Quarterly Meeting
of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Santa Monica City Hall
Council Chambers
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401
May 19, 2011
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bryan K. Brandes, Chair, Public Member
Rick Moss, Vice Chair, History
Donn Grenda, Ph.D., Prehistoric Archaeology
Fernando Guerra*, Folklore*
Julianne Polanco, Architectural History

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture
Richard Shek, Ethnic History
David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Amy Crain, State Historian II
William Burg, State Historian I
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary
Tara Lynch, Senior Staff Counsel, California State Parks

*Commissioner Guerra arrived at 12:00 Noon.
I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Legal notice having been duly given, but a quorum not present, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Brandes with the acknowledgement that no action could be taken by the Commission until a quorum was present.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Brandes led 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.

IV. **WELCOME**

Mayor Richard Bloom, City of Santa Monica, welcomed the Commission to the City of Santa Monica.

Chairman Brandes thanked Jim Newland, Supervisor, Cultural Resources Program of the Southern Service Center for the guided tour of the Adamson House; and the Santa Monica Conservancy and Los Angeles Conservancy who hosted a reception for the Commission and OHP staff at the Embassy Hotel Apartments.

V. **RESOLUTIONS**

The Malibu Adamson House Foundation resolution of recognition was accepted by docent Harvey Kern.

The Los Angeles Conservancy resolution of recognition was accepted by Linda Dishman, Executive Director.

The Santa Monica Conservancy resolution of recognition was accepted by Carol Lemlein.

VI. **COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

Chairman Brandes stated the Commission did not have a quorum to take action and would continue with the items on the agenda not requiring any action. Chairman Brandes mentioned he expected a quorum at noon to continue with the action items on the agenda.

State Historic Preservation Officer Milford Wayne Donaldson stated the Commission would break at 11:00 a.m. and resume the meeting at noon.

Chairman Brandes stated he did not have anything to report.
SHPO Donaldson reported his participation at the Colorado Preservation Conference in Denver, Colorado in February 2-4, 2011.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned as of February 14, 2011, the Main Street communities were still meeting on a regular basis. SHPO Donaldson stated the California Main Street Alliance is still looking for funding to hire someone to run the program full-time. SHPO Donaldson mentioned the three new Main Street communities: Arcata, Arcadia, and Vallejo.

SHPO Donaldson reported the Celebration of Forty Acres was held February 20-21, 2011 at Cesar Chavez’s establishment in Delano. SHPO Donaldson stated he witnessed a National Park being born called the Cesar Chavez Trail which will go from Yuma, Arizona and up to Monterey. SHPO Donaldson mentioned this park will be running by the end of 2012 and this will be the only park to illustrate the farm workers movement.

SHPO Donaldson reported that on March 6-10, 2011 he and Commissioner Polanco attended the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Annual Historical Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington, D.C.

SHPO Donaldson reported that he met with the World Indian Affairs Summit on March 16, 2011.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned he was invited to make a presentation on March 30, 2011, at the Society for American Archaeology.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned participating at the Preserving Historic Places: Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference in Indiana, Indianapolis on April 7, 2011.

SHPO Donaldson reported that on April 17, 2011, at a presentation with Jerry Jackman, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation discussed their intent to nominate El Camino Real.

SHPO Donaldson reported that on May 13, 2011 Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Connections – Asian Pacific Islander was presented by Preserve America Neighborhoods.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned the seventy California State Parks closures.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Rubin, resident of Santa Monica, spoke to the Commission about the possibility of getting the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium listed in the National Register.
VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

Chairman Brandes asked SHPO Donaldson to discuss the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Digital Data License Agreement.

SHPO Donaldson gave an updated summary on the CHRIS Digital Licensing Agreement.

Commissioner Grenda briefly explained the Commission’s responsibilities overseeing the two groups involved in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) working group and Information Center Procedural Advisory Commission (ICPAC). Commissioner Grenda also stated going digital will be running soon.

Chairman Brandes called a recess of the regular meeting at 10:45 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Chairman Brandes reconvened the regular meeting and a quorum was present at 12:00 Noon.

IX. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF NOMINATED PROPERTIES

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

Chairman Brandes asked that properties for Discussion and Action be presented first.

X. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Brandes moved San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch, and Winans Residence from the Consent Calendar to the Discussion and Action Items.

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nomination

San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch
San Francisco, San Francisco County
Local Level of Significance

SHPO Donaldson stated that there were no speaker cards in favor of the nomination. SHPO Donaldson read into the record emails received showing no votes opposing the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch nomination.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, City/County of San Francisco spoke in opposition to the nomination. Mr. Herrera read a letter from Mayor Edward Lee asking the Commission to reject the nomination. Mr. Herrera mentioned that the City of San Francisco...
Francisco has a library renovation program and they are sensitive to renovating in the city and proud of the Carnegie legacy of libraries.

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion. Commissioner Polanco moved that the Commission find the San Francisco Library North Beach Branch, San Francisco, California be determined eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C at the local level of significance, and be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for listing. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

Commissioner Guerra stated he is not in support of the nomination.

Chairman Brandes asked the Commission for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guerra—no
Commissioner Grenda—yes
Commissioner Moss—yes
Commissioner Polanco—yes
Chairman Brandes—yes

Action: Motion carried, four yes, and one no.

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nomination

   Winans Residence
   Maywood, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance

Lilian Myers, City of Maywood, Manager spoke in support of the nomination.

Jesus R. Padilla, resident, City of Maywood spoke in support of the nomination.

Javier Gonzalez, resident, City of Maywood spoke in support of the nomination.

Ruben Guardado, resident, City of Maywood spoke in support of the nomination.

Edward Varela, resident, City of Maywood spoke in support of the nomination.

Beth Dorris, City of Maywood, Special Counsel, spoke in support of the nomination.

Lucia Varela, community member, City of Maywood spoke in support of the nomination.

Lilian Myers, City of Maywood, Manager offered Glen Dunkin, an independent preservation reviewer, an opportunity to review the nomination.

Jay Golida, Associate General Counsel, Los Angeles Unified School District, spoke in opposition to the nomination.
Jeanette A. McKenna, founding member of the Whittier Conservancy, spoke in opposition to the nomination.

Fernando Villa, Los Angeles Unified School District, spoke in opposition to the nomination, and stated it does not meet the qualifications of Criterion 3.

Sandy Orozco, resident, City of Maywood, spoke in opposition to the nomination.

Beth Dorris, City of Maywood, rebutted and reiterated her support of the nomination, and presented a peer review letter critiquing McKenna’s assessment of the property to the Commission.

Enrique Curiel, Commander of Veteran of Foreign Wars, City of Maywood rebutted in opposition to the nomination. Mr. Curiel mentioned that it is about the children’s education.

Mr. Salvador Contreras, Maywood Citizen, rebutted in opposition to the nomination.

Chairman Brandes closed the public comment and opened for discussion to the Commission.

Commissioner Grenda asked the staff about the number of properties that were demolished.

Jay Correia, Supervisor, Registration Unit, stated yes, there were seventeen properties demolished around the school development.

Commissioner Guerra mentioned he has not seen a ranch type home and he asked the Commission if there was any literature with which they are familiar.

Commissioner Polanco gave her comments about the characteristic elements of this type of ranch style home.

Commissioner Moss mentioned he cannot support the nomination because the argument against the building’s integrity weakens the argument that this is a ranch style home, and that he cannot see the historical significance.

Commissioner Polanco mentioned she was struggling with how the elements that are visible meet the criteria.

Commissioner Guerra applauded the community of Maywood in recognizing the need for historical preservation. He noted he would be against this nomination and advised the community to start looking at other historical resources.

Commissioner Polanco made a motion that the Commission not find the Winans Residence eligible under the California Register of Historical Resources for Criterion 3. Commissioner Guerra seconded the motion.
Commissioner Grenda asked Mr. Correia if he agreed with the map and did he stand by his recommendations? Mr. Correia stated yes he did. Chairman Brandes asked the Commission for a vote.

Commissioner Guerra—yes
Commissioner Grenda—yes
Commissioner Moss—yes
Commissioner Polanco—yes
Chairman Brandes—yes

Action: Motion carried unanimously that the nominated property does not meet the criterion and is not eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.

C. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nomination

Self-Help Graphics & Art/Catholic Youth Organization
East Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

Luis G. Hoyos, educator in architecture, and advisor for the National Trust, spoke in support of the nomination.

Karina Muniz, Community Outreach Coordinator, Los Angeles Conservancy, spoke in support of the nomination.

Dr. Jim Gatewood, Board Member and Chair, History and Archives Committee, Self Help Graphics and Art, spoke in support of the nomination to the California Register.

Edgar Garcia, City of Los Angeles, Preservation Planner, spoke in support of the nomination to the California Register.

Christy McAvoy, Historic Resources Group, spoke in support of the nomination.

Chairman Brandes closed the public discussion and opened the Commission’s discussion.

Commissioner Polanco commented how the Commission sees the levels of significance achieved over time, and it is an exciting project to acknowledge the history for which it stands. Commissioner Polanco supports the nomination.

Commissioner Guerra moved to find the property eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criteria 1 and 2, the Self-Help Graphics and Art East Los Angeles/Catholic Youth Organization. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.
Commissioner Guerra—yes
Commissioner Grenda—yes
Commissioner Moss—yes
Commissioner Polanco—yes
Chairman Brandes—yes

Action: Motion carried unanimously.

XI. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Registration Unit staff presented the rest of the PowerPoint program that highlighted the properties on the Consent Calendar to the Commission.

XII. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Forest House
   Yreka, Siskiyou County
   Local Level of Significance

2. Freeman, Rose Graham and James Allen, House
   Pasadena, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance

3. Grand Boulevard Historic District
   Corona, Riverside County
   Local Level of Significance

4. Hafley, Olan G. and Aida T., House
   Long Beach, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance

5. Late 19th and Early 20th Century Development and Architecture in Pasadena
   Multiple Property Submission (MPS)
   Pasadena, Los Angeles County
   Local Level of Significance

   i. Bristol-Cypress Historic District
      Pasadena, Los Angeles County
      Local Level of Significance

   ii. Cosby, James Fielding, House
       Pasadena, Los Angeles County
       Local Level of Significance
iii. Denham House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

iv. Hartwell, John House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

v. Hillmont/Romayne Williams House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

vi. Hood, J. H. House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

vii. House at 1360 Lida Street
Pasadena, Los Angeles
Local Level of Significance

viii. Jarvis, Benjamin, House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

ix. Lacey, Friend, House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

x. New Fair Oaks Historic District
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

xi. Post, George, House
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

xii. Raymond-Summit Historic District
Pasadena, Los Angeles County
Local Level of Significance

6. Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz
Keene, Kern County
National Level of Significance

7. Renown Historic Vessel
San Diego, San Diego County
Local Level of Significance
8. Republic Cafe  
   Salinas, Monterey County  
   Local Level of Significance

9. Wild Goose Historic Vessel  
   Newport Beach, Orange County  
   Local Level of Significance

B. California Register of Historical Resources, New Nomination  
   B-24J USAAF #42-73387 Liberator Crash Site  
   Location Restricted – Archeological Site  
   Local Level of Significance

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion to approve the revised Consent Calendar. Commissioner Polanco made a motion to approve the revised Consent Calendar. Commissioner Grenda seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2011 MINUTES

Commissioner Moss had a revision in the minutes: he recalled watching on television, not visiting the Zane Grey Theater.

Commissioner Grenda moved to approve the minutes as revised. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Feske, California State University, Monterey Bay, thanked the Commission for the affirmation of the Republic Cafe nomination and staff for their assistance, including Amy Crain.

Wellington Lee, Chairman Asian Cultural Experience Team, Salinas Chinatown Renewal Project, Vice-Chair Salinas Historical Resources Board thanked the Commission for approving Republic Cafe.

Deborah Silguero, Curator of the National Steinbeck Center, thanked the Commission and the staff for the decision on the Republic Cafe nomination.

Alex D. Bevil, Historian II, California State Parks, Southern Service Center, author of the B-24J Liberator Crash Site nomination, thanked the Commission and staff.

John Rowe, Lake Perris Superintendent, California State Parks, thanked the Commission for approval of the listing of the B-24J Liberator Crash Site.
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA                           Date
State Historic Preservation Officer