

**NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION
STEWART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2018 - 9:00am**

Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5366 Snyder Ave., Carson City, NV 89701

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Buck Sampson, Chairman	Alumni		x
Betty Badgett, Vice-Chairwoman	State Buildings and Grounds Division	x	
Kristen Brown	State Historic Preservation Office	x	
Skip Canfield	NV Division of State Lands		x
Rachel Delovio	Nevada State Museum	x	
Meg McDonald	Knowledge of School	x	
Max Symonds	Knowledge of School	x	
Terri McBride	Knowledge of School		x

NIC Staff Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director; Sari Nichols, Program Officer I; Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III; Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center; Chris Ann Gibbons, Curator, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center

Others Present: Ron Cothran, Deputy Administrator, State Buildings and Grounds; Amy Alvarez, Administrative Assistant, State Buildings and Grounds; Dave Bell, Grounds Supervisor, State Buildings and Grounds; Max Hershenow, H&K Architects

I. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chairwoman Badgett called the meeting to order at 9:04am and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. Invocation

Sherry L. Rupert provided the invocation.

III. Initial Public Comment

No initial public comments were made.

IV. Approval of February 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Symonds made a motion to approve the February 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Delovio. The motion carried.

V. Approval of Stewart Advisory Committee Appointment of Representative Forms

Executive Director Rupert stated that one Appointment of Representative Form was received from Terri McBride for reappointment on the Stewart Advisory Committee.

Ms. Delovio made a motion to approve Terri McBride’s Appointment of Representative Form, seconded by Ms. Symonds. The motion carried.

VI. Presentation on Stewart Indian School Master Plan

Max Hershenow of H&K Architects gave a presentation on the Stewart Indian School Master Plan. He began by introducing a historic, cultural, and economic development program along with use recommendations for the Stewart Indian School campus. The recommendations are listed as follows:

- A primary goal is to interpret and honor the Stewart Indian School legacy and the people who attended the school and the families that were affected by the school;
- Conservation of the buildings and the campus to support the goals to interpret and honor the Stewart Indian School legacy, but also to adaptively reuse the buildings and campus to well serve the descendants and families;
- To serve the local community and in particular, the Native American community as a cultural, educational, entertainment, recreation, health, and economic development resource;
- To provide housing opportunities for a variety of local residents and with a variety of housing concepts ranging from affordable, senior and live work to market rate;
- To serve as an economic development catalyst for its surrounding area and for Carson City as a whole. This includes tourism development and economic impacts, job creation, enhancement of Carson City residents’ quality of life and overall improvement of the Carson City brand;
- The need for campus uses to fit into a development framework that can be phased in over time as redevelopment funds are made available, but also to respond to the needs and timing of existing campus tenants who are largely state agencies.

Mr. Hershenow commented that within the Master Plan, a Market Study had also been completed. It identified seven types of areas that may attract visitors to the campus:

- Native Peoples: Interest in honoring, celebrating and learning about their culture;
- Arts and Culture: Interest in observing historic and contemporary works by American Indian artists;
- History and Society: Interest in the stories of the people who lived and made their lives here, the events that took place and their cultural context;
- Athletics: Interest in sports and athletic prowess and pride;
- Skill Building: Interest in learning something new that relates to a personal interest or ability;
- Musical Arts: Interest in viewing performances, studying musical traditions and learning to play instruments;
- Architecture: Interest in the architectural heritage of the buildings and building materials.

Mr. Hershenow stated he will present the Stewart Indian School Master Plan to the Governor’s office and the Nevada Legislature upon completion.

VII. Update on the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA)

Ms. Rupert shared that she attended the last SISPA meeting and stated that they are planning on showing the Stewart Indian School Documentary to alumni that are in failing health. A list of alumni has been compiled and the showing will be on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 3:00pm. SISPA is also working on the planning logistics for the public premieres in December 2018.

