

STATE OF NEVADA
COMSTOCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 128
VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA 89440

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
APPLICATION

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Section 384.110, application is hereby made to the Comstock Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work proposed below.

Building Address and/or APN: APN 001-094-03 - Fire Station 71

Located In:

- Virginia City
 Gold Hill
 Silver City
 Dayton

Building Description (e.g., name of building, type of building): Fire Station 71 addition


Building's Date of Construction: 1987

Type of Project:

- New Construction - House or Other Large Building
 New Construction - Shed, Garage, Retaining Wall, Shade Structure, Etc.
 New or Altered Sign
 Alteration, Addition, and/or Repairs to a Historic Building (built in 1942 or earlier)
 Alteration, Addition, and/or Repairs to a Non-Historic Building (built in 1943 or later)
 Moving an Existing Building
 Demolishing an Existing Building

Building Owner or Designated Representative:

Name - Sara Sturtz
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Signature -  _____

Date of Request: 10/21/2024

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Please submit request form and supplementary materials to the Comstock Historic District Commission Office, 20 N. E Street / P.O. Box 128, Virginia City, NV 89440 or email the materials to shpo-info@shpo.nv.gov.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK

Supplementary Information:

Please indicate which of the following you have submitted—

- Written description of proposed work (dimensions, materials, products, methods, colors, locations, etc.) -*Required*
- Photographs of existing conditions
- Sketches, plans, or architectural drawings depicting the proposed work
- Site plan sketch or aerial photograph indicating project location
- Specs of materials to be used (manufacturer's cut sheets, website screenshots, etc.)
- Historic photographs depicting past condition or design
- Paint color samples
- Material samples
- Materially Affected Property Owner List (see CHDC website to download)
- Other

Description of Proposed Work:

(Use as many pages as needed)

The proposed project consists of updating and constructing additions to the existing Fire Station 71 building. The additions will be attached to the existing Apparatus Bay Building that was constructed in 1987 and will be three-stories in height in at the south elevation (see photos). The proposed project also include paving, concrete walks, and extensions of existing utilities (water, sewer, power). The footprint of the building is 35 x 66 feet.

The proposed new fire station addition and façade is brick veneer and draws decorative elements from the Italianate palette with vertical scale, cornice detailing with corbel brackets, a low-pitched roof, narrow windows, and a cupola bell tower with pyramidal roof and eave brackets. The building does not copy other elements of the style that would be inappropriate for this building such as the window and entry hoods. Clean lines and restrained ornamentation are clearly demonstrated with the proposed plan. Brick siding material with subdued colors on the cupola and signage are further evidence of the building meeting the design guidelines.

The lettering on the façade is neat, an additional 71 is present on the south side of the bell tower along with a blank rectangle where an image will be designed to enhance the tall brick wall. The parapet wall effectively hides the roof. The bell tower adds a charming bit of history to the building and the fire department's legacy.

Additionally, the Apparatus Building will be refurbished with brick veneer replacing the board and batten, removing the gable peak false front and replacing it with a simple parapet with corbel brick cornice detail, removing the clipped corner trim on the engine doors and installing a solid square header, and removing the pent roof. Residing the existing building will provide a cohesive appearance for the fire department.