Stewart Indian School Living Legacy
Update for the November 20, 2017 Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting
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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)
- CIP #C08 - Cultural and Welcome Centers (Stewart Campus) ($4,508,168 plus $147,000 from CCCHP Grant)

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 small landscaping projects around the buildings nearest to the front of the complex. They have completed landscaping on four buildings so far, and have updated the new gym's watering system. They are also painting the wood and entry ways of all of the facility's boarded up buildings. The new gym was recently cleaned inside and out, and is scheduled to have the interior painted this winter.

2018 Stewart Father's Day Powwow
NIC staff is working on the 2018 Stewart Father's Day Powwow. Executive Director Rupert and Sari Nichols met with Kyle Shulz from Travel Nevada earlier in November and went over the 2017 Powwow survey. The Powwow continues to draw visitors from all over the state, but this year's event did not see a growth in visitors. There are several factors that could have contributed to the static attendance, like competing events and extreme weather (90+ degrees) for the time of year.

Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA)
The NIC continues to work closely with SISPA on grants related to the preservation of the Stewart Indian School. SISPA just recently had a change in Board members after their Chairperson, Neena Laxalt and Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Menente resigned. The new Chairman is Kostan Lathouris and the new Secretary/Treasurer is Kelly Krolicki. They are currently without a Vice-Chairperson and Kathleen Quasula remains the At-large representative and Sherry Rupert remains the ex-officio Board Member.

Stewart Indian School Documentary
The NIC has had the final viewing of the Stewart Indian School documentary with JoAnne Peden on October 30, 2017. The final product will be ready for distribution shortly. NIC continues to work on the text to be included on the back of the DVD case.
Prior to the viewing, Executive Director Rupert shared the documentary with the members of SISPA and received enthusiastic support for the documentary. SISPA is eager to work on the distribution and premier. Some of their ideas include distributing the documentary to local TV and PBS stations, having it available at museum gift shops and cultural centers statewide, as well as online venues. SISPA would like to have the premier tied to a fundraising event. They also would like to have local theater venues simultaneously premier the documentary and then repeat the event on a later date in Southern Nevada. The Carson City Cultural and Tourism Authority is interested in assisting SISPA with the local premier.

Stewart Facility Property Use Application
The NIC continues to work with Buildings and Grounds to revise the Stewart Facility Property Use application. This application will extend beyond prospective tenants; it will also be addressed to those who wish to hold events on the Stewart Facility.

Policy on Use of Stewart Facility by Paranormal Organizations/Groups
See Agenda Item #X

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. On November 2, NIC and B&G toured the first three buildings targeted for clean-up: the auditorium, dining hall, and older girl’s dormitory. The purpose of the tour was to decide which of the items had historical and interpretive value as part of the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy and which could be discarded. After the buildings are cleared, B&G will go in and clean them up. The group is continuing to discuss which buildings are next on the list.

Nevada Day Parade – Stewart Entry
The NIC worked with the Stewart Advisory Committee to create a Nevada Day Parade entry (see attached photo). This year’s Nevada Day Parade theme was “Arts and Entertainment.” The group decided to build a float that “honored the past and envisioned the future.” The float honored several notable alumni: Dewey Sampson; Aletha Tom; Henry Moses Rupert; Hilman Tobey; Flora Greene; Billy Turner; Julia Parker; Alida JoAnn Nevers; Ralph Burns; and Alicia Shoshone. The entry was introduced with a large Stewart Indian School banner carried by John Rupert and his girlfriend, Ayana. The alumni or a representative sat next to their enlarged photo and short biography. Commissioner Marla McDade-Williams sat in for Alida JoAnn Nevers and her daughter Sydney, sat in for Aletha Tom. The Stewart Father’s Day Powwow Princess, Angelika Townsend also sat atop the float. The float displayed banners on both sides depicting the upcoming Cultural Center, while the back panel displayed two large posters of the soon to be released Stewart Indian School documentary. The NIC staff handed out candy and postcards that advertised both the Cultural Center and documentary. The support from the parade attendees was overwhelming; the 500 postcards were grabbed up by the crowd before the float was half way down the parade route.

Post parade, the NIC set up a small exhibit at the Nevada State Museum using the alumni pictures and bios. NIC staff were on hand to answer questions and give out Stewart and Indian Territory material. Gracie Dick participated in the the Museum’s Nevada Day arts and crafts activities by showing visitors how to work with beads. Throughout the day, people commented on the float and were supportive of NIC’s efforts.
Stewart Indian School Related Tours

- August 4, 2017 - Wungnema Family (25 attendees)
- August 22, 2017 - Catherine Cortez Masto representatives (2 attendees)
- September 20, 2017 – Richard Seukteoma, descendant of James Seukteoma Russell Stewart alumni (1 attendee)
- October 2, 2017 - Michael Yanuck, Author (3 attendees)
- October 5, 2017 - Osher Life Long Learning group (13 attendees)
- October 10, 2017 - Emma Patten UNR PhD student (1 attendee)
- October 17, 2017 - Nevada Deputy Attorney General group (10 attendees)
- November 7, 2017 - Huntsburger Elementary School (45 attendees)

Next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting
The next Stewart Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2017 from 9:00-11:00am at the Nevada Indian Commission.