VIII. Update on Grants for the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

- A. 2016 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Grant Award – In follow up to the last meeting, Executive Director Rupert stated that she had recently attended the CCCHP Board Meeting and that the NIC’s request for a grant extension had been approved. This means that the NIC can use the funds from this grant until the end of September 2018, instead of April 2018. Ms. Rupert went on to say that groundwork and demolition is within the scope of work for the grant, so the \$147,000 can be used first.
- B. 2018 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Grant Submittal – Ms. Rupert reported that a grant request was submitted for planning documents for the Auditorium. Ms. Rupert plans to attend a grant meeting to discuss the NIC’s application on April 12, 2018 at the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

IX. Update on Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Project – Betty Badgett, State Buildings and Grounds

Vice-Chairwoman Badgett introduced Dave Bell as the new Grounds Supervisor for State Buildings and Grounds (B&G). Mr. Bell reported to the Committee that a full cleanup on the property will be done by the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) prior to the Stewart Father’s Day Powwow in June. He went on to say that B&G will begin a project on the corner of Gibson and Wa-Pai-Shone to place some grass and trees near Building #48. Committee Member Brown added that the project will need approval by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as well as State Lands prior to beginning the project. Mr. Bell commented that the campus irrigation systems are being turned on, weed control has begun, and fertilizing will begin within the next couple of weeks. Ms. Badgett also mentioned that the landscaping around Building #11 has been completed and that some of the other vacant buildings have been painted as well.

Executive Director Rupert asked Mr. Bell why there has been clearing of the grounds down by the track. Ron Cothran, Deputy Administrator of B&G responded by saying that the State Public Works Division (SPWD) has recently come to the realization that this type of clearing should not have occurred and is working on replacing everything that has been taken out. Ms. Rupert stated that the NIC is the coordinating agency of the Stewart Facility by statute and must be informed of all activities that other state agencies or entities plan on completing at the campus.

X. Update and Discussion on Stewart Indian School Cultural Center – Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director

Museum Director Rahder stated that she and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons are continuing their work on the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum Plan of Operations. Some of its documents were approved by the NIC Board at their meeting in February. Ms. Rahder reported that the Blessing Ceremony for the Cultural Center has been postponed until July 11, 2018 and that Museum staff are working on the agenda and logistics. A Cultural Advisory Committee has been formed and members are working on writing statute language creating the Cultural Center and Museum as well as language to allow retail space for fundraising purposes. School yearbooks are being digitized and Ms. Rahder hopes to have them for sale at the upcoming Stewart Father’s Day Powwow. The SPWD will be cleaning mold from the vault in the Cultural Center’s basement. Once that has been removed, Ms. Rahder and Ms. Gibbons can then go through the documents that were left behind.

XI. Update on National Historic Landmark Nomination Preparation

Executive Director Rupert stated that the University of Utah, America West Center's Amanda Scheuerman has been the lead on the writing of the National Historic Landmark (NHL) application for the Stewart Indian School. Ms. Rupert recently learned that Ms. Scheuerman has since taken a leave of absence. Because of this, Gregory Smoak, Director of the America West Center, has requested a no-cost contract extension. Ms. Rupert forwarded the contract to the Interim Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (DTCA) for direction since the funds are supposed to be utilized by June 30, 2018. Ms. Rupert will give an update at the next meeting about how the NHL application project is proceeding.

XII. Planning for the 2018 Stewart Father's Day Powwow

Ms. Rupert shared that this year's Powwow will be held June 15-17, 2018. All of the Head Staff has been decided. The Stewart Father's Day Powwow Committee has appointed Art Martinez to be this year's Arena Director and Red Hoop will be the host drum. Ms. Nichols reported that a meeting with the organizers of this year's Color Fun Run was held yesterday and stated the route will be starting at the Stewart Gym (New Gym). They will start at 8:00am and will end at approximately 11:30am. The Powwow Committee has decided to have a media section for media and other photographers to learn when it is appropriate to take photographs during the event. Also, in order to be a volunteer at the Powwow, applications must be filled out and they must attend a volunteer orientation. Ms. Rupert said the Committee can help by donating items to the raffle and silent auction, or they can sponsor a dance category. Ms. Nichols shared that special water bottles imprinted with the Stewart 'S' will be on sale during the event, in addition to tank tops, V-necks and the standard crew neck style T-shirt.

XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Approval of the April 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes; update on the National Historic Landmark Nomination; update on the Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Project; update on grants; and Stewart Indian School Cultural Center updates.

XIV. Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting

The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2018.

XV. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

Ms. Rupert commented that the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference will be held at the Hard Rock Casino at Lake Tahoe April 23-25, 2018. The conference will be three days, and the first day will be the Mobile Workshop.

XVI. Final Public Comment

No final public comments were made.

XVII. Adjournment

Ms. Symonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Brown seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:13am.