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Quarterly Meeting  
of the  
**STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

State Office Building #9  
Auditorium, First Floor  
744 P Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

February 3, 2006

CORRECTED MINUTES (5/10/06)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Luis Hoyos, AIA, Chairperson  
Claire Bogaard, Vice Chairperson  
Trish Fernandez, M.A.  
Donn Grenda, Ph.D.  
Fernando Guerra, Ph.D.  
Rick Moss  
Carol L. Novey  
Julianne Polanco  
Richard Shek, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, Executive Secretary  
Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Camille Valencia, Recording Secretary  
Cynthia Howse, Staff Historian  
Patricia Ambacher, Staff Historian  
Diane Thompson, Staff Assistant  
David Riem, Student Assistant  
Tara Todd, Staff Counsel, Department of Parks and Recreation

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Legal notice having been duly given, the State Historical Resources Commission meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Hoyos. Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

Commission members introduced themselves and Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer, (SHPO), introduced Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

**III. WELCOME**

Anthea Hartig, Ph.D., former Chair of the State Historical Resources Commission and Director of the Western Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, welcomed the Commission.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2005**

Commissioner Fernandez had a correction of Section XI., Commissioners' Comments, which stated that Commissioner Maniery announced that the Society for California Archaeology had scheduled its annual meeting. The organization scheduling the meeting was actually the Society for Historical Archaeology.

**Action:** Commissioner Bogaard moved and Commissioner Novey seconded that the Minutes be approved as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

**V. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

**A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Hoyos offered remarks on the year ahead. He noted that this year there will be two new committees, the Landscape Resources Committee and the California Cultural Diversity Committee, formed in response to the interests and expertise of the new commissioners. They are in addition to the committees already in existence: Resources of the Modern Movement Committee, Public Policy and Legislation Committee, Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee, the Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee, the Archaeological Resources Committee, and the State Historical Building Safety Board Committee. These committees were discussed

at the Thursday Workshop and commissioners chose committees to which they wanted to be assigned for the coming year.

## B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Commission Executive Secretary and State Historic Preservation Officer Wayne Donaldson brought the Commission up to date on his activities. First was that the second SHPO/THPO summit was to take place February 15 through 17 in Palm Springs. The first such summit, which brought together the SHPO and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, took place 8 months ago. He added that there were 9 new Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, bringing California's total to the greatest number in the country.

Next, he reported on the status of the Main Street program, saying that State Parks Director Ruth Coleman has been immensely supportive since the Office of Historic Preservation accepted the program four years ago. He said there are currently 37 Main Street communities and 64 more seeking certification. He added that the office expected to get the regulations now being drafted accepted.

Third, he mentioned that the California Preservation Foundation is hard at work on this year's Conference, which will take place April 21-23 in Sacramento.

SHPO Donaldson also brought those assembled up to date on the CHRIS system of information centers scattered around the state. This system is moving towards digitization and is finishing a huge project with the Mojave Desert Group. He expressed the hope that the system will be operational by mid-summer.

Finally, Donaldson said that the slow process of building the staff at the Office of Historic Preservation is almost complete; of the 8 vacancies existing when he assumed command, only 2 remain to be filled.

## VI. RESOLUTIONS

### A. **Lauren W. Bricker, Ph.D.**

Dr. Bricker, immediate former Chair of the State Historical Resources Commission, was commended for her dedicated service to the Commission as the Architectural Historian member. In addition, she was lauded for her support of historic preservation in California through her teaching, her work as Chair, and as Chair of the Commission's Modern Movement Committee.

### B. **Mary Maniery**

A resolution had also been prepared for Mary Maniery, retiring member of the Commission, who filled the Historic Archaeology slot on the Commission with diligence and distinction.

**C. Kathleen Green**

Ms. Green, also a retiring member of the Commission, was cited for her long involvement in the cause of historic preservation locally, assisting in the restoration of Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium, as member of the State Historic Capitol Commission, and her contributions as commissioner.

**D. MaryIn Bourne Lortie**

Ms. Lortie received a standing ovation as she retired from a long career of service to the Commission and the State of California, where she had most recently headed the Registration Unit of the Office of Historic Preservation. She was especially commended for the assistance she provided on nominations for historic designation on behalf of women and minorities.

**VII. WELCOME**

Roberta Deering, Preservation Director for the City of Sacramento, welcomed the Commission to Sacramento.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

**A. Pending Litigation: California Register of Historical Resources – Lincoln Place Apartments, Venice, California.**

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would prejudice the position of the Commission. [Government Code §11126(e)(1) & (e)(2)(A)].

AIMCO Venezia, LLC, v. State of California, State Historical Resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 099 726

**B. Pending Litigation: California Register of Historical Resources –Azusa Foothill Drive-In theatre, Azusa, California**

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open would prejudice the position of the Commission. [Government Code §11126(e)(1) & (e)(2)(A)].

Azusa Pacific University v. State of California, State Historical resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 274 893.

Following the Closed Session, Chair Luis Hoyos stated for the record that he had recused himself as to both the Lincoln Place and Azusa Drive-In litigation, so had not been present during the Closed Session.

Commissioners Grenda and Polanco noted for the record that they had spoken to Bill Delvac, attorney of record in the Lincoln Place matter.

