National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable "For Junctions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property
historic nameAllan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel
other names/site number
2. Location
street & number223 E. Cabrillo BlvdNZAnot for publication
city or town Santa Barbara NAvicinity
state <u>California</u> code <u>CA</u> county <u>Santa Barbara</u> code <u>083</u> zip code <u>93101</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.) Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Signature of commenting official/Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau
4. National Park Service Certification I hereby certify that the property is: ✓ Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)

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Name of Pr	operty		Calouser

Santa Barbara County, California County and State

5. Classification		
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)
⊊ private ⊊ public-local	☐ building(s)☐ district	Contributing Noncontributing
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Name of related multiple pr (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of	operty listing of a multiple property listing.)	Number of contributing resources previously liste in the National Register
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6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	4	Current Functions
Recreation and Cultu	ire: Carousel	(Enter categories from instructions) Recreation and Culture: Carousel
		- Carouser
7. Description		
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
		foundation
		walls
		roof
		other wood

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel Santa Barbara, California

The Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel, manufactured c. 1916 by the Allan Herschell Carousel Company of North Tonawanda, New York, is located in a newly constructed pavilion in the Chase Palm Park of Santa Barbara, California. The carousel was placed into operation at this site in June of 1999. The carousel is 40 feet in diameter, has a 19 foot wooden center pole at its core, and supports 35 jumping style hand carved wooden horses along with two hand carved wooden chariots. The chariots have two benches each and are carved in a decidedly "art deco" styling. The carousel has 14 lighted rounding boards connected by 14 lighted wooden shield covers. Each shield possesses a different hand carved wooden masque at its center. Hanging from the inner sweeps are a double row of scenery panels, which serve to conceal the working machinery parts. Recorded band organ music is played to accompany the 3 minute ride. After acquiring the carousel in 1990, the current owners restored the horses and machine in 1999 back to its historically accurate appearance after years of neglect in its former amusement park location. The carousel was first known to have been in outdoor operation in an amusement park on the east coast prior to 1970. Many alterations to the original carousel were made there, and the machine's maintenance was greatly neglected. In 1970, Seaport Village in San Diego, California purchased the carousel and placed it into storage. After ten years of non-operation, Seaport Village believed the cost of restoration was to high and placed the carousel up for sale. The current owners purchased the machine, and in 1997, an extensive restoration on the carousel to return it to its historical accuracy and primary function as an operating carousel was begun.

Architecturally, the carousel has a 40 foot diameter platform. Originally, the carousel had a slotted platform which had spaces between the wooden planks. This flooring was replaced in 1999 due to unsafe patching and wood rot on the original floor. To eliminate the hazard of shoe heels catching between the slotted planks, and to make the platform sound, a new floor of solid clear fir was constructed to replace the original. The carousel is of American manufacture, and rotates in a counter-clockwise direction. The carousel has an electric motor for its drive system, and a hydraulic fluid clutch to gearbox chain drive, which engages a cheese-wheel, which in turn rotates the ring gear under the sweeps. The horses' jumping action is achieved via an overhead crank method where the horse's upward height is determined by the upward height of the u-shaped crank from which the horse is hung. The pole on which the horse is hung does not go beneath the platform. The carousel prior to 1970 operated with an electric motor using an

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open gearing mechanism. The 1997 restoration replaced that motor with a 5 horsepower electric motor and a push button start mechanism as is required by safety codes in California. The motor and core mechanism is also enclosed in a wooden box enclosure as is required for safety. These changes are not historically accurate, but are necessary for carousels to operate for the public, and allow the carousel to do its historical function of providing entertainment to its riders.

The core of the carousel is its 19 foot high poplar wood center pole which is mounted on a wooden "X" shaped stabilizing base. An "A" frame assembly of metal rods from the center pole supports the drive shafts and gear assembly. The rods attach to the tops of beams or arms called "sweeps" which divide the machine into sections. Wooden spreader bars separate the sweeps for stability. These spreader bars carry the crankshafts, which allow the horses to raise and fall as the carousel turns. The carousel's center pole, sweeps, braces, machinery timbers, rims, and panels are constructed of wood, and are original to this carousel. With the exception of the motor itself, replaced in 1999, the original machinery, including the cheese wheel, gears, crankshafts, and rods is still intact and functioning.

