Update on Status of National Historic Landmark Nomination Application

Gregory Smoak and Amanda Fountain-Scheuerman, Director, and Graduate research Assistant respectively, of the American West Center at the University of Utah updated the Committee on the status of the National Historic Landmark Nomination Application. In summary:

- A designation of a National Historic Landmark (NHL) differs from a National Register of Historic Places designation in that the property must be identified as significant at the national level. Nominations are tied to theme studies and none are focused on boarding schools, so the Stewart Indian School is in a good position for the application to be approved.

- Samantha Williams, Ph.D. candidate from the University of California, Santa Cruz, is writing her dissertation on the history of the Stewart Indian School, and has been sharing information and documents with the American West Center.

- The Application itself is large and must include the following documentation: a physical description of the property, descriptions of all of the buildings, a statement of historical significance, a narrative, bibliography, maps, and as many photographs as possible.

- Once the Application has been approved by the National Park Service, it will be forwarded to Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior, for signature.

Stewart Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

- CIP #19275 Post Office/Bakery Building (see attached State Public Works Board Project Cost Estimate)

- CIP #19270 Old Gym (see attached State Public Works Board Project Cost Estimate)

Stewart Indian School Landscape Preservation Plan

The State Buildings and Grounds staff has been “beautifying the campus” to include cleaning of some of the buildings and adding fresh paint. On the south side of the NIC building, new flowers have been planted and the landscaping has been improved. If the campus grounds stays cleaned up with green grass and beautiful trees, perhaps people’s perceptions will change and will be more respectful of the campus.
Stewart Indian School Related Grants

- 2018 Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Grant (CCCHP) - The grant application has been approved and awarded $79,000 for planning documents to be completed for the Stewart Indian School Auditorium.

- 2019 Stewart Father’s Day Powwow Nevada Arts Council grant (NAC) - The grant application has been approved and awarded $2,913.

2018 Stewart Father’s Day Powwow
See Stewart Father’s Day Powwow Report under Agenda Item VIII.