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Quarterly Meeting  
of the  
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
City Council Chamber  
New City Hall  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, California  
July 30, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Julianne Polanco, Chair, Architectural History  
Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture  
Donn Grenda, Ph.D., Prehistoric Archaeology  
Fernando Guerra, Folklore  
Rick Moss, History  
Richard Shek, Ph.D., Ethnic History

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Bryan K. Brandes, Vice Chair, Public Member  
David Phoenix, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

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  
Ann Malcolm, Chief 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 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Polanco.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Polanco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

The Commissioners introduced themselves; Jenan Saunders, Acting Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer introduced the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

**IV. WELCOME**

Mayor Kevin Johnson welcomed the Commission to Sacramento. Commissioner Moss thanked Mayor Johnson of Sacramento for his stated and demonstrated commitment to the arts in Sacramento and statewide.

**V. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. Sacramento Modern: Kris Lannin Liang, Dane Henas, and Gretchen Steinberg accepted the resolution.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APRIL 30, 2010 MINUTES**

Chairperson Polanco entertained the approval of the April 30, 2010 draft meeting minutes. Commissioner Shek stated there was an error stating the next SHRC meeting would be April 30, 2010, when it should have stated the next meeting would be July 30, 2010. Commissioner Grenda approved the meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Shek seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS**

Chairperson Polanco thanked the Sacramento Modern group for the tour on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

Chairperson Polanco reported she attended the Dipsea Trail's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

Chairperson Polanco mentioned July 30 is Governor Schwarzenegger's birthday.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders gave SHPO Donaldson's report on his activities since the April 30, 2010, Commission meeting.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders reported SHPO Donaldson is attending the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) Board

Meeting. Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders also stated SHPO Donaldson will be giving a keynote address at the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Annual Conference.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders mentioned SHPO Donaldson gave a keynote address at the National Asian Pacific Islander American Historic Preservation forum last week in San Francisco.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders mentioned SHPO Donaldson and two members of the Local Government Unit (Lucinda Woodward and Marie Nelson) presented at the Keeping Time III Conference, the third annual conference of its kind, hosted by Tuolumne County.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders reported SHPO Donaldson and Mark Huck, Restoration Architect, presented a session on sustainability at the California Preservation Foundation Conference May 13-15, 2010. Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders also mentioned SHPO Donaldson spoke at the plenary.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders reported what was on SHPO Donaldson's calendar before the next SHRC meeting: August 9-11, 2010, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Green Bay, Wisconsin; September 14-17, 2010, Advisory Council in Historic Preservation meeting, the first meeting in eighteen months, there will be a large sustainability committee workshop with major federal agencies; October 4-8, 2010, Green Government Symposium in Washington, DC; October 6-9, 2010, Association for Preservation Technology Conference in Denver, Colorado; October 27-31, 2010, National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Austin, Texas.

Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders reported that OHP has moved to the new location at 1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Sacramento. Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders also stated the entire office has new telephone and fax numbers, and OHP's website has the current contact information.

## **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. Bricker Building  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
2. Chapel of the Transfiguration  
Tahoe, Placer County  
Local Level of Significance
3. Ernest & Emily Renzel House  
San Jose, Santa Clara County

Local Level of Significance

4. Healdsburg Memorial Bridge  
Healdsburg, Sonoma County  
Local Level of Significance
5. 1516 North Serrano Bungalow Court  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
6. 1544 North Serrano Bungalow Court  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
7. 1554 North Serrano Bungalow Court  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
8. 1721 North Kingsley Bungalow Court  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Local Level of Significance
9. PG&E Powerhouse  
Sacramento, Sacramento County  
Local Level of Significance
10. Pilot  
San Diego, San Diego County  
Local Level of Significance

Chairperson Polanco recommended the Wilsonia Historic District (Amendment) nomination be removed from the consent calendar to hear it as a discussion and action item due to owner opposition.