The carousel's east coast operation was in an outdoor location for an undetermined number of years. It suffered from years of neglect and alterations from its original form. The original rim or cresting of the carousel is made up of wooden panels called rounding boards, and the original framework of these pieces have been retained and restored in 1999. The original painted scenes on the rounding boards had been stripped and painted over prior to 1970, and the interior panels had been replaced with particle board and repainted scenes. In 1999, the particle board was removed and replaced with more historically correct wood panels. Oil painted scenes have been reproduced onto the new panels in the style typically used during this era on Allan Herschell carousels. Wood rot had taken its toll on half of the shield covers by 1970, and in the 1999 restoration, these were replaced with shields cut from hard wood in the exact design as the originals. The original hand carved wooden masques were saved and restored in 1999. The original scenery panel frames again grace the carousel. The original oil paintings had been destroyed prior to 1970 and replaced with particle boards painted with geometric designs common to amusement park decorations of the 1960's. In 1999, the deteriorated panels were removed and replaced with oil paintings on canvas as was customary on carousels. Original oil paintings of the

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era did not fair well at the hands of park owners, or with the march of time. Many paintings were destroyed by being painted over when they faded with age, or were damaged by weather. Those original paintings that have survived require expert handling and expensive restoration. Many amusement operators simply replaced or painted over old paintings to match the current color schemes.

The original lighting on the carousel was replaced prior to 1970 by modern fluorescent tube strips under the rounding boards and the sweeps. The 1997 restoration removed these fixtures, and replaced them with the historically accurate porcelain sockets and clear bulbs under the rounding boards, sweeps, shields, and around the scenery panels.

The carousel's horses, all hand carved from poplar wood, have painted wooden eyes, carved tails, and most possess characteristically boxy faces and tucked front legs. Each horse is "shod" with metal cast horseshoes, also a trademark of Allan Herschell carousels. All the horses on the carousel are original to the machine. In 1997, the horses under went an extensive restoration. Layers of old park paint were removed as the original paint had long since been removed. The horses were made sound and repainted. Historically, carousel painters used a lead based paint called Japan paint. They were bright primary colors that were mixed to the desired shade. The idea was to attract riders from a distance, and show off the carving of the animals. Today, Japan paint is not available as is any lead based paint. The colors used on this carousel are based on the bright and colorful use of enamels to show off the original carvings rather than the muted antiqued paints to indicate the figure's age. Historically, the horses had metal bridle bits, and stirrups attached to leather straps and then attached onto the horse. These have been removed during the restoration as they cause severe damage to the wooden figures.

Along with the carved horses on this carousel are two very elaborately hand carved poplar wood chariots. Each has double bench seating. Originally, the seats had leather covers filled with horsehair for cushioning. Years of outside use and neglect caused the need to remove the original cushions. The seats have been replaced with clear fir benches and no cushions, as the new location is on the sea shore, and salt air is not compatible with fabric cushions. The first of these remarkable chariots has a sea dragon being ridden by a female "Viking" image in

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a very art deco styling. The second chariot is itself a "chariot" with a lovely and delicately carved seated lady at the rear of the piece. Both chariots are deeply and intricately carved, and very unusual for an Allan Herschell carousel.

All original pieces, which had to be removed for safety reasons, or because of extensive damage have been retained and are in storage at the International Museum of Carousel Art's warehouse located in Hood River, Oregon.

Upon completion of the restoration, the carousel was placed back into operation in June of 1999 in a park setting inside its own specially designed pavilion in Santa Barbara's Chase Palm Park, California. For the first time in over 20 years, the Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel was again bringing enjoyment to the public as was its original intent. The newly constructed pavilion is of a mission styling and was made to blend into the surrounding community. It is open on all sides, and is situated in a landscaped forecourt within an extensive park featuring a lagoon. The pavilion was designed in a manner which reproduces the spirit of a traditional carousel building, but makes no attempt to replicate a historic structure.

