  
unanimously.

## **XI. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Progress Report**

Vice-Chair Moss updated the Commission on the various properties that had been listed on the National Register since the last meeting of the Commission.

## **XII. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS and POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST**

### **Progress Report**

Vice-Chair Moss updated the Commission on the properties that had been designated as California Historical Landmarks and Points of Historical Interest since the last meeting of the Commission.

Amy Crain noted that **Fourteen Mile House**, designated on May 29, 2012, is located in Citrus Heights, not Sacramento, as it appeared in the meeting agenda.

## **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jeannie Gillette**, representing Save Our Orchard in Santa Ana, said her organization is trying to save a 100-year-old orange orchard of 230 Valencia orange trees and a 1914 Craftsman house from demolition to make way for a new housing development. The orchard is listed on the Santa Ana Register. She thanked Commissioner Grenda and the Commission for their letters of support for local designation, which had caused the city council to pause and seriously consider preservation. And, though designation doesn't protect from demolition, now they can use the 240-day delay to consider various alternatives and try to raise money to buy the property in order to protect it so it can eventually be used for interpretive and educational purposes to teach visitors about the community's agricultural history. She closed by advising that her organization is engaged in drafting a National Register nomination for the orchard and house.

## **XIV. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Development of Professional Qualifications for Principal Investigator - Archaeology**

SHPO Donaldson gave some background on professional qualifications development by the Secretary of the Interior and mentioned that the National Park Service is considering updates to those qualifications. The inclusion of this subject on the Commission agenda is an outgrowth of the Archaeological White Papers the Commission adopted in 2010. Mr. Donaldson suggested the Commission review the information submitted to them regarding the need for these qualifications and advised that there would be a report on this at the November Commission meeting.

Commissioner Grenda mentioned that he's been very involved in the Principal Investigator qualifications discussion through his activities as Chair of the Archaeological Resources Committee.

**B. Review Committee Assignments and Activities**

This discussion was postponed until the November meeting.

**XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Archaeological Resources Committee – Commissioner Grenda, Chair  
There were no committee reports aside from Commissioner Grenda's comment on the Principal Investigator qualifications issue, which is included in item XIV above.

**XVI. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

SHPO Donaldson suggested that commissioners think about locations to meet in 2013 for discussion at the November Commission meeting.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Moss adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date