

Nevada Indian Commission  
August 1, 2014  
Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5500 Snyder Ave., Carson City, Nevada

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Ann Gibbons, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Indian Commission; Rachel Malloy, Anthropology Collections Manager, Nevada State Museum; Meg McDonald, Member, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California; Terri McBride, Vice-Chairperson, Stewart Advisory Committee and Ethnographer/Historical Researcher; Carl Sampson, General Public; Buck Sampson, Alumni, Stewart Indian School and Chairperson, Stewart Advisory Committee; Larry Hale, Retired, State of Nevada Stewart Buildings and Grounds

I. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Buck Sampson called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Invocation

- a. The invocation was given by Buck Sampson.

III. Initial Public Comments

- a. There were no initial public comments made at the meeting.

IV. For Possible Action: Approval of June 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- a. Rachel Malloy motioned to approve the June 6, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Meg McDonald. Motion carried.

V. Report on the 2014 Stewart Father's Day Powwow

- a. Sherry reported the 2014 Stewart Father's Day Powwow was a success. This year the event was designated a Signature Event for Nevada's Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration.
- b. Sherry said Angelika Townsend from Duckwater, Nevada was named the Sesquicentennial Stewart Father's Day Powwow Princess and she helped serve cake at the event in honor of Father's Day.
- c. Sherry stated that 3,800 people attended throughout the three-day event and a survey was done of event attendees. Sherry commented that of those surveyed, 30% stated they were from out-of-state, 85% said they came to Carson City specifically for the Powwow, 24% said they stayed in local hotels, 69% said they were return attendees and 31% were first time attendees. Terri McBride requested a copy of the statistics to share at the next Carson City Cultural Commission meeting.
- d. Sherry said there were 30 vendors at the event (12 less than last year), but both the silent auction and raffle did very well. Lastly, Sherry noted t-shirt sales did well too (only 2 left after the event) and event programs sold out. Overall the

event made \$3,100 which is down from last year, but anything in the black is good for this type of event.

- e. Also, for the first time, the Stewart Indian School Alumni Reception was held in Building #1. Sherry said Gloria McDonald and Steven James were this year's honorees and the Great Basin Artist group was able to get their artwork up in time for the Reception which was a great addition.
- f. Lastly, other highlights included shade and picnic tables were set-up to give attendees somewhere to enjoy their Indian Tacos and the Powwow invited a Hulu group from Reno to perform during the dinner break on Saturday evening which was a great success.
- g. Terri thanked Chris and Sherry for their hard work at the Powwow.

#### VI. Report on Meetings Held in Regard to the Stewart Indian School Preservation Project

- a. Sherry reported that at the end of June she and Chris went to Las Vegas to meet with the Lost City Museum and Nevada State Museum staff members to discuss possible staffing levels for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center. Sherry said after the meetings it was decided that initially there will need to be three positions for the Cultural Center (Museum Director, Museum Attendant and Curator). The Museum Director and Curator would be hired in the first fiscal year and the Museum Attendant would be hired in the second fiscal year.
- b. Sherry said a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) has been submitted for Stewart for the rehabilitation of buildings #1 and #2 to bring them up to code and ready for occupancy. Also, the Nevada Indian Commission is working on a major budget initiative for the Stewart Historic District (staffing and operation of building #1/Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and building #2/ Information and Welcome Center). Sherry said she is working on dollar amounts for exhibits and preservation supplies for the Cultural Center as well as travel for the Museum Director. Terri McBride suggested Sherry contact Donna Cossette at the Churchill County Museum for budget amounts. Rachel Malloy added she can help with estimates for collection preservation, but Ray Geiser is the exhibits contact at the Nevada State Museum.
- c. Sherry said she will be making a presentation to the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs Board in September in regard to the Stewart Historic District major budget initiative.
- d. Sherry stated that in terms of a Master Plan for the facility, the Governor's Office would like the Commission to move forward with the plan and have it completed in time for the 2015 Legislative Session. Sherry said a meeting request has been sent out to State Public Works Board, State Historic Preservation Office, State Lands and Buildings and Grounds to discuss the Master Plan. A representative from the Governor's Office may attend the meeting.
- e. Lastly, Sherry mentioned that with the budget requests and legislative changes, this will be a busy Legislative Session for the Commission. The Commission will also be moving forward on the letter of intent and application process for the Stewart Indian School Historic Landmark designation.

- f. It was mentioned that donations for the Cultural Center could be sought via Facebook and different options for funding could be posted.
- g. Sherry also shared the Commission gave presentations/tours to the following groups: Children’s Cabinet, Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Douglas County Historical Society, Sandy Miller Elementary School, Carson City Leadership Institute and Nate Mack Elementary School.