The pavilion was designed by Cearnal Architects, Santa Barbara, California, and was built by Melchiori Construction Company, Santa Barbara, California. The wood frame carousel housing structure is a white stucco, 3600 square foot, octagonal building built on a concrete foundation. It has eight roll-up doors, a flat built-up roof, and is 30 feet high at the front parapet.

Carousels, in America commonly called "merry-go-rounds" are mechanically driven amusement devises in which circular, moveable platforms fitted with wooden animals carry riders in a counter-clockwise rotation pattern. Their history dates back to Europe where smaller but similar devises were used to train horsemen for battle. From 1885 onward, the carousel was a popular fixture at public parks, fairs, and carnivals. In the historic period 1875-1935, the horses and other figures were invariably assembled and carved by hand. Modern replacement figures typically are made of fiberglass, thus, the period 1875-1935 is considered the "golden age" of carousel craftsmanship. This carousel is of that era and is a fine example of that craftsmanship.

Statement of Significance	
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A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	Art
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance
□ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	1916
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates
Property is:	1916
☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	
B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
☐ C a birthplace or grave.	N/A
☐ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	N/A
☐ F a commemorative property.	
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance	Architect/Builder
within the past 50 years.	Herschell, Allan-carver
Narrative Statement of Significance	
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) 9. Major Bibliographical References	Cearnal Architects, Inc., pavilion
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recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	Name of repository:
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	International Museum of Carousel Art

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The Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Park Carousel is a handcrafted carousel of American manufacture presently operating in the state of California. The carousel dates c. 1916, made during the period which spans much of the last half of the golden age of carousels (1835-1935), and the heyday of the American amusement parks. The carousel meets National Register Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a recreational genre illustrative of the development of animal carving as a "functional" art form wherein the carvers competed to create the most novel and colorful attractions. The carousel is also eligible under Criterion C as it has been moved within its traditional setting, and is now situated within an exhibition building in a city park. The carousel retains its historical features, and retains its integrity of design, materials, feeling, and function.

The nominated Allan Herschel carousel is one of the largest known machines produced by the Allan Herschell Company, and possesses some of the rarest outside row jumping horses in current operation.

Allan Herschell (1851-1927), founder of Armitage-Herschell, Herschell-Spillman, and Spillman Engineering Carousel companies, was forced into retirement by Edward Spillman in 1911. In 1915, Allan Herschell came out of retirement to form his own carousel company in direct competition to his former partner. Allan Herschel started his plant in North Tonawanda, New York. The building exists today as a museum to Allan Herschell's carvings. During 1915-1927, the Allan Herschell Company specialized in small 2 and 3 row "transportable" carousels. It is believed only four park style carousels were made during this time making the nominated machine extremely rare. Due to its size and massively carved outer row of horses, the nominated carousel would require a permanent or fixed site location giving it the status of a "park" carousel. Allan Herschell retired again in 1923 for health reasons and died in 1927.

Allan Herschell notably produced many 2 and 3 row carousels mostly for the traveling fair circuits. The rarity of the nominated carousel is visible in the outer row of hand carved horses placed on this particular carousel. The horses exhibit very deep carvings, elaborately detailed trappings, and many possess uncommonly gentle faces, not normally associated with Allen Herschell carvings. At this time in the carousel industry, many carvers from other companies were moving from shop to shop to obtain employment. Though designed by Allen Herschell, the first and second row of horses on the nominated carousel show

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carving traits greatly influenced by styles attributed to noted carvers from Spillman Engineering Company, Daniel Muller and Leo Zoller. These unique traits include: very large and animated tassels; "cross-hatch" carvings on the trappings; realism of blankets folds and cinching "puckering"; and exacting details in belts and buckles. Also, found on this carousel are rare roach-manned horses, and the use of animal "pelts" for saddles.

