



STAFF REPORT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING DATE: 07/16/12

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING

ITEM DESCRIPTION: For possible action regarding revisions to the city of Las Vegas History timeline posted on the city of Las Vegas official website, All Wards.

BACKGROUND

- 04/25/12 Historic Preservation Commissioner Vice-Chair Stoldal requested that an item regarding the accuracy of the Las Vegas History timeline as posted on the city of Las Vegas website be placed on the May 23, 2012 HPC agenda.
- 05/23/12 Historic Preservation Commission Chair Dorothy Wright requested an item regarding suggested revisions to the Las Vegas History timeline as posted on the city of Las Vegas website be placed on the June 27, 2012 meeting agenda.
- 05/23/12 Historic Preservation Commission Chair Dorothy Wright requested an item regarding the creation of a committee to address the accuracy of the Las Vegas History timeline as posted on the city of Las Vegas website be placed on the June 27, 2012 meeting agenda.
- 06/27/12 Historic Preservation Commission approved the creation of the Special Purpose Las Vegas History Timeline Committee (HPC-45738) to conduct research and present findings to the Historic Preservation Commission regarding revisions to the city of Las Vegas History timeline as posted on the city of Las Vegas official website, All Wards.

ANALYSIS

Per chapter 19.10.150 HD-O HISTORIC DESIGNATION OVERLAY DISTRICT of the city of Las Vegas Unified Development Code, Section G.7.:

G. Historic Preservation Commission - Powers, Etc.

The powers, duties and activities of the HPC include the following:

7. Developing and participating in public information activities in order to increase public awareness of the value of historic preservation.

Per the Historic Properties & neighborhoods Preservation Plan Element (as revised August 4, 2010), Objective 2 and Policy 2.2:

OBJECTIVE 2: Encourage community participation in the preservation planning process to achieve public understanding and support of preservation concepts and the value of cultural resources to the community.

POLICY 2.2: That the city promotes public education of historic preservation by distribution

of information through media releases, publications, and events.

Staff is seeking comments from commissioners regarding the attached suggested revisions submitted by commissioners regarding the language for the Las Vegas History timeline.

Findings

The purpose of the Special Purpose Las Vegas History Timeline Committee is to review the Las Vegas History Timeline as posted on the city of Las Vegas official website for accuracy of content, establish content criteria and website format, and provide findings regarding same to the Historic Preservation Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting of the commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Take appropriate action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTS

- Commissioner Millman comments, submitted 5-23-12
- Commissioner White comments, submitted 5-29-12
- Commissioner Beck comments, submitted 6-15-12
- Vice Chair Stoldal comments, submitted 6-25-12

Comments regarding city of Las Vegas history timeline webpage, submitted by Commissioner Millman, 5/23/12:

1. 10,000 years ago: evidence of man in southern Nevada 12,000 years ago, better to say 10-13 K ago. It's confusing as text talks of LV Valley and first visits hundreds of years ago. I'd leave that out.
2. 1829: No evidence that Rivera is first and most evidence suggests he was not and traveled through Jean-Goodsprings. He shouldn't be credited with discovery; it is possible but not proven. Better to substitute Armijo and commercial trail of 1829-1831 finding variant of OSP through LV Valley.
3. 1844: Fremont's report didn't lure many people to the area; to the west, yes, but to the LV Valley, no. It was a guide for LDS to follow.
4. 1855: Fort not abandoned several years later but mostly by 1857, 2 years after founding.
5. 1885: Ranchers rather than farmers and "dominant industry" is strong for the few scattered ranches. The photo by the 1885 line is 20th century; it should be replaced with something from Stewart of Kiel Ranch.
6. 1905: might add "by railroad company" after "are auctioned off." Photo for 1905 is labeled Fremont St; it is actually 1st St.
7. 1911: I wouldn't call dude ranches "forerunners of the sprawling Strip hotels."
8. 1931: LV not entirely in "grips of Great depression." Gambling was re-legalized in 1931 not legalized. The photo between 1931 and the 1940s is from the 1950s and should be replaced.
9. 1940s: Henderson didn't exist when BMI located. It was named in 1943.
10. 1955: There should be a space between text for atomic and for Moulin Rouge, more directly connecting it to the date 1955.
11. 1945: Odd date to pick. El Ranch Vegas in 1941 and Last Frontier in 1942 predate. Flamingo finished in 1946.
12. 1960s: Difficult to explain in a sentence but Hughes led the way for corporation which don't really build and buy legally until the early 1970s.

Courtney Mooney

From: claytee.white@unlv.edu
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 9:35 AM
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Subject: LV History Timeline

Good morning Courtney,

I think 4 of the pivotal events that were not included on the timeline are:

1955 - Moulin Rouge opening - photographs and newspaper articles

March 1960 - Integration of the Strip - headline of the RJ newspaper on March 26, 1960.

1971 - Consent Decree that mandated 12% of Strip positions to blacks (I have a copy of the decree)

1972 - Welfare Rights march on the Strip - newspaper and a book on the subject - *Storming Caesars Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty* by Annelise Orleck

There are many more events that I would like to discuss and corrections so I vote for a committee.

Have a fantastic week,
Claytee

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Comments from Commissioner Beck, June 15, 2012

Commissioner Millman's comments of 5/23/12 –

#1 – I agree with him that this needs to be revised, I would suggest:

Paleo-Indians were the first inhabitants of Southern Nevada >10,000 years ago
(and leave the rest of the text out)

Other Item:

I would add something related to the following –

Taken directly from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe's website

On December 30, 1911, ranch owner Helen J. Stewart deeded 10 acres in downtown Las Vegas to the Paiutes, establishing the Las Vegas Paiute Colony.

On July 22, 1970, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe was recognized by the federal government and became a sovereign nation.

In 1983, an additional 3,800 acres of land was returned to Paiute possession at the Snow Mountain Reservation northwest of Las Vegas.

I need to review my comments, the Anasazi description, and the timeline with a Southern Paiute in order to get their perspective. I can do this in mid-July.
Colleen

Vice-Chair Stoldal comments regarding city of Las Vegas History Timeline, submitted 6-25-12:

1. The city time line should include the decade census reports for both the state and Las Vegas as far back as 1900.
2. The goal for each element in the time line should include a link to the source of the data and a site for more information.
3. Would recommend that the early days...1900 to 1950...should focus on growth of Las Vegas Valley, after 1950 focus, while not exclusive should be on the city of Las Vegas.
4. The time line should be date and event driven.
5. Should include information on municipal elections. Earliest terms were two years, now four years.