

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center

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Report to Nevada Indian Commission Board: August 14, 2017

Leadership and Organization Structure

- Created draft of Cultural Center Plan of Operations
- Present draft Plan of Operations to Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) Board on Aug. 14th and tribal visits Aug. 14-17, 24, 30, and 31
- Meet with Administrator of the Division of Museums and History
- Created Cultural Center Advisory Subcommittee
- Blessing of Cultural Center with Governor's Office for October 26, 2017
- Work with Cultural Center Advisory Subcommittee on mission/vision statement and values
- Work on strategic short-term and long-term Cultural Center plans

Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

- Participate in talks on Master Plan and Gallagher Interpretive Framework
- Provided historical photos to State Public Works Division (SPWD) and H&K Architects to document the old gym
- Presenting panel discussion: "The Indian Boarding School Experience - Hidden, but Not Forgotten" at the American Indian Tourism Conference (AITC), Sept. 11-14, 2017, Green Bay, WI.
- Presentation to Friends of Nevada State Museum Sept. 11, 2017
- Working on Nevada Day parade float
- Conducted 2 tours of campus
- American Indian Achievement Awards Banquet & Silent Auction tasks
- National Historic Landmark Application Project research requests

Financial Stability

- Made travel requests to 2017 AITC and Tribal Visits
- Worked on FY 2018 budget projections (BA 2601)
- Made list of supplies needed
- Put together list of needs for grants and fundraisers
- Meet with the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) with list of Cultural Center funding needs
- Meet with SPWD and Buildings and Grounds to discuss rent and maintenance of Cultural Center and Welcome Center

Collections Stewardship

- Reviewed Stewart buildings for collection storage and made recommendation
- Completing 17 research requests
- Assembling new furniture and reorganizing collections storage

- Creating a comprehensive BIA Stewart Indian School Collection Timeline and schedule times to review collection
- Revised Deed of Gift form that needs Attorney General (AG) approval
- Created accessioning process and labeling procedures for collection
- Finalized photo reproduction forms that needs AG approval
- Surveying collections at 7 other repositories with Stewart materials
- Work on accessioning and cataloging items into Past Perfect and fix the entries that were done incorrectly
- Following up with unsigned Deed of Gifts
- Entering information from forms (identification) at Powwow
- Follow up with 8 potential donations to the Stewart Indian School (SIS) collection:
- Digitizing yearbooks with State of Nevada Micrographics

Education and Interpretation

- Putting together images and information for Heard Museum Boarding School Exhibit (due August 22-23)
- Following up with cleaning trail signs
- Finishing up Documentary Project with JoAnne Peden and grant report
- Delivering copies of Oral History Project by Terri McBride
- Setting up Oral History Program
- Setting up Volunteer Program
- Setting up Internship Program
- Revising tour forms online for both tours and presentations

Outreach

- Tribal visits August 14-17, 24, 30, 31
- Providing information to Stewart alumni and tribes through tribal newsletters, etc. on Cultural Center plans and progress
- Providing information about state funding for preservation of buildings to tribes: Ft. McDermitt Shoshone Tribe, Elko Band Council, and Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe

Facility and Risk Management

- Meet with Brian Wacker at SPWD and H&K Architects on Cultural Center construction; review plans
- Proposed old bakery/post office building for collection storage

Communication and Marketing

- Presenting Boarding School Panel at AITC Sept. 11-14, 2017, Green Bay, WI
- Organizing lists of contact names and donors
- Updating website and social media with Cultural Center funding and future plans, blessing ceremony