Research has found no other operating Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Park Carousel possessing outside row carved wooden horses of this caliber. The nominated carousel was owned by Seaport Village, San Diego, California; where after ten years of never having been operated; it was sold to the current owners in 1990. The carousel was believed to have operated in an amusement park on the east coast prior to its purchase by Seaport Village, but no documentation exists with any more accurate information. In 1999, the carousel was placed in operation in Chase Palm Park, Santa Barbara, California. Neither the carousel's physical character nor its artistic qualities have been altered or affected by its move. The carousel is designed to be moved and has done so several times during its historic use. Though a park is a traditional location for operating a carousel, a historically appropriate setting for a carousel is anywhere where people can come and enjoy its purpose as "functional art". A great many historic wooden carousels were designed as "portables". The carousel's historic significance is not dependant on its location in the degree that any location that provides ridership allows the carousel to pursue its historic function as an amusement ride.

Carousel makers were part of the Industrial Revolution, and were instrumental in the creation of many different drive systems and mechanical devices. Not only did carousels become the "star" attraction of amusement parks, the parks themselves became significant social gathering places around the turn of the century. The advent of electricity brought about a rapid change in the lifestyle of many Americans in the early 1900's. The population shifted from a rural society to a society of city dwellers working in the newly established factories. This influx of people in the cities brought about the development of the rail and trolley systems needed to move them about. Carousels evolved on a grander scale in America than anywhere else because of the creation of recreational areas where fixed site carousels could be operated. Amusement parks were linked with the commercial motives of interurban rail companies. It was obvious that operating the rail system seven days a week would be more profitable than five or six days,

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and factory weary workers craved diversion from their weekly grind. Amusement parks were developed at the end of trolley lines were land was cheap, and they soon flourished. Carousels, among the main attractions, grew in size at these locations. Carousel artists and craftsmen indulged their creativity. Popular designs were copied, and carvers moved from shop to shop. Wood was their medium, and their talent is not likely to be duplicated by many today.

The growing popularity of carousels gave rise to several carving companies eager to meet the demand for figures and machines. Each carver strived to outdo his competitor, and it was the spirited competition, some believe, which was responsible for the emergence of the original amusement park ride as a significant art form. This nominated Allan Herschell Carousel is among those created at this time in our history.

American carousels, which exceeded 10,000 in their heyday, have become much reduced in number since their production slowed with the onset of the Depression and World War I. In recent years, many machines have been dismantled for sale of the carved animals as collector items. According to a census maintained by the National Carousel Association, fewer than 300 carousels remain in operation in America today; by some accounts, fewer than 160. The true significance of a carousel may well be the fact that it has survived use and abuse, and can still perform its historic function to provide a moment out of time and shear enjoyment. This Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel has been doing this for over 80 years, and with care, will be doing it for another 80 years.

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	11. Form Prepared By	
	name/title_Jean_Skinner/Head_of_Restoration	
	organizationInternational Museum of Carousel Art	date July 25, 1999
	street & number 304 0-1 G	lephone (541) 387-4622
	city or town Hood River state O	regon zip code 97031
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Verbal Boundary Description

Commencing at the SE corner of Garden Street and Cabrillo Blvd., thence NE aprox. 270 feet to the center of the carousel, thence in a radius of aprox. 40 feet in a 360 degree circle to encompass the carousel, it's mounting pad, and it's 3600 square foot exhibition building within the City of Santa Barbara's Chase Palm Park, Santa Barbara, California.

Boundary Justification

The nominated area of 3600 square feet includes the carousel and its non-historic exhibition building.

