



April 19, 2016

Ms. Arlee Fisher
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 Department of Veterans Affairs
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Re: Revised Submission for Construction of a New Parking Structure at the VASNHCS Facility, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada (UT 2016-4249)

Dear Ms. Howard:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended. Thank you for submitting a revised Section 106 report, which includes additional information requested in our letter dated January 21, 2015.

Project Description

The proposed undertaking includes the construction of a three-story concrete parking structure with a 140-foot x 260-foot footprint and a maximum height of 42 feet. The parking garage will be sited on the southeastern corner of the VASNHCS campus and accessed via Belli Drive. Staging areas will include the area adjacent to the proposed structure, as well as the south parking lane on Belli Drive. These areas would be used for staging temporarily during the construction project. Excavation and trenching will extend to a depth of approximately three feet. If any aspects of the project change, VASNHCS will notify the SHPO.

Area of Potential Effect (APE)

The VA has defined the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the immediate construction area and temporary staging areas. The APE has been buffered to account for potential visual effects to nearby historic properties, extending north to E. Taylor Street, west to Kirman Avenue, south to Burns Street, and east to Wilkinson Avenue. Due to power lines and a mature treescape, the VA has determined that the proposed parking garage will not be visible from the historic structures located within the proposed VASNHCS historic district. The APE additionally considers audible and atmospheric effects, both temporary and residual. The SHPO concurs that the APE, as defined by the VA, is adequate for the proposed undertaking.

Identification Effort for Historic Properties

The VA identified the following resources over 50 years of age and located within the APE:

SHPO Resource Number	Street Address	Date Built	NRHP Eligibility	NRHP Criteria
	Belli Addition Historic District	1940-1965	Eligible	C

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B13803	700-710 E. Taylor Street	c.1953	Eligible	C
B13806	735 Belli Drive	c.1952	Eligible	C
B13807	765 Belli Drive	c.1952	Eligible	C
B13805	829 Belli Drive	c.1940	Not Eligible	n/a
B13812	845 Belli Drive	c.1958	Not Eligible	n/a
B13813	865 Belli Drive	c.1958	Not Eligible	n/a
B13814	885 Belli Drive	c.1946	Not Eligible	n/a

The following properties more than 50 years of age were additionally identified by the VA, and because they have not been evaluated, the VA has chosen to treat them as eligible under all four of the Secretary's Criteria:

SHPO Resource Number	Street Address	Date Built	NRHP Eligibility	NRHP Criteria
--	920 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	926 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	932 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	940 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	946 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	952 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	960 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	966 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	890 Belli Drive	1964	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	929 Wilkinson Avenue	1964	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	935 Wilkinson Avenue	1963	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	941 Wilkinson Avenue	1964	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	951 Wilkinson Avenue	1963	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	961 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D
--	965 Wilkinson Avenue	1950	Treat as Eligible	A, B, C, D

The SHPO would concur with the adequacy of the identification effort, as outlined above, as well as with the corresponding eligibility determinations.

Determination of Effect

The SHPO concurs with the VA's determination that the proposed undertaking will pose no adverse effect to historic properties within the project area.

Native American Consultation

The SHPO notes that consultation with the affected Native American tribes has been initiated. If this consultation results in the identification of properties of religious or cultural significance that could be affected by the undertaking, the VA must consult with this office concerning the National Register eligibility and possible effects of the undertaking.

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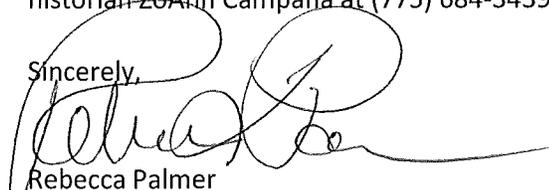
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Consultation with Interested Parties

The SHPO notes that the VA has consulted with representatives of the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Washoe County, Historic Reno Preservation Society, Nevada Architectural History Alliance, Preserve Nevada, and the Nevada Historical Society. Additionally, the VA placed a public notice regarding the proposed project in the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact SHPO staff architectural historian ZoAnn Campana at (775) 684-3439 or by e-mail at zcampana@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



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