

FINAL (approved at July 30, 2015 meeting)

Commission for Cultural Affairs

February 3, 2015 10:07 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Teleconferenced:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Bryan Building, 5th Floor, Bristlecone Conference Room
&
Conference Calling

1. Call to order by Chairman Robert Ostrovsky, (*Chair Ostrovsky*) at 10:07 am.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners:

Robert Ostrovsky, Chairman (Board of Museums and History, Governor's Appointee)

Present

Robert Stoldal, *Vice Chair* (Board of Museums and History) **Present Via Phone**

Judy Michaels Simon (State Council on Library and Literacy) **Present Via Phone**

Michael Hillerby (At-Large, Governor's Appointee) **Present via Phone**

Irma Varela-Wynants (Nevada Arts Council) **Present Via Phone**

John Rice (Nevada Humanities) **Present Via Phone**

Staff Present:

Rebecca Palmer, Historic Preservation Office **Present**

Celeste Arnold, Historic Preservation Office **Present**

Shane S. Chesney, Senior Deputy, Attorney General's Office **Present via Phone**

Susan Kastens, Historic Preservation Office **Present**

Guests:

Sherry Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission

Chris Ann Gibbons, Program Officer I, Nevada Indian Commission

Linda Clements, Historical Society of Dayton Valley

Bill Watson, Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society **Attending via Phone**

3. Public comment: *Chair Ostrovsky* asked for any public comment. There were no comments.

4. Review and Possible Testimony:

Chair Ostrovsky stated that there are several methods for reviewing the six grantees that applied for the \$43,000 in reverted funds. The Commission could take testimony from the grantees or the Commission could review the applications and ask questions.

Vice Chair Stoldal stated that there was enough information to make a decision on the reallocations.

Commissioner Simon stated that the material was posted on the SHPO website and she would like to ask questions.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Commissioners could ask some questions but that attendance was not mandatory of the applicants.

Nevada Indian Commission, Stewart Indian School, Building #1

Chair Ostrovsky asked if the Commissioners had any questions of the applicant.

There was no response from the Commissioners.

Chair Ostrovsky asked Sherry Rupert (*Rupert*), Nevada Indian Commission (NIC), if they had gone to Public Works.

Rupert responded that the original request for \$180,000 would not fund a complete seismic retrofit and that the balance would come from a Stewart CIP. Unfortunately, the Stewart CIP was not on the final list and the change in the scope of work to a planning document was submitted [reviewed by the Commission January 6, 2015]. The scope work was originally estimated to be \$137,000 but the final estimate now includes \$43,000 in electrical work. The NIC would not have to go to Public Works and the CIP process for this additional request.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that this addition to the grant would not need Public Works review.

Rupert stated that this was correct.

St. Mary's Art Center, St. Mary Louise Hospital

Chair Ostrovsky asked if they were awarded the \$43,000 would they be able to start as soon as possible.

Palmer responded that the Grantees have indicated in their documents that they would be able to start soon.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Grantee would be able to complete the project with the additional reverted funds if awarded.

Lyon County, Dayton Historical Society, Carson and Colorado Railroad Depot

Chair Ostrovsky asked Ms. Linda Clements (*Clements*) to provide some information about the current project and plans for the reverted funds if awarded.

Clements stated that the Depot restoration proposal had detected structural problems in the roof beams and the reconstruction plan would need to address whether the building can be moved as originally planned. The reverted funds would be used to evaluate the structure.

Commissioner Varela-Wynants asked staff if these reverted funds would help any of the grantees to complete their projects.

Palmer asked if Michael “Bert” Bedeau was still on the call and if he could answer this question.

Bedeau stated that the boiler at St. Mary’s has been determined not to be the source of the problem but is functional and that the reverted funds will allow the St. Mary’s project to be completed.

Commissioner Varela-Wynants asked about the \$20,000 seawall repairs at the Thunderbird Lodge.

Bill Watson stated that the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society has the ability to tap into its donor base and that there are two options presented in their application for the reverted funds. One was that the Commission could fund the first \$20,000 and then have donors make up the remainder and the other was to have more of the cost borne by the reverted funds at \$30,000.

Chair Ostrovsky asked if the \$20,000 question from Commissioner Varela-Wynants was to inquire if this additional award would complete the project.

Commissioner Varela-Wynants stated that yes it was and that it appeared to have been answered.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Commission could divide the reverted funds amongst the requesting grantees, grant the reverted funds to one grantee, and award all of the requesting grantees with a share of the reverted funds. No scoring was needed for this action.

Commissioner Simon asked which projects would be complete with the reverted funds.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that most CCA projects are on-going, phased projects, usually large projects. These have been the favorites of the Commission but not exclusively as some have raised funds with outside donors. Most applicants have limited access to additional funding as they are remote or in rural areas.

Vice Chair Stoldal asked about the possibility of additional reverted funds.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that there were no additional reverted funds.

Commissioner Rice asked if the electrical work proposed by the Nevada Indian Commission was outside the original scope. The \$43,000 request was in accordance with the notice received by all grantees with incomplete projects.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that so far it appeared that the Stewart, Thunderbird, Mesquite, and Dayton were still on the table.

Commissioner Rice suggested that the St. Mary's project should be funded at a higher level to complete the project. He suggested that Mesquite could receive \$10,000, Dayton \$7,500, St. Mary's \$10,000, and Thunderbird at \$15,000.