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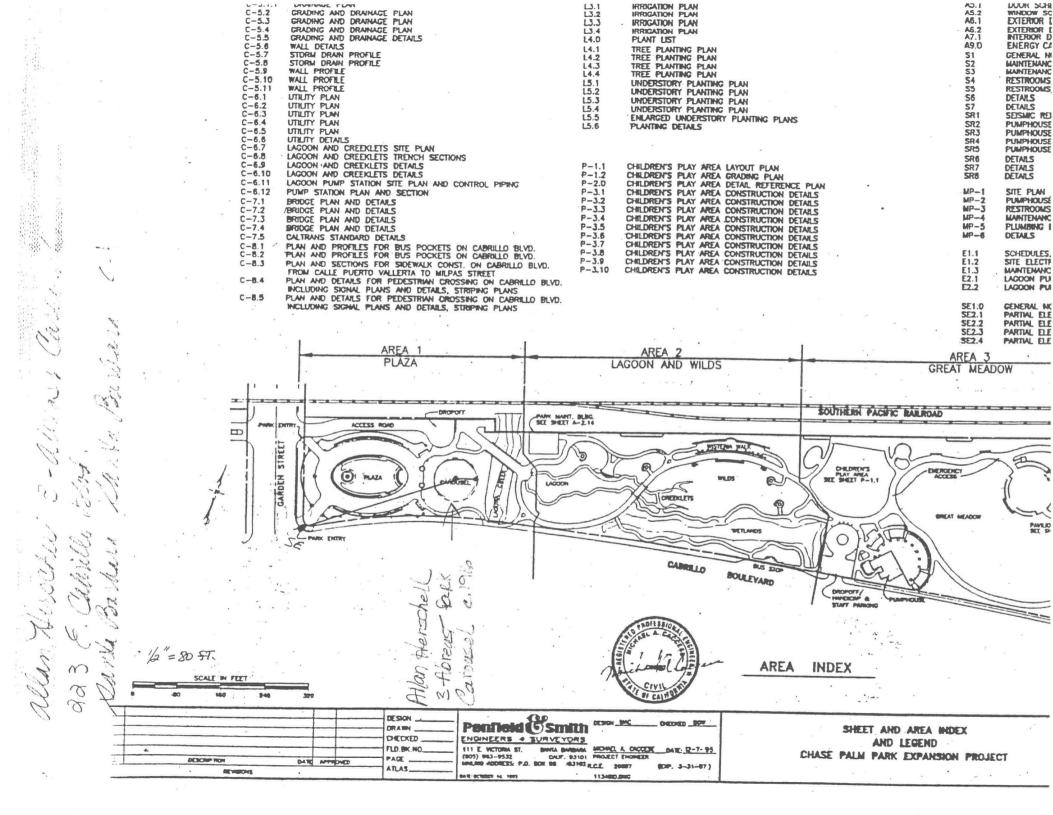
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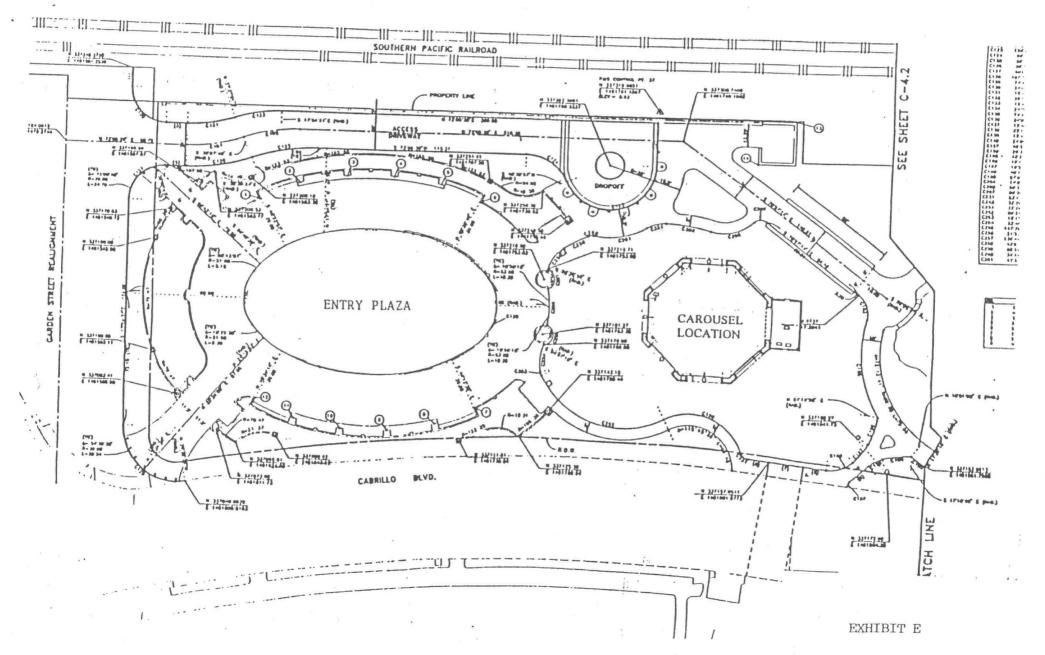
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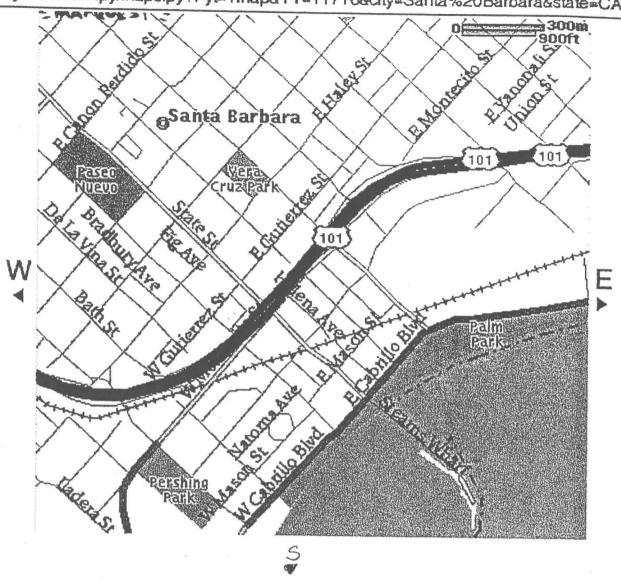
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ALLAN HERSCHELL 3-ABREAST PARK CAROUSEL

