

**NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION
STEWART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

December 14, 2018 - 9:00am

Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5366 Snyder Ave., Carson City, NV 89701

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Buck Sampson, Chairman	Stewart Alumni	x	
Ron Bodnar	State Buildings and Grounds Division	x	
Kristen Brown	State Historic Preservation Office		x
Skip Canfield	NV Division of State Lands	Vote by Proxy	
Rachel Delovio	Nevada State Museum		x
Meg McDonald	Knowledge of School	x	
Max Symonds	Knowledge of School		x
Terri McBride	Knowledge of School	x	

NIC Staff Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director; Sari Nichols, Program Officer I; Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum

Others Present: Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Anna Camp, Curator I, Nevada State Museum

I. Welcome and Introductions

Buck Sampson called the meeting to order at 9:06am and asked all those present to introduce themselves.

II. Invocation

Buck Sampson provided the invocation.

III. Initial Public Comment

No initial public comments were made.

IV. Approval of October 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Terry McBride pointed out that the October Meeting Minutes show her present and absent for the meeting. She noted that she was absent.

Ms. McBride made a motion to approve the October 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes with the one correction, seconded by Ms. McDonald. The motion carried.

V. Update on Grants for the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

A. 2018 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Grant Award

Ms. Rupert reported that the Nevada Indian Commission is working with Max Hershenow from H+K Architects on a scope of work for schematic designs. The \$79,000 awarded will not

cover the fees that State Public Works charges for project management so the additional funds will come from the Stewart Gift Account.

VI. Update from Stewart Indian School Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Bodnar reported that the interior painting of the Stewart gym was completed before the American Indian Achievement Award dinner. The blue trim was replaced with the traditional Stewart Red. The lettering for the “Welcome to Moccasin Square Garden” has been ordered.

Mr. Bodnar reported on a discussion with the State Public Works Division Administrator about parking space for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum visitors. It was suggested that the north side of building 11 could be utilized for parking; however there are two large trees that would limit the number of spaces. Mr. Bodnar suggested parking near the auditorium or behind building 3. There was some group discussion on possible parking areas near the Cultural Center and Museum (CCM). It was suggested that the north end of building 89 would be ideal as it is close to the CCM and has ample parking space. Ron will reach out to the Department of Corrections to see if they would be willing to move their buses further behind the building. Ms. Rupert suggested that she and Ms. Rahder take a walk with Mr. Bodnar to look for possible future parking spaces. Ms. Rupert also asked who bears the cost of creating the additional parking. Mr. Bodnar will check on this.

VII. Update and Discussion on Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum

Museum Director Rahder reported that she and Curator Chris Ann Gibbons have been working on the following projects:

- Putting together list of needs and draft budget for Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance to raise funds for grand opening
- Continuing to add content to exhibit sections: documents, quotes, and photos; editing label text; finalizing 100% exhibit designs
- Gallagher/fabricator pre-bid meeting here at NIC conference room on Dec. 18th from 11-4 pm
- Met with Mina Stafford on Dec. 11th to revise Under One Sky docent script about Stewart Indian School
- Setting up meetings in January with alumni to review exhibit material at:
 - Reno-Sparks
 - Elko
 - Washoe
 - Moapa/Las Vegas
- Loaned images to Heard Museum
- Internship Program with University of Nevada, Reno

Ms. Rahder gave an update on the museum and exhibit designs documents. There was some discussion and questions about access to alumni records and pictures. Ms. Rahder explained that visitors will be able to have black and white pictures printed at no cost to them, color pictures for a small fee or they can have them e-mailed for later printing.

VIII. Report on the 2018 American Indian Achievement Award Banquet and Silent Auction

Ms. Rupert reported on the American Indian Achievement Award Banquet (AIAA) and Silent Auction held at the Stewart Gym on Saturday, November 17, 2018. This was the first year that the event was

held at the gym. The feedback was positive; most notably the spaciousness of the gym. Attendees felt free to move around and visit with others and enjoy the displays. There were about 160 attendees with 9 tables sold. There were over 50 items in the silent auction, making it the largest auction in the event's history. The proceeds for the silent auction saw a 32.02% increase. Ms. Rupert believes this increase is due to several factors including more items, larger venue allowing comfortable access around the items, and the added intermission allowing for more bidding opportunities. Total event proceeds increased from \$10,649 in 2017 to \$13,385 in 2018. Ms. Rupert thanked Larry Burton for volunteering his time as the event photographer and all the volunteers who worked hard to make this year's event so successful.

