

Nevada Indian Commission
Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5500 Snyder Ave., Carson City, Nevada
February 14, 2014

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Ann Gibbons, Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission; Rachel Malloy, Anthropology Collections Manager, Nevada State Museum; William Oliver, Former Employee, Stewart Indian School and Vice-Chairman, Nevada Indian Commission; Buck Sampson, Chairman, Stewart Advisory Committee and Alumni, Stewart Indian School; Meg McDonald, Member, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California; Ron Bodnar, Supervisor, Stewart Facility, Buildings and Grounds; Terri McBride, Ethnographer; Karyn de Dufour, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Buck Sampson called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

- II. Invocation
 - a. The invocation was given by Buck Sampson.

- III. Initial Public Comment
 - a. There were no initial public comments made at the meeting.

- IV. For Possible Action: Approval of December 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - a. With no changes made William Oliver motioned to approve the December 13, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Rachel Malloy. Motion carried.

- V. For Possible Action: Possible Approval of Stewart Advisory Committee Appointment of Representative Forms
 - a. Sherry Rupert reported forms have been received from Karyn de Dufour - State Historic Preservation Office and Terri McBride - Ethnographer.
 - b. William Oliver motioned to approve the forms, seconded by Rachel Malloy. Motion carried.

- VI. For Possible Action: Elections of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Stewart Advisory Committee
 - a. Sherry explained that according to the Stewart Advisory Committee by-laws “at its first meeting and annually thereafter, the advisory committee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members.”
 - b. Buck Sampson opened the floor up to nominations for the Stewart Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman. Meg McDonald nominated Terri McBride for the Stewart Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman. With no other nominations Terri McBride was voted the Vice-Chairman by acclamation.
 - c. Buck Sampson opened the floor up to nominations for the Stewart Advisory Committee Chairman. Meg McDonald nominated Buck Sampson for the Stewart Advisory Committee Chairman. With no other nominations Buck Sampson was voted the Chairman by acclamation.

- VII. Update on Planning for the 2014 Stewart Father's Day Powwow
- a. Sherry reported the 2014 Stewart Father's Day Powwow will take place June 13-15, 2014 at the Stewart Indian School.
 - b. This year the Stewart Father's Day Powwow Committee is partnering with the Carson City Visitor's Bureau (CCVB) to design the flyer and the CCVB has offered to run color copies of the flyer and posters at no charge.
 - c. Sherry also shared the Stewart Powwow has been named a signature event for Nevada's Sesquicentennial (150th) Birthday celebration. As an official event the Powwow will be listed on the Nevada 150 website, be included in public relations materials and there will be added media coverage. The Powwow is also allowed to use the NV 150 logo on all marketing materials including the Powwow flyer, princess contest flyer, t-shirt and event program.
 - d. Sherry said the Powwow Committee is still looking for a host drum. The Committee did have a lead on a drum group out of California, but the cost did not fit into the Powwow budget. Buck Sampson mentioned that he knows a drum group out of Ft. Hall, Idaho whose members have a connection to the Stewart Indian School.
 - e. Chris Ann Gibbons said she is working on securing the Saturday evening dinner break entertainment for the Powwow. This year, the Committee would like to bring in Norbert Yao and Anouaze Beat, an African dance and drum group.
 - f. Sherry mentioned the Indian Territory Committee has submitted a Nevada Commission on Tourism Projects Related to Tourism grant application to fund event infrastructure. If awarded, grant funds will be used to purchase a stage, event tents, and picnic tables for Indian Territory events taking place throughout the state which includes the Stewart Powwow. Terri McBride added the items could also aid in future Stewart fundraisers.
 - g. Sherry said one idea for a Stewart fundraiser is to do an outdoor concert at Stewart. One idea for a performer is to bring Singer and Songwriter Martha Redbone to Stewart as she sings a song about Indian boarding schools called "Drums." It is a very powerful song.
- VIII. Report on Meeting Held in Regard to the Stewart Indian School Preservation Project – Chris Ann Gibbons, Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission
- a. Chris reported a briefing document was submitted to the Governor's Office on the preservation of the Stewart Indian School. The document discusses not only the vision for the Stewart Indian Cultural Center, but also presents an expanded vision on making Stewart a destination and utilizing multiple buildings on the campus.
 - b. On December 17, 2013 the Commission met with representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office to discuss the National Landmark Designation for the Stewart Indian School. The Commission shared that a working group has been created to work on the project and inquired on the role of SHPO in the Landmark process.
 - c. On January 10, 2014 the Commission met with Daphne DeLeon from the State Library and Archives to share information on the Stewart History Project and the role of the Library and Archives on the project. Daphne pledged her support to the project and offered the use of their foundation database as well as their archival assistance.
 - d. On January, 17, 2014 the Commission met with Peter Barton and Jim Barmore from the Division of Museums and History to discuss Friends of the Nevada

State Museum which is a 501c3 non-profit fundraising and volunteer arm of the Nevada State Museum. The discussion included the possibility of using this group as a model to create “Friends of the Stewart Indian School.” Karyn de Dufour added the National Park Service has a similar program called the National Park Foundation.