Chase Palm Park 223 E. Cabrillo Blvd. Santa Barbara, California 93101

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Resource Count:

Amended Items in Nomination:

Add one non-contributing structure (modern shelter).

These revisions were confirmed with the CA SHPO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

July 21, 1999



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Cynthia Howes
State of California
Office of Historic Preservation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

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Dear Ms. Howes:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Chase Palm Park carousel being placed on the State of California Historic Registry. This act will note the culmination of a planning process that the Santa Barbara community began almost 20 years ago.

It is important to the City of Santa Barbara that this impeccably-restored antique carousel receive the formal distinction it deserves. Santa Barbara is recognized internationally for its commitment to historic and architectural preservation, as is apparent on first sight. Thanks in large part goes to a woman named Pearl S. Chase, for her civic activism in framing the zoning and building codes that have kept Santa Barbara unique in its appearance and aesthetically tied to its Mediterranean climate and Spanish heritage. Chase Palm Park, the park that is home to the Alan Herschell carousel, is named after Pearl Chase.

When the Santa Barbara City Council adopted the agreement with Historic Carousels, Inc. to place and operate the Santa Barbara Carousel, it stipulated that all efforts will be made to place the carousel on the State Historic Registry. Granting of this special distinction will fulfill the spirit and intent of that agreement. It will also further the educational significance and bring added public attention to a popular historic site.