**IX. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**Carly, J.C., House**

Sacramento, Sacramento County  
Local Level of Significance

**Hutton, Warner, House**

Saratoga, Santa Clara County  
Local Level of Significance

**Walnut Street School/  
Maxwell School**

Woodland, Yolo County  
Local Level of Significance

**Montgomery Hotel**

San Jose, Santa Clara County  
Local Level of Significance

**St. Raymond's Church**

Dublin, Alameda County  
Local Level of Significance

Staff Historians Cynthia Howse and Patricia Ambacher presented a PowerPoint presentation of National Register nominations.

**Action:** Commissioner Guerra moved and Commissioner Polanco seconded, that the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Commission Counsel Tara Todd interrupted with the suggestion that properties on the Consent Calendar be specifically named in the motion and that this first motion be rescinded.

Commissioner Novey made a motion to rescind the prior motion, seconded by Commission Grenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Novey made a new motion to approve the Carly and Warner Hutton houses, Maxwell School, the Montgomery Hotel, and St. Raymond's Church for forwarding to the National Park Service. Commissioner Guerra seconded this motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

**Mayor of Dublin Janet Lockhart**, her husband **Steve**, who is President of the Dublin Historical Society, and **Dublin Council Member Claudia McCormack** expressed their appreciation that St. Raymond's Church had been approved.

**Patricia Bailey** appeared for the City of Saratoga to thank the Commission for approving the Warner Hutton House. She added that Patricia Ambacher of the OHP staff had been particularly helpful.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Novey thanked all who had worked to shape the nominations on today's Consent Calendar. She said she had especially enjoyed the Warner Hutton House nomination.

**X. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic District**

San Francisco, San Francisco County  
National Level of Significance

Mark Paez gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Port's history and how the rehabilitation of that vital trading hub was visualized and is slowly moving towards completion.

Commissioner Polanco volunteered the information that she had met with Mark Paez and Diane Oshima, the Port's Waterfront Planning Manager.

Mr. Paez concluded his remarks by saying that, as much as anything, his job has been one of identifying stakeholders in the historic district and slowly building consensus. The district spans 3 miles of San Francisco's waterfront and a period of significance stretching from 1878 to 1946.

**Staff Comments**

Staff Historian Howse recommended that the Commission approve the nomination for listing on the National Register at the national level of significance under criteria A, B, and C. She said the district was not the largest she had seen, but was perhaps the most atypical.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Polanco thanked all who had worked on this large and complex nomination for their hard work, as did Commissioner Bogaard.

Commissioner Novey added her compliments to those of her colleagues, saying she found the nomination beautifully done and she'd like to see it become a book.

SHPO Donaldson noted that Design Guidelines had been prepared by the Port and had been reviewed earlier by the Office of Historic Preservation.

**Action:** Commissioner Polanco moved that the nomination be approved for listing on the National Register under criteria A, B, and C at the national level of significance. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bogaard. The Motion was unanimously carried.

## B. PROGRESS REPORT

The following nominations have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service Notice of Listings identifying these nominations has been received by the Office of Historic Preservation since the last regular meeting of the Commission. *These properties also have been placed on the California Register of Historical Resources.*

<b>Panoramic Hill</b> , Berkeley, Alameda Co.	10/21/05
<b>Gould, Thomas, Jr., House</b> , Ventura, Ventura Co.	12/23/05
<b>San Joaquin Light &amp; Power Corp. Building</b> , Fresno, Fresno Co.	1/03/06
<b>Hotel Chancellor</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	1/03/06
<b>Santa Fe Coast Lines Hospital</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	1/03/06
<b>Santa Fe Freight Depot</b> , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	1/03/06

## XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during this meeting.

## XII. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commission Chair Hoyos announced the Committee assignments for 2006. These were:

Resources of the Modern Movement:	Luis Hoyos, Julianne Polanco
Landscape Resources:	Luis Hoyos, Claire Bogaard
Public Policy & Legislation:	Fernando Guerra, Juli Polanco
California Cultural Diversity:	Rick Moss, Richard Shek
Yearly Goals & Objectives:	Claire Bogaard, Carol Novey
Information Center Procedural Advisory:	Donn Grenda, Trish Fernandez
State Historical Building Safety Board:	Luis Hoyos
Archaeological Resources	Trish Fernandez, Donn Grenda

## XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS REOPENED

Michael Harris brought an issue before the Commission with which he is concerned. He told the Commission that William Leidesdorff built the San Francisco port in 1840. Born in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, he had lived in New Orleans. A Mexican citizen, he received a land grant and was in the business of feeding and clothing the military. He was the first African-American diplomat in U.S. history. He is seeking OHP's assistance in applying for California Landmark status for the Leidesdorff Plaza in Folsom, which recently became the termination point of the new Gold Line of the

Sacramento Regional Transit Light Rail System. In response to a question from Commissioner Fernandez, he said that a celebration was planned to celebrate Leidesdorff's life and career on May 20, 2006, on Historic Sutter Street, Folsom.

Commissioner Moss thanked Mr. Harris for making people aware of this man and his family.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA  
Executive Secretary

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