Chairperson Polanco stated she had questions about the notification obligations of the two district amendments on the agenda. Chairperson Polanco asked if the obligation was to notify the entire district or just those who are affected by the district's amendment. Chairperson Polanco mentioned OHP staff spoke to Paul Lusignan of the National Park Service who stated a change in the contributing status of properties in an existing district works the same as a boundary increase which is that only the property owners affected by the amendment are required to be notified. Chairperson Polanco read 36 CFR 60.14 (a) 1 to the Commission. Chairperson Polanco asked another question about an objection to the amendment and the property owner count. Chairperson Polanco mentioned Paul Lusignan had stated a property owner cannot object to a district amendment such as a change of contributors because the district already exists and owners had the opportunity to object to the adoption when it was first heard.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Grenda moved to approve the Consent Calendar as read. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Roberta Deering, City of Sacramento thanked the Commission for the PG&E Powerhouse building nomination.

Christy McAvoy thanked the Commission for nominating the Bungalow Courts to the National Register. Ms. McAvoy also thanked the registration and tax credit staff.

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

A. Berkeley Iceland, East Bay Iceland  
Berkeley, Alameda County  
Local Level of Significance

James Grandison, Vice-President of Preservation, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) and resident of Berkeley spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Grandison also read a support letter from Daniella Thompson, BAHA President.

Sally Sachs, BAHA Board Member spoke in support of the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

Austene Hall, resident of Berkeley for thirty years, read a letter by the Citizens of Berkeley in support of the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

Carrie Olson spoke in support of the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

John Sutton English, BAHA, spoke in support of the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

Kristina Lawson, attorney with Miller Starr Regalia in Walnut Creek, spoke in opposition to the Berkeley Iceland, East Bay nomination. Ms. Lawson mentioned the property's deterioration and undetermined status as a local landmark.

James Grandison rebutted and expressed his support for the Berkeley Iceland nomination. Mr. Grandison asked what the City of Berkeley politics has to do with the State Historic Resources Commission decision.

Carrie Olson rebutted and expressed her support for the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

John Sutton English, BAHA, rebutted and reiterated his support for the Berkeley Iceland nomination.

Kristina Lawson, attorney with Miller Starr Regalia in Walnut Creek, rebutted and reiterated her opposition to the nomination.

Chairperson Polanco closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Commissioner Guerra stated the building needs to be preserved but he was hesitant about moving the nomination forward today due to the City of Berkeley not yet offering an opinion on the nomination nor having dealt with the local landmark issue in relation to the building. Commissioner Guerra also mentioned that the City of Berkeley and the property owner need help to understand how to preserve the property. Commissioner Guerra asked if the Commission would consider continuing the nomination at the next commission meeting.

Chairperson Polanco stated that Acting Deputy SHPO Saunders mentioned the nomination had already been delayed once by SHPO Donaldson to give them more time to resolve the local issues.

Chairperson Polanco asked Chief Counsel Malcolm what the Commission's obligations are regarding local and state statutes designation processes.

Chief Counsel Malcolm stated the Commission's decision is independent of what happens at that local level. Chief Counsel Malcolm also mentioned the Commission can decide whether or not to continue, but what happens at the local level does not govern the Commission's decision.

Commissioner Bertoli asked if there was anything the Commission can decide to help the local level decision.

Chief Counsel Malcolm stated the Commission has the ability to grant the continuance or proceed, and act based on the normal criteria considered for any property nominated for listing.

Commissioner Bertoli also asked if the Commission can state their accommodation. Chief Counsel Malcolm stated yes, as long it is not part of the formal action of the Commission. Chairperson Polanco repeated it cannot be in the motion.

Commissioner Moss mentioned that in his opinion the nomination does meet the criteria for listing on the National Register but he wanted to know if the owners could share with the Commission the details about the two development proposals.

Chief Counsel Malcolm stated there is no obligation for the property owner to share that information with the Commission and what the Commission is tasked with determining is whether the nomination before them meets the criteria. Commission members are evaluating the information and criteria before them, and the request for continuance.