I am sure you are aware that having an antique wooden carousel in a public park brings history full circle. In the early 1900s, carousels were originally placed in parks through sponsorship of utility companies that were promoting the use of electricity. Placement occurred in parks located at the end of trolley lines, with the intention of boosting weekend ridership. It is interesting to note that Chase Palm Park is still at the "end of a trolley line". Today, the Santa Barbara Waterfront Trolley is electric powered. The full picture of the parallels between Santa Barbara and the Alan Herschell carousel has been documented in a 30-minute video presentation, produced by the City of Santa Barbara government access television staff. It tells a wonderful story that may be of interest to you. If you would like a copy of the tape, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the City of Santa Barbara, I encourage you to place the Santa Barbara carousel on the California Historic Registry, thus making a significant statement to the community for promoting education related to historic preservation, a family tradition that has not changed in 100 years.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Johns

Parks and Recreation Director

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SUBJECT: National Register of Historic Places Nomination of Restored Allan Herschell Park Carousel

Restoration of the Allan Herschell Three-Abreast Park Carousel was completed in June of 1999. Functioning within a landscaped court at Chase Palm Park, the 1916 carousel displays 49 hand-carved horses and two elaborate chariots. Considered to be one of the largest machines produced by the American based company, the carousel possesses a rare outer row of jumping horses cast with impressive details. Today, there are fewer than 300 such carousels in operation in the United States. Santa Barbara carries the distinction of maintaining a remnant from this unique period. Selection of the carousel for listing on the National Register would be a fitting acknowledgement for a newly-created segment of this local park that has already received considerable praise.

The nomination appropriately specifies that the structure enclosing the carousel is a non-contributing resource housing the historic horses and sweep mechanism. This 3,600 square foot, flat roofed pavilion is designed in the Mission Revival style and conforms to the City of Santa Barbara *El Pueblo Viejo Design Guidelines*.

As the historian for the City of Santa Barbara, I commend the author of this nomination for excellent research on the history of the Herschell carousels in America, the history of this particular set of restored horses and sweep mechanism, and I support the nomination of the carousel to the National Register. I do, however, note the lack of any local historical context in the nomination research other than the mention of the carousel's installation on the community's waterfront. Carousels are not endemic to Santa Barbara, except for those appearing in transient carnivals, and this is the first permanent installation of any carousel in the history of the City.

Ms. Cyntha Howse October 22,1990 Page Two

Consequently, I request that an amendment to this nomination be prepared offering a local historic context of the Santa Barbara waterfront, specifically the recreation history of Chase Palm Park. The site of the park and its community recreation use is older than the horses of the Herschell Carousel. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Santa Barbara's children were offered pony rides in a circular track near the waterfront rather than rides on a carousel with music.

While the installation of this restored carousel in Santa Barbara is cause for celebration, it is essential that this nomination author also develop a local historic context for its placement in this community's waterfront recreational experience. Members of the City Historic Landmarks Commission may also wish to offer comments on this designation to you before it is considered by the State Historic Resources Commission on November 5.

Thanks for the opportunity to review this nomination.

Sincerely,

Christine Palmer

Associate Planner/Urban Historian

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Enclosure: National Register of Historic Places nomination of Allan Herschell Three-Abreast Carousel

cc: City Historic Landmarks Commissioners

Richard C. Johns, Parks and Recreation Director Dave Davis, Community Development Director

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State Historic Resources Commission State Office of Historic Preservation P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: National Register of Historic Places Nomination of Restored Allan Herschell Park Carousel

The City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission supports the nomination of the Allan Herschell Park Carousel for National Register Status. However, we agree with the comments previously provided to Office of Historic Preservation staff member Cynthia Howse by the Santa Barbara City Historian. Specifically, the nomination should be amended to place this artifact within a context of the history of Santa Barbara, and the historic uses of the area in which it is presently located.

We also concur with the City Historian's view that the enclosing structure is a non-contributing resource. It only broadly conforms to the City of Santa Barbara El Pueblo Viejo Design Guidelines. The suggestion that the building is of any historic interest is premature. Thanks for taking our views into account.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Sharpe, Chair

Historic Landmarks Commission

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February 23, 2000

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Subject:

Allan Herschell 3-Abreast Carousel

Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California

National Register of Historic Places

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the Allan Herschell Carousel nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This resource is located in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California. Only the carousel and footprint are being nominated.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact Cynthia Howse, of my staff, at (916) 653-9054.

Sincerely,

Daniel Abeyta, Acting

State Historic Preservation Officer