IX. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Thank you Letter to Governor Sandoval from the Stewart Advisory Committee

Ms. Rupert presented the group with a rough draft thank you letter to outgoing Governor Sandoval. She will present the letter, along with a painting of Pyramid Lake to Governor Sandoval at an upcoming luncheon as a way of thanking him for all of his support throughout his term as Governor. After some discussion on edits to the letter, Mr. Sampson said he wanted to see all of the past Stewart Advisory Committee members listed on the letter. It was agreed that all of those who were members during Governor Sandoval's term would be listed.

Ms. McBride made a motion to approve the letter with edits, seconded by Ms. McDonald. The motion carried.

X. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funding Request Letters to the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum and the Stewart Father's Day Powwow

Ms. Rupert reported on a recent SISPA meeting in which she was asked to present them with written funding requests. It was decided that the two most immediate needs are the Cultural Center's original porch reconstruction as part of the construction project, and funding for the Stewart Father's Day Powwow. The Powwow is losing grant funding from the Nevada Commission on Tourism, and the Nevada Art's Council grants program is decreasing its award funding. Ms. Rupert presented the group with a draft letter to SISPA asking for \$10,000 to cover Powwow honorariums and marketing expenses. There was some discussion and suggestions on what to include in the letter. The group consensus was to proceed with the letter with minor edits. The original porch reconstruction was cut due to the rise in construction costs. A local stone mason related to a Hopi stone mason who worked on the Stewart buildings is willing to donate the stones and possibly labor. Ms. Rupert will present the group with a draft letter to SISPA at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

XI. Discussion on Important Dates to Remember and Preparation for the 80th Session of the Nevada State Legislature

Ms. Rupert passed out the legislative 120 day session calendar. Ms. Rupert reviewed the important dates and events with the group. She pointed out that the second Tuesday of every session is the Nevada Tribe's Legislative Day. Ms. Rupert shared a summary of what the Nevada Indian Commission is asking for in the legislative session. The first bill, AB44, is to create the Stewart Cultural Center and Museum as part of NRS 122A. This will allow the Cultural Center to take in revenue for the State of Nevada. The second bill, SB59, will direct any fees authorized from the use and rental of the Stewart grounds to be paid into the Nevada Indian's Gift Account for use to maintain and preserve the facility's buildings and grounds. Ms. Rupert went over the Nevada Indian Commission Capital Improvement projects (CIP) requests; to have the old gym renovation completed,

to have the old bakery building renovation for use as the Cultural Center's collection and storage building, and an operating budget for the Cultural Center. Ms. Rupert asked the committee to help advocate for the Stewart bills and Capital Improvement project requests.

XII. Agenda Items for Future Meeting

The following were suggested agenda items for future meetings: Approval of the December 14, 2018 meeting minutes, a walkthrough of Building 1 with Bobbi Rahder, more on the upcoming legislative session, invite the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance to talk about the Stewart Indian School documentary, and approval of Stewart Advisory Committee Appointment of Representative forms.

XIII. Scheduling and Location of Next Meeting

Ms. Rupert distributed the 2019 meeting calendar. The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019.

XIV. Committee Member Comments and Announcements

Ms. Rupert reminded the group that the Nevada Tribes Legislative Day is February 12, 2019 at the Nevada State Legislature. Sherry will lead a tour of the Stewart facility for legislators. Ms. Rahder inquired about setting up a table exhibit about the upcoming Cultural Center and Museum. Ms. Rupert said yes and that planning for the event will begin later in the month. Ms. Rupert shared a discussion that took place at the last Nevada Indian Commission Board meeting. The Commissioners felt that the agency has been too focused on tourism. There was a brief discussion on the positive impact tourism has had on Stewart and it was suggested that the committee voice their support at the next Nevada Indian Commission meeting.

Ms. McBride announced that there is to be an Arts Advocacy Legislation Day. She will share the date as soon as it becomes available.

Ms. McDonald thanked Buildings and Grounds for their hard work on the gym painting project.

XV. Final Public Comment

There were no final public comments.

XVI. Adjournment

Ms. McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McDonald seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:21am.