Quarterly Meeting
of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Santa Rosa City Hall
City Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, California
January 28, 2011
9:00 a.m.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Richard Shek, Ethnic History
David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer
Jenan Saunders, Acting Deputy 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
I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Legal notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Brandes.

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**

Adrian Praetzellis, Ph.D., Director, Anthropology Studies Center, Sonoma State University welcomed the Commission to the City of Santa Rosa.

V. **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution of Commendation was accepted by Former Commissioner Trish Fernandez.

Resolution of Recognition was accepted by R. Neill Fogarty, Supervising, State Park Ranger, for the Annadel State Park.

VI. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2010 MINUTES**

Chairman Brandes entertained a motion to approve the November 5, 2010, meeting minutes. Commissioner Grenda moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

VII. **COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

Chairman Brandes thanked Tom Origer, Eileen Barrow, and Ted Jones for the guided tour of Annadel State Park; and for the informational tour by Leigh Jordan and Bryan Much of the Northwest Information Center.

SHPO Donaldson reported on the OHP database upgrade and business flow software.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned the five year Statewide Historic Preservation Plan which is required by the National Park Service in order to receive federal funding.

SHPO Donaldson gave a brief report about the impact of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and renewable energy projects.
SHPO Donaldson mentioned that California’s electric utility companies are required to use renewable energy to produce 20 percent of their power. SHPO Donaldson mentioned Solar Two, a recently approved project which involves fifteen tribes. SHPO Donaldson mentioned that Ken Salazar, Secretary of Interior, wants to shorten project approval to sixty days.

SHPO Donaldson reported on the large Tribal Summit that was held in Palm Springs.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned that he and Mark Huck, Restoration Architect will be participating in the Colorado Preservation Inc. “Saving Places 2011” Conference in Denver, Colorado.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and Preservation Action Advocacy Day meetings in Washington, D.C. in March 2011.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF NOMINATED PROPERTIES

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

IX. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. National Register of Historic Places, New Nominations

1. Auburn Multiple Property Submissions
   Auburn, Placer County
   Local Level of Significance

2. Auburn Public Library
   Auburn, Placer County
   Local Level of Significance

3. Pacific Electric Etiwanda Depot
   Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County
   Local Level of Significance

4. Seven Springs Ranch
   Cupertino, Santa Clara
   Local Level of Significance

5. South San Francisco Opera House
   San Francisco, San Francisco County
   Local Level of Significance

6. Julian Waybur House
   San Francisco, San Francisco County
   Local Level of Significance
Chairman Brandes called for a break at 9:49 a.m. to replace the digital recorder, as it had reached storage capacity and stopped recording.

Chairman Brandes reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

SHPO Donaldson read for the record a letter from the City of Auburn City Council indicating they do not support the Auburn Public Library nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Brandes asked the public and members of the Commission if there were any nominations to be withdrawn from the consent calendar.

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Moss moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Grenda seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Otten, President, Placer County Historical Society thanked the Commission for approving the Auburn Public Library and Auburn Multiple Property Submission nomination.

Melanie Barton, Placer County Museums Administrator thanked the Commission for approving the Auburn Multiple Property Submission nomination.

Mike Holmes, City Council, City of Auburn thanked the Commission for the approving the Auburn Library and Multiple Property Submission nomination.

Barbara Ochel thanked the Commission for approving the Bayview Opera House and inquired about possible funding for restoration work.

SHPO Donaldson directed Ms. Ochel to review the Office of Historic Preservation website to find funding resources.

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

A. **Captain and Mrs. A J Peterson Residence**  
Coronado, San Diego County  
Local Level of Significance

Dan Soderberg, Vice President, Save Our Heritage Organisation and Chairman, Modernism Committee, presented to the Commission information on Homer Delawie’s classic modern architectural legacy. Mr. Soderberg expressed his strong support for the Captain and Mrs. A. J. Peterson Residence nomination.

Chris Ackerman, AIA, The Ackerman Group, Architects, spoke in support of the nomination.

Dani Grady, lifelong Coronado resident and neighbor to the A.J. Peterson Residence spoke in support of the nomination.
Ralph J. Greenspan spoke of the unique setting of the A.J. Peterson Residence.