Commissioner Shek asked if the property meets the criteria for designation then why is the local commission waiting for a concrete development plan in order to move forward with the nomination?

Chairperson Polanco asked the representative from the City of Berkeley or OHP staff if there is a hearing scheduled yet for the local landmark nomination.

Amy Crain, OHP staff stated she had a telephone conversation about the hearing indicating the meeting was yet to be scheduled.

Kristina Lawson, attorney with Miller Starr Regalia in Walnut Creek reiterated what Ms. Crain stated about the meeting: that it was yet to be scheduled.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion. Commissioner Guerra moved that Berkeley Iceland, in Berkeley, California be determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Polanco stated to the property owner how difficult it is to make decisions when there are issues happening at the local level, and also she hopes the success of the proposals will meet their needs in retaining the beautiful historic structure.

B. Tahoe Meadows (Amendment)  
S. Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County  
Local Level of Significance

Cathi Sweeney, homeowner and board member, spoke in support of Tahoe Meadows.

Chairperson Polanco closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Chairperson Polanco asked the staff the number of properties that are subject to the amendment and the number expressing support and opposition.

William Burg stated there are a total of thirteen properties subject to amendment, nine properties which were non-contributors that are changing to contributor status, and four properties which were demolished. He also indicated that there are three letters of support and one letter of opposition for the amendment.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion. Commissioner Grenda moved that the Commission find the Tahoe Meadows (Amendment) meets the National Register of Historic Places criteria as stated in the nomination and the Commission recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for determination regarding the same. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

C. Niles Canyon Railroad and Contributors  
Niles, Alameda County  
Local Level of Significance

Al Minard, current chairperson, Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historic Commission, submitted the nomination on his own behalf and spoke in support of the Niles Canyon Railroad and Contributors. Mr. Minard thanked William Burg for his assistance in fine tuning the nomination.

Alan Frank, Curator for Pacific Locomotive Association spoke in support of the Niles Canyon Railroad and Contributors.

Chairperson Polanco closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Chairperson Polanco asked Chief Counsel Malcolm to give the Commission information about opposition to a nomination by a public agency.

Chief Counsel Malcolm stated she could not answer the question at the time but needed to take a break to talk with staff.

Jay Correia, Registration Unit Supervisor stated his understanding that a government agency cannot oppose a National Register nomination.

Chairperson asked why staff recommended the particular level of significance.

Mr. Correia mentioned William Burg will speak on the nomination and also Mr. Correia stated the staff always encourages the applicant to try to increase the level of significance. Mr. Correia stated the word from the National Park Service is that it is extremely difficult to obtain the National level of significance.

William Burg gave information to the Commission as to why the nomination was not put forth at the National level of significance.

Chairperson Polanco asked the applicant if he shared the concern about the level of significance at the local level.

Mr. Minard stated he agreed to the nomination level of significance at the local level. Mr. Minard stated he understood the property was significant at the national level only for about ten years when part of the mainline of 1869 to 1879 was essentially bypassed by the route through the valley.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion. Chairperson Moss moved that the Commission finds the Niles Canyon Railroad and Contributors meet the respective National Register of Historic Places criteria as stated in the nomination and that the Commission recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for determination at the level of significance regarding the same. Commission Guerra seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

D. Wilsonia Historic District (Amendment)  
Wilsonia, Tulare County  
Local Level of Significance

Christy McAvoy, Historic Resources Group, spoke in support for the Wilsonia Historic District (Amendment). Ms. McAvoy stated the Wilsonia District Trust is requesting an amendment to their nomination of 1995 because new architectural and period contributors are now eligible, and Ms. McAvoy mentioned the period of significance was to be extended to 1959.

James M. Spitze, co-founder and semi-permanent secretary of the Wilsonia District Trust, spoke in support of the nomination.

