



Board of Museums and History
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National and State Registers – Staff Report
May 12, 2020

National Register of Historic Places Nomination

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Reno, Washoe County

The Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Reno is nominated under Criterion C as a locally significant embodiment of the Late Gothic Revival style. The building meets Criterion Consideration A as a building owned by a religious institution that derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction.

The cathedral is a large Late Gothic Revival building with a tall, front-gabled nave volume, buttressed side aisles, and a square bell tower. The walls are constructed of poured concrete. The front elevation contains a large lancet window, and additional lancet windows are found at clerestory level along both side elevations. The interior features smooth plaster finishes, arcaded side aisles, and dramatic arched trusses at the nave ceiling. The building has a high level of integrity.

The cathedral is also significant as the only local example of a building designed by architect John Neal Tilton, Jr. and as the only local example of a poured-concrete church in the Late Gothic Revival style.

The period of significance is 1949 to 1958, beginning when the main body of the church was constructed and ending when a Modern-style parish hall was constructed on the site.

Although architect Frederic DeLongchamps designed the cathedral's 1929 crypt, that earlier period is not included in the period of significance. The DeLongchamps crypt has been significantly altered, and moreover, Tilton's design of the cathedral is drastically different than the original DeLongchamps design for which the crypt was intended.

The nomination was prepared by architectural historian ZoAnn Campana of Kautz Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the Diocese of Nevada.

Staff recommends approval of the nomination for transmittal to the Keeper.

Nevada State Register of Historic Places Nominations

None

Listed Properties Since March 2020

None

Pending Nominations to the National Register

El Rancho Hotel, Wells, Elko County

Staff completed its review of the draft nomination for the El Rancho Hotel in Wells. Previous NRHP Coordinator Jim Bertolini provided comments on the document in 2019; however, due to staff changes and the request of the nomination author (Nevada Preservation Foundation), our office conducted a second review. SHPO comments were submitted to Nevada Preservation Foundation in April 2020 and that organization is currently revising the document to address those comments with the goal of placing the nomination on the Board's September 2020 agenda.

Las Vegas High School, Las Vegas, Clark County

North Wind Resource Consulting is currently writing an NRHP amendment for the Las Vegas High School. Staff will review the draft when it is submitted to our office. The timeline for its submission to the Board is unknown at present.

Active Inquiries

Staff has received inquiries regarding possible NRHP nominations for the former Bob's Big Boy in Las Vegas and the Gem Theater in Pioche.

Pending Nominations to the Nevada State Register

There are no pending State Register nominations. There is one active inquiry for a State Register nomination, the Patricia Tripple House in Reno.