Commissioner Varela-Wynants stated that she was thinking the same but that Goldfield was important. Stewart project was not in the original proposal. If the Commission gave Thunderbird less money than the Commission could help more projects.

Vice Chair Stoldal stated that for the reverted funds he would be voting on the Stewart project, as the project should have the first opportunity for the reverted funds. However, he also stated that closing out projects was important. Perhaps spreading out the funds was a good idea but he wanted to finish projects as well. He stated that he was open to discussions.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Commission could either decide to fund the four leading applications: Thunderbird, Mesquite, Dayton, and St. Mary's or fund Stewart.

Chair Ostrovsky asked for comments.

Commissioner Rice stated that Stewart was outside of the original request so that the dispersment should really be limited to the four projects that could be completed.

Commissioner Varela-Wynants stated that she agreed.

Commissioner Simon stated that she thought that this was acceptable.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that Commissioner Rice's proposal was on the table for discussion:

St. Mary's	- \$10,000
Dayton	- \$7,500

Mesquite - \$10,000
Thunderbird - \$5,500

Or

Stewart - \$43,000

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the whole amount should not go to one applicant.

Commissioner Simon stated that Goldfield could also be cut down and receive a portion. She asked if the weather was causing any problems at the moment.

Bedeau stated that the Goldfield Historical Society had secured the roof with the current funding from the Commission and that the hole in the building would begin with wall construction but it would not be a completed project. He stated that the roof is weather-tight.

Commissioner Rice stated that the hole is covered and the roof appears weather-tight.

Bedeau stated that the applicants would be back in the future for additional grant funds.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that \$1,000,000 in the next round is proposed in the Executive Budget.

Commissioner Simon stated that the hole could wait for the next round.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Commission would not forget that the Commission had passed on funding the Goldfield High School request during the next round of grants.

***Commissioner Rice* made a motion to reallocate the \$43,000 in reverted funds in the following manner:**

\$10,000	St. Mary's Hospital [St. Mary's Art Center, Inc.]
\$15,500	Thunderbird Lodge [Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society]
\$10,000	Mesquite Old High School Building [City of Mesquite]
\$7,500	Dayton Carson & Colorado Railroad Depot [Lyon County]

***Commissioner Varela-Wynants* seconded the motion made by Commissioner Rice**

Chair Ostrovsky asked for comments from the Commissioners. There were none.

Chair Ostrovsky asked for comments from the Public.

Rupert stated that while the request was outside of the scope of work in the application, the proposal was a construction project that met the intent of the Commission. She stated that the Stewart Indian Cultural Center and Welcome Center is a Major Budget Initiative in the Executive Budget and there are two positions proposed in the Executive

Budget to help with exhibits. She stated that the NIC would seek additional funding through the next CIP which will move construction back a year. Approximately \$50,000 from the proposed Stewart Gift Account would be used to support Public Works management of the larger Commission grant.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that the Commission has been supportive of the Stewart project and that another cycle is anticipated for this upcoming biennium where the project might receive another portion. He stated that all of the unsuccessful applicants for the reverted funds are encouraged to apply for grant funds in the next round.

Chair Ostrovsky **called for a vote on the Motion made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner Varela-Wynants.**

The vote was held and it was unanimous with all Commissioners voting to support the Rice Motion to allocate the \$43,000 in the following amounts:

\$10,000	St. Mary's Hospital [St. Mary's Art Center, Inc.]
\$15,500	Thunderbird Lodge [Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society]
\$10,000	Mesquite Old High School Building [City of Mesquite]
\$7,500	Dayton Carson & Colorado Railroad Depot [Lyon County]

Chair Ostrovsky asked if staff could be ready for another Commission meeting in October or November of 2015.

Palmer stated that yes the new draft applications could be ready for Commission review in October 2015. She stated that no action was required at this time.

Agenda Item #7: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Ostrovsky opened the discussion of possible candidates.

Commissioner Hillerby stated that it had been four years since his last appointment and he wondered if his term might be expiring.

Palmer stated that she would inquire of the Governor's office about the status of both Commissioner Hillerby's and Commissioner Ostrovsky's appointments.

Commissioner Stoldal **made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ostrovsky for another term as Chair.**

Commissioner Hillerby **seconded Commissioner Stoldal's motion.**

The vote was held and it was unanimous with all Commissioners voting for Commissioner Ostrovsky to be Chair of the Commission for Cultural Affairs.

Commissioner Hillerby **made a motion to nominate Commissioner Stoldal for another term as Vice Chair.**

Commissioner Stoldal stated that he was honored to serve.

Commissioner Rice seconded **Commissioner Hillerby's motion.**

The vote was held and it was unanimous with all Commissioners voting for Commissioner Stoldal to be Vice Chair of the Commission for Cultural Affairs.

Agenda Item #8: Status of Bills

Commissioner Simon asked about the process for the creation of bills.

Chair Ostrovsky stated that Senate Bill 20 has been written by staff to better align the Commission with the current structure of staffing which is now provided by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He stated that the LCB drafts reflect the required changes. He stated that the Commission had requested Senate Bill 27 to provide administrative support for the Commission's process.

Chair Ostrovsky asked for public comment from anyone on the phone or from anyone in the room. Hearing none, he stated that the next Commission meeting would be at the call of Chair Ostrovsky likely after this Legislative Session ends.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Rice made the motion for adjournment. Chair Ostrovsky hearing a motion on the floor for adjournment, called for all those in favor. The vote was unanimous to do so at 11:35 AM, February 3, 2015.

