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A/P # 40319 HIST PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Information

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12/08/2010	HPC	APPROVED	NLARES
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12/08/2010	HPC	SCHEDULED	DCORNOYER
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STAFF REPORT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 12/08/10

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consideration of draft language for educational brochure for Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North, (APN 139-26-101-003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow).

BACKGROUND

- 11/21/06 The Keeper of the National Register approved the designation of the Woodlawn Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 04/23/08 HPC voted to approve the designation of Woodlawn Cemetery as an Historic Property within the city of Las Vegas on 37.31 acres at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (APN 139-26-101-003) Ward 5 (Barlow).
- 07/10/08 DIR-27611 – Las Vegas Planning Commission voted to approve request to designate Woodlawn Cemetery as an Historic Landmark within the city of Las Vegas on 42.24 acres at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (APN 139-26-101-003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow).
- 08/06/08 DIR-27611 – Las Vegas City Council approved request to designate Woodlawn Cemetery as an Historic Landmark within the city of Las Vegas on 42.24 acres at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (APN 139-26-101-003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow).
- 09/24/08 HPC-30085 – HPC approved selection of plaques for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places within the city of Las Vegas. Locations included Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (APN 139-26-101-003) Ward 5 (Barlow).
- 09/22/10 HPC-39600 – HPC approved consideration of HPC Centennial Legacy funding request not to exceed \$1,000.00 for bronze plaque commemorating Woodlawn Cemetery and Veteran's Memorial Circle and costs for installation in the public right-of-way at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North, (APN 139-26-101-003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow).

ANALYSIS

Per HPC request, staff has prepared draft language for an educational brochure about Woodlawn Cemetery.

If approved, text and images will be forwarded to the city of Las Vegas Communications Department for graphic formatting. A fully formatted draft will be submitted to the HPC for consideration at the January 26, 2011 meeting.

Woodlawn Cemetery is listed on the city of Las Vegas Historic Property Register and the National

Register of Historic Places.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL of draft language for brochure.

BACKUP DOCUMENTS

Draft language for brochure.

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Woodlawn Cemetery Brochure Proposed Draft Language

- Woodlawn Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 21, 2006 and the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register on August 6, 2008.
- Woodlawn Cemetery is located approximately one mile north of the historic Las Vegas town site and bounded by Las Vegas Boulevard and Bruce Street to the west and east, Owens Avenue and Foremaster Lane to the north and south.
- In 1914, several prominent local women persuaded the railroad to donate ten acres of Las Vegas Ranch, just south of the unofficial graveyard known as 'Boot Hill', to be dedicated as a city cemetery. The city accepted the gift and chose the name Woodlawn.
- Woodlawn cemetery is located on land donated by Helen Stewart, one of Las Vegas' earliest pioneers.
- In a community severely lacking in examples of historic preservation Woodlawn Cemetery provides the silver lining as a yet untapped resource of a remarkable past.
- The initial physical design and formation of Woodlawn Cemetery was unique in the fact that it did not have natural elements of landscape to create buffers between plot sections or challenges in construction that typical predecessors in other communities might have encountered. There were not any existing hills or water obstacles to maneuver around and no existing trees or landscape to selectively thin. Woodlawn Cemetery was given a near flat empty canvas to create the planned nature that would separate the cemetery from the harsh undeveloped desert landscape that dominated the Las Vegas Valley.
- Located east of the caretakers' building near the southern boundary of the cemetery is a well that dates to May 1916. The well was constructed by local contractors Beckley and Laubienhiemer for \$905 to provide water for cemetery needs. This well was one of the first wells to be drilled in the Las Vegas Valley and is unique as early water needs were typically filled by natural springs and the Las Vegas Creek. This well is no longer in service and has been capped but still remains on the property.
- The physical headstones and statuary found on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery constitute some of the earliest forms of artistic expression found in the Las Vegas Valley. Many of these examples are artistic achievements in their own right and provide a wealth of information with regard to the availability and use of materials during particular times in Las Vegas' history.

