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Stewart Indian School Living Legacy Project
Update for the December 3, 2015 Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting
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- In February 2015 the Nevada Indian Commission sent a letter of inquiry to the National Park Service which explained the reasons why the Stewart Indian School should be designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL). On June 4, 2015 the Commission received a letter from Elaine Jackson-Retondo of the National Park Service approving the Commission to move forward with the Stewart Indian School NHL application. Shortly after the announcement, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) submitted a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities Grant application to fund the hiring of a consultant to work on the NHL application. On November 18, 2015 SHPO informed the Commission that the Stewart Indian School NHL project was not awarded funding. The Commission is now looking into alternate funding sources for the project.
- The Nevada Indian Commission recently completed a 2014 Commission for Cultural Affairs (CCA) Grant in the amount of \$137,000 which funded a design development manual and complete construction documents for Building #1 (future Stewart Indian School Cultural Center). In addition, the Commission is submitting an application this week for the FY 16-17 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Grant (formerly the CCA Grant). In this grant cycle, the Commission will be asking for construction funding for Building #1.
- On March 27, 2015 the Nevada Indian Commission received funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the Trustees of the NV 150 Foundation. This funding will be used to interview Stewart Indian School Alumni and the audio recordings of these interviews will be transcribed, catalogued and archived at the Nevada Indian Commission, State Library and Archives and Special Collections at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Commission is currently working with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs on the RFP process for this project. In addition, the Commission has met twice with the UNR Shared History Department on the project.
- The Nevada Indian Commission is collaborating with the Stewart Facility Buildings and Grounds Division on the implementation of projects related to the Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan. Stewart Facility Buildings and Grounds is currently working on recreating the original stone fountain in front of Building #1, restoring the original entrance to the Stewart campus and replacing concrete throughout the facility.
- The Commission has received Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for design and construction documents for Building #2 (welcome and information center) and funding to develop a Master Plan for the Stewart Facility. The first Master Plan meeting will be held this week.
- As of November 2015, the Commission now handles all scheduling for the Stewart Gym which includes state agencies, non-state organizations and tribes (State Buildings and Grounds will continue to handle

special use permits for non-state organizations). The Commission is currently in the process of revising the user agreement and developing policies and procedures for use of the gym.