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

- a. Chris Ann Gibbons reported she is in the process of submitting the final paperwork for the 2013 Nevada Historic Preservation grant. Chris said the roof project has been completed and the new cedar shingles give the building a fresh new look. Also, Buildings and Grounds is looking at making some additional improvements to the building, which includes new flooring and some minor structural work.
- b. Chris reported the Commission is looking into submitting a 2015 Historic Preservation Fund grant for building #4 which is located behind the Nevada Indian Commission Office. Chris said one idea is to convert the building into office/curatorial space for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center staff.
- c. Chris reminded the Committee the Commission has received a 2014 Commission for Cultural Affairs Grant in the amount of \$180,000 for the Cultural Center. Chris said the Commission will be meeting with State Public Works Board to talk about the best way to spend out the funds as the amount will not cover all of the seismic/structural work the building needs. Chris said in order to begin the project a revised budget and scope of work will need to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office and a funding agreement and covenant will need to be signed.
- d. Chris reported the Commission has received FY15, 1<sup>st</sup> cycle marking grant awards from the Nevada Commission on Tourism for the following projects: Revision and reprint the Stewart Indian School Trail brochure, upgrade the Stewart Indian School website and maintenance for the Stewart Indian School website. Chris stated the Stewart website has not been upgraded since 2007 so she excited to begin work on this project.

VIII. Report on Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Project

- a. Chris reported a replica of a historic bench from the Stewart Landscape Preservation Plan has been located. The first bench will be placed near Andy Allen’s stop on the Stewart Indian School Trail. Chris said the bench has been approved by Buildings and Grounds and the State Historic Preservation Office, but the project has not commenced because some concerns have been brought forward in regard to placement of the bench. There was concern for memorials being placed at the Stewart Indian School. Chris said she clarified that permission has been given to place a bench and not memorial plaque at the site

and she knows of two memorials that have been placed at Stewart. Sherry added she will send out an e-mail to all parties involved and will address the issues stated in the e-mail so that the project can move forward as planned.

- b. Sherry added funds have been identified to begin work on improvements to landscape at the north entrance of the campus. The projects being implemented were identified in the Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan.

IX. Update on Planning for the 2014 Nevada Day Parade Entry and Sesquicentennial Honoring Reception for the 1964 Centennial Indian Princess Contest

- a. Sherry reported that after receiving multiple requests from the tribal community, she met with Ken Hamilton from the Nevada Day Parade Committee to discuss having an all American Indian Division in this year's parade to celebrate Nevada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The suggestion was well received and at the meeting it was decided that if tribes are interested in participating they will need to note on the application under "special requests" that they are interested in being part of the American Indian Division. Sherry said the deadline to submit parade applications and fees to the Nevada Day Parade Committee are no later than Friday, September 19, 2014. Sherry also shared the Nevada Day Parade Committee is also interested in having the Nevada Indian Commission contribute an editorial to the event program.
- b. Sherry said the Commission is also collaborating with the Centennial Indian Princess Contestants Committee to host the Sesquicentennial Honoring Reception for the Centennial Indian Princess Contestants on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 5:30-9:30pm. The event will honor the ladies who were contestants in the 1964 Centennial Indian Princess Contest.
- c. The Committee discussed ideas for the float entry. One idea was to have a "Stewart Pride" entry, have participants dress in red and white and bring memorabilia from the era (pom poms, red or white felt hats with Stewart "S", Stewart lettermen jackets, megaphones, Stewart cheerleader sweaters etc.). It was also suggested the float have flags and that the 2014 Stewart Father's Day Powwow Princess could ride on the float along with the Centennial Indian Princesses.
- d. Sherry asked for volunteers for the Nevada Day Parade subcommittee. Meg McDonald, Carl Sampson, Buck Sampson, Terri McBride volunteered and Larry Hale said he may be able to help out. Sherry said the Commission will work on creating a flyer for the parade and will have a parade subcommittee meeting before the next Stewart Advisory Committee meeting. Meg added that she will check on obtaining a trailer for the float. Teri added insurance may be needed to secure a trailer and that she could help out with it if needed.

X. For Possible Action: Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Nevada Day Parade Entry
- b. Stewart Landscape Preservation Plan
- c. Major Budget Initiative - Stewart Historic District

XI. For Possible Action: Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting was scheduled for October 3, 2014 at the Nevada Indian Commission.

XII. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

- a. Sherry announced the Annual Washoe Picnic will be held August 16, 2014 at the Stewart Indian School. Activities include a water slide, horseshoes, barbeque, tug of war, dunk tank, band and arts and craft booths and it is estimated that 250 people will attend. Sherry said she attended a meeting that included Buildings and Grounds and the Washoe tribe to discuss the event.
- b. Sherry announced the American Indian Achievement Awards Banquet and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City.
- c. Sherry also announced that the American Indian Tourism Conference will be held September 14-18, 2014 in Marksville, Louisiana.

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.