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- Woodlawn cemetery is the foremost representation of a community that has grown to become one of the most successful cities founded in the 20th century. Patterns of extensive growth influenced by mining, railroad, construction, military and gambling have created one of the largest, yet youngest, great cities in the western region of the United States. Las Vegas is of great significance at a national level as the individuals who formed this community at inception are representative of migration and travel patterns that are directly tied to the technology of the period. There are individuals of great significance represented within the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. A full representation of the diversity and complexity of the community does not exist in any other physical form.
- J.T. McWilliams was the civil engineer who designed the layout for the original 10 acre Woodlawn Cemetery; the completed plans were signed and dated July 22, 1914. McWilliams was a master of his trade and was responsible for nearly every major civic civil engineering project in the early historic period of the formation of the community of Las Vegas, and Woodlawn Cemetery is the best remaining example of his work. McWilliams and his family are interred in Woodlawn Cemetery.
- Thousands of individuals with compelling and contributing histories are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery including members of nearly every major pioneer family that lived in the Las Vegas Valley during the formative years.
- Woodlawn cemetery became the indicator of a cohesive society that invested a long term commitment to the future of Las Vegas. Woodlawn Cemetery is the supreme example of a broad group of people who gathered early in the 20th century to form the impetus of one of the last great western cities. Woodlawn Cemetery is not simply a Las Vegas cemetery it is "the" Las Vegas cemetery with a rich, deep connection to countless important historic associations from Las Vegas' early period of settlement.
- Several notable and colorful Las Vegans are interred at Woodlawn, including prominent local attorney Harley A. Harmon, gunslinger "Diamondfield" Jack Davis and local farmers Bill Tomiyasu and Frank Kim. Others of note at rest in Woodlawn Cemetery are "Nick the Greek" Dandolos, a famous gambler who lost \$500 million before he died penniless in 1964, and eight Civil War veterans.
- Woodlawn management chose the gravesites for black citizens until 1939, when black residents asked for the right to choose their own plots. The city allowed a delegation from the black community to choose a section of the cemetery exclusively for black burials, and promised that Woodlawn would provide proper care of the graves.
- Woodlawn cemetery was the unofficial veterans' cemetery until 1989 and is the home of Veterans Memorial Circle.

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400 Stewart Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89101-2927

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Application Information

Stages

	Date / Time	By		Date / Time	By
Processed	11/30/2010 08:30	984708	Temp COD		
Approved			COO Issued		
Final			Expires		

Associated Information

Type of Work	Z-ADMNADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION	# Plans	0
Dept of Commerce		# Plans	0
Priority	☒ Auto Reviews	Bill Group	

Valuation

Declared Valuation	0.00
Calculated Valuation	0.00
Actual Valuation	0.00

Description of Work

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Parent A/P

Project #	40319	Project/Phase Name	WOODLAWN CEMETERY BROCHURE	Phase #	
Size/Area	0.00	Size Description		Subdivision Code	
Proposed Start		Proposed Stop		% Completed	0.00
% Complete Formula					

Property/Site Information

Parcel 13926101003

Location

Owner/Tenant

Contact ID	AC1301148	Name	CITY OF LAS VEGAS	Profession	
Organization		Position			
Mailing Address	400 E STEWART AVE				
City	LAS VEGAS	State/Province	NV	ZIP/PC	89101-2913
Country		☐ Foreign		Reference #	
Day Phone	(702)229-1022 x	Evening Phone		Fax	(702)464-2522
Pager		PIN #		Mobile #	
		E-Mail			
Owner From	11/02/2006	To			
		☒ Primary		100.00 %	
Contact ID	AC26355	Name	CITY OF LAS VEGAS	Profession	
Organization		Position			
Mailing Address	400 E STEWART AVE				
City	LAS VEGAS	State/Province	NV	ZIP/PC	89101-2927
Country		☐ Foreign		Reference #	
Day Phone	(702)229-2330 x	Evening Phone		Fax	(702)382-3045
Pager		PIN #		Mobile #	
		E-Mail			
Owner From	08/10/2002	To	11/02/2006		
		☐ Primary		0.00 %	

A/P Linked Addresses

No Addresses are linked to this Application

Linked Addresses:

1500 N LAS VEGAS BLVD
LAS VEGAS, 89101-

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A/P Addresses

No Other Addresses are associated to this Application

Linked Parcels

No Parcels are linked to this Application

A/P Linked Parcels

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Applicants/Contacts

Primary	Y	Capacity	APPL	Contact ID	981106	☐ Foreign
Effective		Expire				
Name	CITY OF LAS VEGAS					
Day Phone	(702)229-6301 x					
Pager		Eve Phone		Organization	% PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	
Fax	(702)385-7268	PIN #		Position		
E-Mail		Mobile		Profession		
Address	731 S. 4TH STREET LAS VEGAS, NV 89101					
Seasonal Addr						
Valid From		To				
Comments	No Comments					
CONTACT ADDITIONAL						

WORKCARD: Work Card # 0
Expiration Date

CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

License #	Percent Owned	Waiver	Health Card	Director Letter	Original Transcripts
Orientation Attended					

There are no items in this list

Contractors

No Contractors

Fees	Status	Paid Date	Amount
Total Unpaid	0.00	Total Paid	0.00

Review Activities	Review Type	#	Status	Waived	Issued	Started	Completed	Comp By
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Activity Review Details

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Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation APPROVAL

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No Conditions

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