Susan Brandt-Hawley, preservation lawyer, representing Save Our Heritage Organisation, (SOHO) spoke in support of the nomination. Ms. Hawley stated the Commission has no legal impediment to their decision to support the nomination.

Chris Ackerman, AIA, reiterated his support of the nomination's architecture.

Scott Moonjian, representing the property owner Mark Gosselin Trust, spoke in opposition to the A.J. Peterson Residence’s nomination. Mr. Moonjian read for the record to the Commission an emailed letter that was sent by the owner Mark Gosselin, who strongly objects to the nomination. Mr. Moonjian discussed the nomination’s procedural deficiencies in its documentation and research; problems with the historic integrity of the property, and other supporting data and information in the nomination. Mr. Moonjian expressed the A.J. Peterson Residence does not represent a good example of architect Homer Delawie’s work.

Chris Ackerman, AIA, rebutted Mr. Moonjian’s claims and reiterated his support for the nomination.

Susan Brandt Hawley, attorney for SOHO, expressed her support for the nomination. Ms. Hawley reiterated that the nomination is adequate its analysis does provide adequate significance, and it is not vague about Homer Delawie’s work.

Dan Soderberg, Save Our Heritage Organisation(SOHO), suggested that the owner support the nomination and hire a good architect if he wants to make changes to the home that are in line with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards.

Scott Moonjian, attorney for the property owner, rebutted and spoke in opposition to the nomination. Mr. Moonjian mentioned that the issue of reversibility of the changes made to the property is irrelevant. Mr. Moonjian stated the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards addresses the issue of reversibility only if the property is historical and eligible. Mr. Moonjian reiterated how the A. J. Peterson Residence does not measure up to Homer Delawie’s better designs that were designated by other local jurisdictions. Mr. Moonjian expressed how he objectively explained to the Commission why this nomination is not eligible at the national level of significance on the basis of material given by the applicant.

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

Commissioner Bertoli asked the staff to reread the staff’s recommendation.

Jay Correia, Registration Unit, Supervisor read the recommendation.

Commissioner Polanco asked what level of significance the staff recommended.

Mr. Correia stated the staff recommended the local level of significance.
Commissioner Moss asked the Commission their opinion of Homer Delawie’s work and he asked if there are other examples of this type of construction and whether they contain integrity.

Commissioner Polanco stated that the Commission should look at the merits of this nomination and at what information is provided in the nomination.

Commissioner Bertoli described theory behind modernist architecture and why this property is a good example of it.

Commissioner Grenda asked how the A. J. Peterson Residence structure meets the criteria for being of exceptional significance.

Commissioner Polanco stated the nomination is exceptional due to its being unique on Coronado.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned to the Commission that Mr. Correia contacted Paul Lusignan, the reviewer at the National Park Service in Washington, DC about the nomination’s eligibility.

Mr. Correia explained to the Commission his conversation with Mr. Lusignan.

Commissioner Bertoli moved that the Commission find that the Captain A. J. Peterson Residence meets the National Register criteria eligible, as stated in the nomination, at the local level of significance, and that the Commission recommend the SHPO forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for a determination of eligibility. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion.

Chairman Brandes asks the Commission for a roll call vote.

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

**Action:** Motion carried, five yes, and one no.

Chairperson Brandes declared a recess at 11:35 a.m.

Chairperson Brandes reconvened the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

B. Zane Grey Pueblo
Avalon, Los Angeles County
Margarita Wuellner and Henry Nardi, of PCR and Zane Grey’s West Society, expressed their support for the nomination. Ms. Wuellner and Mr. Nardi gave a PowerPoint presentation for the Commission.

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

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion. Commissioner Grenda moved that the Commission find the Zane Grey Pueblo nomination meets the National Register of Historic Places criteria as stated in the nomination under Criterion B and that the Commission recommend the SHPO forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Moss seconded. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Moss mentioned visiting the Zane Grey Theater.

**XI. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

Chairman Brandes asked for a motion for the approval of the 2010 Annual Report.

Commissioner Polanco motioned to approve the 2010 Annual Report. Commissioner Guerra seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

SHPO Donaldson mentioned to the Commission about their reappointments.

**XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports

**XIII. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

No Commissioners’ comments

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Brandes adjourned the regular meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date