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Stewart Indian School Living Legacy Project
Update for the February 13, 2017 Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting
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- **SIS Oral History Project** - Terri McBride is working on compiling 15 oral history interviews with alumni and former employees of the Stewart Indian School (SIS). Terri has interviewed SIS Alumni Rolf Brown and will be interviewing SIS former employee and coach Robey Willis. This project is funded through a grant received by the NIC in the amount of \$20,000 from the NV 150 Foundation.
- **SIS Documentary** - JoAnne Peden is working on the Stewart Indian School Documentary. JoAnne has hired an editor who is currently reviewing all of the filmed footage of Stewart related events and interviews, is filming some additional interviews, has met with a composer to develop music and will be working with a graphic designer on the cover art for the documentary. This project is funded through a grant received by Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) in the amount of \$25,000 from the NV 150 Foundation.
- **SIS Landscape Preservation Plan** - The NIC continues to collaborate with the Stewart Facility Buildings and Grounds Division (B&G) on the implementation of projects in the Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan. Mr. Ian Hill, General Manager and Head Coach and his business partners, Mr. Fred Simon and Mr. Art Castanares have proposed a new development/opportunity to the NIC for the Western Nevada Futbol Club. They are the owners of the Western Nevada Futbol Club, a professional soccer team playing in the United Premier Soccer League. They have the resources to rehabilitate the Stewart Track and Field as the practice field for their new team. They are also interested in housing their players in the dorms that are located near the track and field, as well as having an academy that would bring in 50 athletes a year from around the world.
- **2017 Stewart Father's Day Powwow** - The 2017 Stewart Father's Day Powwow will be held June 16-18, 2017 at the Stewart Facility. The Powwow has received a 2017 Nevada Arts Council Project Grant in the amount of \$5,648 and a Nevada Commission on Tourism Marketing Grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the event. The NIC is currently working on the Powwow t-shirt design, updating forms, letters and requesting rentals for the event.
- **SIS Building #4** - The renovation of Building #4 at Stewart is near completion and will house the NIC's Museum Director and Curator. Renovations to the building include the following: electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, roof shingles, abatement and interior work that included paint, carpet, lighting, door hardware and replacement of broken window panes. This project is funded through excess room tax funds (\$75,000) from the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.
- **SIS Related Grants** - The NIC will be working closely with the SISPA on grants related to the preservation of the Stewart Indian School. The mission of the Alliance is to promote, fundraise, advocate,

and support the Nevada Indian Commission's efforts to protect and preserve the history of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nevada. SISPA will also be assisting the NIC in advocating for Stewart in the upcoming legislative session.

- **SIS Collection** - The NIC is working on a possible transfer of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Stewart Indian School Collection to the Nevada Indian Commission. Also, to date, 14 donations have been accessioned and over 500 items have been cataloged in the Past Perfect museum collections software.
- **Stewart Facility Structural or Visual Alterations Form** - The NIC worked with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to create the Stewart Indian School Project Requests Related to Structural or Visual Alterations form. This form must be signed by the NIC, State Historic Preservation Office and State Lands (if needed) before any structural or visual alterations are made at the Stewart Facility.
- **Stewart Facility Property Use Application** - The NIC is working with Buildings and Grounds to revise the Stewart Facility Property Use Application. Once completed, this application will need to be completed by any prospective tenants at the Stewart Facility and approved by the following agencies: State Public Works Board, Budget Division, Buildings and Grounds and the Nevada Indian Commission.
- **Cleanup of Stewart Buildings** - The NIC is part of the planning team for the cleanup of buildings at the Stewart Facility. In 2015 a team from the State of Nevada Buildings and Grounds did an initial walkthrough of all buildings at the Stewart Facility. During the walkthrough they made notes of items that had been discarded or stored over the years at each building. The NIC plans to reassemble the team and include representatives from the following agencies: Nevada Indian Commission, Buildings and Grounds, State Historic Preservation Office and Division of Museums and History to go back through the buildings and decide which items need to be kept and which items need to be disposed of. After this walkthrough is completed, the NIC will work closely with Buildings and Grounds to make sure the cleanup is completed.
- The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:00-11:00am at the Nevada Indian Commission Office.
- Stewart Indian School Master Plan (see Executive Director's report)
- Stewart Indian School National Historic Landmark Application (see Executive Director's report)
- Stewart Indian School Tours (see Executive Director's report)