Stewart Indian School Living Legacy
Update for the August 14, 2017 Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting
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Stewart Indian School Oral History Project
Terri McBride has completed 15 oral history interviews with alumni and former employees of the Stewart Indian School. The following Stewart alumni/former employees were included in this project: Joanne Nevers, Ruth Abbie, Robey Willis, Rolf Brown, Beatrice Allen, Bill Turner, Delbert Holley, Carlene Burton, Evelyn Cook, Ron Wopsock, Reynese Peterson, Rudy Clark, Rupert Steele, Thomas D. Benjamin, and Roger Sam. On July 26, 2017 Ms. McBride delivered final audio recordings of the oral history interviews and transcribed copies of the fifteen interviews to the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC). A copy has been archived at the NIC and will be delivered for archival purposes to the Nevada State Library and Archives and University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections, making them available for research, publication, museum exhibition and public presentation. This project was funded through an NV 150 Foundation grant ($20,000) received by the NIC.

Stewart Indian School Master Plan
Included in the Executive Director Report for this meeting.

Stewart Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- CIP #C09 - Old Gym Roof Replacement and Roof Seismic Stabilization Project ($1,255,207)
  The NIC met with the State Public Works Division Project Team on August 3, 2017 to kick off the project. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 to go over the project timeline.

- CIP #C08 - Cultural and Welcome Centers (Stewart Campus) ($4,508,168 plus $147,000 from CCCHP Grant)
  The NIC has requested a meeting with the State Public Works Division to go over the project. The initial meeting has been scheduled for August 9, 2017.

Stewart Indian School National Historic Landmark Application
Included in the Executive Director Report for this meeting.

Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan
The NIC continues to collaborate with the Stewart Facility Buildings and Grounds Division (B&G) on the implementation of projects in the Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan. Currently, B&G is focusing on maintaining their current plantings around the campus and small projects around the exterior of buildings as there isn't enough funding to do interiors. They also plan to reconstruct the historic front entrance of the Stewart Facility.

2017 Stewart Father's Day Powwow
The 2017 Stewart Father's Day Powwow was held June 16-18, 2017 at the Stewart Facility. The Powwow Committee has already held a meeting to debrief on the 2017 Powwow and is already planning for the 2018 event. The Powwow was challenged with some cancellations of Head Staff (Arena Director, Head Man and Head Woman) as well as the annual sound guy for the Powwow. The Committee, though, was able to fill these
vacancies and achieve a great Powwow. There seemed to be less in attendance this year due to the heat (95+ degrees) and other competing local events. The Powwow had a total of 42 vendors (6 taco vendors, 3 other food vendors and 33 arts and crafts vendors). The Committee decided to place all of the food vendors in “Frybread Alley.” This turned out to be a great idea as the vendors were all in one place and it was easily accessible to the attendees. It was also close to the waste disposal dumpster, allowing vendors to leave less waste behind at the end of the event. The committee rented additional lighting and a generator from a new vendor this year and were pleased with the cost savings. The committee was also proud of the fact that they were able to increase honorariums and dance competition payouts by 30%. The Museum Director and the Curator did an excellent job of developing a fresh Stewart Indian School exhibit in the alumni building and staffing the building during the entirety of the event, increasing interaction with Stewart alumni and other visitors.

The Stewart Indian School Alumni Reception was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 5:30-8:00pm at the Plaza Hotel and Event Center to honor the following Stewart Indian School alumni: Julia Parker, Garnet Andrews and the posthumous award will be presented to the family of William Coffey, Jr. There were about 80 in attendance.

**Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA)**
The NIC will be working closely with the SISPA on grants related to the preservation of the Stewart Indian School. The mission of the Alliance is to promote, fundraise, advocate, and support the Nevada Indian Commission’s efforts to protect and preserve the history of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nevada.

**Stewart Indian School Documentary**
The NIC has been working closely with JoAnne Peden on the Stewart Indian School documentary. The NIC viewed the documentary rough cut on June 9, 2017. There have been several edits requested by the NIC since the initial viewing. The contract for the editor that Ms. Peden had subcontracted with expired June 30, 2017. She is looking for a new editor that could make the 25-30 hours of additional edits requested. This will have an additional cost and Ms. Peden has requested that the NIC assist in securing these additional funds. The NIC is checking to see if the Stewart Indian School gift account could be used. This project was funded through an NV 150 grant ($25,000) received by the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA).

Bruce Rettig from Charter Advertising has completed the first draft of the artwork for the DVD case (see attached). The NIC will now work on drafting the text to be included on the back of the case.

**Stewart Facility Property Use Application**
The NIC is working with Buildings and Grounds to revise the Stewart Facility Property Use Application. Once completed, this application will need to be completed by any prospective tenants at the Stewart Facility and approved by the following agencies: State Public Works Board, Budget Division, Buildings and Grounds and the Nevada Indian Commission.

**Policy on Use of Stewart Facility by Paranormal Organizations/Groups**
The NIC is working on a policy in collaboration with Buildings and Grounds on the use of the Stewart Facility by Paranormal Organizations/Groups. Requests from these groups come up frequently and requires a use policy.
Cleanup of Stewart Buildings
The NIC is part of the planning and cleanup team for buildings at the Stewart Facility. Many of the buildings still have items left from the school and others have state agency files/items stored in them. The NIC will work with Buildings and Grounds to go through the buildings with the State Historic Preservation Office, the Division of Museums and History and the NIC to determine which items have historical significance and will be kept and which will be discarded.

Nevada Day Parade – Stewart Entry
The NIC is working with the Stewart Advisory Committee to create a Nevada Day Parade entry. This year’s Nevada Day Parade theme is “Arts and Entertainment.” The group has some preliminary ideas that include a reenactment of activities at Stewart to present day and includes information that is to be handed out to parade attendees along the parade route about the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center (“Stewart Indian School Cultural Center, Coming Soon 2018!”) and the Stewart Indian School Documentary.

Stewart Indian School Related Tours
- May 15, 2017 – UNLV Alternative Break Trip (8 attendees)
- May 16, 2017 – Bailey Charter Elementary School (47 attendees)
- May 18, 2017 – Bordewich-Bray Elementary School (28 attendees)
  May 18, 2017 – Sandy Miller Elementary School (6 tours, 150 attendees)
- May 23, 2017 – Douglas County Democratic Women’s Group (35 attendees)
- May 24, 2017 – Heard Museum (3 attendees)
- May 25, 2017 – Nate Mack Elementary School (47 attendees)
- May 30, 2017 – Pyramid Lake Middle School/High School (25 attendees)
- July 14, 2017 – Nevada State Museum Staff (3)

Next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting
The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 1, 2017 from 9:00-11:00am at the Nevada Indian Commission. This is an additional meeting to address time sensitive issues.