H. A. "Gus" Collin, III, resident at the Wilsonia Historic District, spoke in support of the nomination.

Chairperson Polanco closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion. Commissioner Shek moved that the Commission find the Wilsonia Historic District (Amendment) meets the respective National Register of Historic Places criteria as stated in the nomination and that the Commission recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for determination regarding the same. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously

## **XI. CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

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 Historic Resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BS 103 594: Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District Case Number B205886.

No closed session.

The Commission adjourned for a break at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

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

### **A. Discussion of Subcommittees – Julianne Polanco**

Chairperson Polanco stated there is no subcommittee discussion until next meeting.

### **B. Pricing Schedule for Information Center- Eric Allison**

Eric Allison presented the electronic pricing schedule for the Information Centers to the Commission for approval. Mr. Allison gave an update about the changes in terminologies, products, services and the need for new fee structure to maintain the reasonably stable income for the Information Centers.

Bryan Much, Assistant Coordinator, Northwest Information Center gave the Commission information on the fee structure, inventory and revenue.

Chairperson Polanco gave an overview of what was discussed at the workshop about the electronic fee structure, parity in what different clients receive from

Information Centers, and subscriptions. She also noted the issue of understanding the funding sources for Information Center functions that are CHRIS activities versus activities outside of CHRIS. She stated that Information Center activities outside of CHRIS are not the business of the Commission. She also stated that concern over users changing digitized documents from Information Centers was understood, but was a user integrity issue, not an issue to be addressed by the Commission. Chairperson Polanco stated that she wishes to ensure that the pricing schedule, and what is available at each Information Center, is fair and consistent.

Commissioner Bertoli asked what the Commission is voting on.

Chairperson Polanco stated the Commission will be voting on the fee structure.

Chairperson Polanco asked Mr. Allison about the language regarding digitized shapes. Chairperson Polanco stated she would like the language in the fee structure to match what is being provided, and that separate from the fee structure, the issue of parity in what is provided to different customers should be addressed.

Commissioner Grenda mentioned that digitized shapes were being provided through subscriptions in San Diego, where more than 149 shapes were involved.

Chairperson Polanco asked if it is true that digitized shapes are only provided when there are more than 149.

Mr. Allison stated no, not for subscriptions. He stated that the original fee structure did not have the language regarding fees "as negotiated", but the language was added in response to issues noted in the in San Diego area, where high feature density records searches resulted in high costs. Mr. Allison stated any record search could hit over 149 whether the search area was big or small. He also noted that the San Diego Information Center provides digitized shapes regardless of the number, and that subscriptions involve large amounts of information.

Chairperson Polanco stated the fee structure should be addressed as a Commission motion, and the other items noted should be addressed separately, as a direction to staff.

Commissioners, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Much discussed possible language changes to the electronic fee structure, details of how spatial data are organized at Information Centers, and how electronic fees are calculated.

Chairperson Polanco asked for a motion. Commissioner Grenda moved to approve the electronic fee structure as presented effective July 24, 2008 and move to extend the fee structure for another year to the third meeting date of 2011. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Archaeological Committee White Papers – Donn Grenda**

Anmarie Medin, Secretary of the Archaeological Committee presented the finalized drafts of the “white papers” to the Commission to be adopted.

Chairperson Polanco mentioned what was discussed at the workshop and what were some of the minor clarifications that needed to be finalized today.

Chairperson Polanco strongly encouraged a motion. Commissioner Grenda moved to adopt the five “White Papers” which includes standards and guidelines for California archaeology curation, protection, conservation, and interpretation as presented today. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion.

**Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Polanco commended former Commissioner Trish Fernandez and Commissioner Grenda on the hard work that was done.

Former Commissioner and former Chairperson Trish Fernandez of the Archaeological Resources Committee thanked the Commission for the adoption of the white papers and she spoke about the tribulations the committee had to go through to get the white papers adopted.

### **XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Polanco adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date

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