

**NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION
STEWART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2018 - 9:00am

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

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Buck Sampson, Chairman	Stewart Alumni		x
Ron Bodnar	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; Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum

Others Present: Lorraine Martinez Cook, former employee of the old Stewart Museum

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sherry Rupert called the meeting to order at 9:03am and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. Invocation

Sherry Rupert provided the invocation.

III. Initial Public Comment

No initial public comments were made.

IV. Approval of June 1, 2018 and August 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Symonds made a motion to approve the June 1, 2018 and August 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Delovio. The motion carried.

V. Update on Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Requests Submitted for the Stewart Indian School

Ms. Rupert reported that the State Public Works Board met to prioritize the requests for capital improvement project requests. Stewart Indian School’s old gym and bakery are listed as numbers one and two on the Historic Preservation list. Under these projects the old gym will be restored for use as convention/event space and the bakery as collections storage space for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum. The list will go to the Governor’s Office for approval and then on to the 2019 Legislative Session for final approval.

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

- A. 2016 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Grant Award
Ms. Nichols reported that the \$147,000 has been used on demolition as per the grant agreement. The final report and documentation were sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on September 28, 2018.
- B. 2018 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Grant (CCCHP) Submittal
Ms. Nichols reported on the \$79,000 that was awarded for planning documents to be completed for the Auditorium. The Nevada Indian Commission is working with Max Hershenow from H+K Architects on the scope of work for schematic designs. Once completed, the scope of work will go over to SHPO so they can draft a grant agreement.

VII. Update on Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Project

Mr. Bodnar reported that no new projects are currently underway. Buildings and Grounds has completed the painting of buildings 26 through 32. They have had several complements on the work. The restoration of the Clear Creek project is currently underway.

Ms. Rupert explained that she would like to convene a new campus wide committee. The new committee will focus on sharing information and developing a campus wide calendar.

VIII. For Possible Action: Update and Discussion on Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Musuem

Museum Director Rahder reported that she and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons have been working on the following projects:

- Plan of Operation documents and forms
- Research requests
- Following up with donations to the Stewart Indian School Collection
- Gallagher and Associates have completed 59% of the exhibit design and gave a presentation on September 24 at the Nevada Indian Commission. The designs were sent to the exhibit team and consultants for review. Ms. Rahder plans to visit with the tribes to share the designs.
- Setting up meetings with alumni
- Collaborating with the Nevada State Museum about a World War One project to be shown on November 10, 2018.
- Loaning items to the Heard Museum

Ms. Rupert requested that an exhibit design presentation be given at the next Stewart Advisory Committee meeting. Ms. Rahder said she would invite Gallagher to the meeting. Ms. Rahder shared with the group the Stewart Indian School scavenger hunt that is based on the stone buildings. Ms. Brown asked for a copy of the cheat sheet as a way of learning more about the building's rocks.

IX. Discussion on Planning for the 2018 American Indian Achievement Award Banquet and Silent Auction, Saturday, November 17, 2018 in the Stewart Gym, Carson City, NV

Ms. Rupert reported that the American Indian Achievement Award Banquet (AIAA) and Silent Auction will be held at the Stewart Gym on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The Governor's Mansion

banquet room is closed for renovation. The AIAA has grown in size and the Stewart Gym will allow for more tables. The extra space will also be utilized for displaying newly found photos of Stewart, a backdrop for photography for those wishing to have their pictures taken, and silent auction items. Ms. Rupert has invited the Oneida Smoke dancers to perform. The Commissioners would like to present Governor Sandoval with an award so Ms. Rupert is working with his office to see if he is able to attend the banquet.

X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The following were suggested agenda items for future meetings: Approval of the October 5, 2018 meeting minutes, exhibit design update by Bobbi Rahder, Master Plan with H+K update, AIAA Banquet update, and approval of Stewart Advisory Committee appointment of Representative forms.

XI. Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting

The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2018.

XII. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

Mr. Canfield shared his experience at a recent Western Planner Association Conference. The conference was hosted by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe in Fort Hall, Idaho. Mr. Canfield reported that this was the first time a Planner's conference was hosted by a tribe. Mr. Canfield said attendees were happy with the location and accommodations.

Ms. Brown shared a photo she found in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. The photo shows a group of students in front of a stone building, and looks to be used as a postcard.

Ms. Rupert reported on the upcoming Stewart Indian School documentary premiers. The Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) is working with the Nevada Museum of Art and the Smith Center to host the northern and southern premiers.

Ms. Rupert reported on the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Conference she had recently attended and gave a presentation. The feedback was very positive as many boarding schools are no longer standing. The attendees supported and encouraged the reclaiming and repurposing of the Stewart Indian School.

Ms. Symonds asked about the status of the National Historical Landmark application. Ms. Rupert said she is in the process of reviewing the final draft.

Ms. McDonald asked about the status of the old gym roof. Ms. Rupert reported that the Old Gym re-roofing project will commence in spring 2019, after winter and be completed in fall 2019.

XIII. Final Public Comment

Ms. Martinez-Cook said she is excited to see so many positive changes to the Stewart campus.

XIV. Adjournment

Ms. Symonds made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Delovio seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.