- e. On January 22, 2014 the Commission met with representatives from State Public Works Board to discuss the status of the Master Plan for the Stewart Facility. At this meeting, Ward Patrick, State Public Works Board, stated the Stewart Facility is included in the Capitol Complex Master Plan, but there is not a document devoted solely to the Facility. Chris said she will follow up with Ward on obtaining a digital copy of the Capitol Complex Master Plan. Ron Bodnar added that Buildings and Grounds is working on replacing the street signs at the Stewart Facility.
- f. Chris said upcoming meetings will include a meeting with the Nevada Department of Transportation to discuss signage needs for the Stewart Facility and meetings with the Carson City Visitors Bureau (CCVB) and State Grants Office to discuss the preservation of the Stewart Indian School and find out how the entities can partner with the Commission on the project. Karyn de Dufour added the Nevada Department of Transportation does signage for State Historic Markers and that SHPO has contacts for this if needed.

IX. Fundraising Subcommittee Report – Chris Ann Gibbons, Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission

- a. Chris reported on January 14, 2014 the Commission met with representatives from SHPO to discuss Building #2 (former post office) at Stewart. The Commission has received a Historic Preservation Fund grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Stewart Indian Cultural Center, but since the grant amount is small the funds need to be redirected to a smaller project. At the meeting it was decided the funds would be used to put a new roof on the building and the Commission is working with Buildings and Grounds, State Public Works Board and SHPO to complete this project. Chris said since this meeting, the Commission has received a follow-up e-mail from Buildings and Grounds stating they would provide a scope of work for the roof, remove debris from inside the building and remove the existing roof.
- b. The Commission has submitted a grant in the amount of \$370,000 to the Commission for Cultural Affairs to fund structural, strengthening and seismic work on the Stewart Indian Cultural Center. The Commission for Cultural Affairs will be meeting in March to decide the grant awards.
- c. Buck Sampson mentioned that a package on the Stewart preservation project could be put together to submit to possible donors.

X. For Possible Action: Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Planning for the 2014 Stewart Father’s Day Powwow
- b. Stewart Fundraising Subcommittee update
- c. Report on Stewart preservation project meetings
- d. Update on National Historic Landmark designation
- e. Update on outcome of Summer 2013 University of Nevada, Reno Field School at Stewart
- f. Presentation on dissertation on the Stewart Indian School – Bonnie Thompson
- g. Outcome of 2014 Commission for Cultural Affairs Grant Meeting

- XI. For Possible Action: Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2014 from 9am-11am at the Nevada Indian Commission.
- XII. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
- a. Sherry announced the Nevada Indian Territory Committee and the Nevada Indian Commission will host the 2014 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference April 22-24, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in Lake Tahoe and the Conference theme is “Tourism: Empowering Native Voices.” Sessions will focus on itinerary building and the power of interpretation of Native people telling their own story. Conference speakers will include Roger Saterstrom from Tauk Tours, the largest tour company in North America who will talk about what tribes can include in tours and how to price and package them. Also, Sherry said Garet Couch from the Tribal GIS Resource Center has been invited to talk about the GIS technology and how tribes can use it to assess their tribal lands. Lastly, Sherry said there will be a mobile workshop on the last day of the Conference which will include a tour of Washoe Lands with visits to Donner Memorial State Park, Meeks Bay Resort, Taylor Creek and Cave Rock. Terri added there is a driving tour of Pyramid Lake in circulation which was written by a non-native individual. The tour even includes a number of stops around the Lake. Sherry added in 2012, 67 million international travelers visited the United States and spent 168.1 billion dollars. Sherry said the time is right for tribes to get more involved in the tourism industry and tell their own story.
 - b. Chris announced the Nevada Indian Territory Committee has hired professional photographer Larry Burton through a Nevada Commission on Tourism grant to photograph Nevada’s Indian Territory. The final images submitted for this project will be utilized to create a comprehensive statewide photo library for use in future Territory collateral and exhibits including the permanent exhibit of American Indian culture at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Chris shared a binder of Mr. Burton’s photography.
- XIII. Final Public Comment
- a. There were no final public comments made at the meeting.
- XIV. Adjournment
- a. Terri McBride motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Meg McDonald. Motion carried.
 - b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.