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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission Meeting of September 12, 2013

TO: Historic Resource Commission **Item F-4**
FROM: Susan Dorr Pansky, Planning Manager
DATE: September 5, 2013
SUBJECT: HRC-13-047 – Historic Preservation Fund Grant Update

As the HRC is aware, Carson City has been awarded \$6,000 for the 2013 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant for the Kings Canyon Cultural Resources Inventory, which is less than half the original request amount of \$12,500. Because of the importance of this study to the Carson City Open Space program, staff gave Juan Guzman, Carson City Open Space Manager, an update of the awarded amount and the limited scope of the project as a result. Mr. Guzman offered to provide an additional \$4,000 for the Kings Canyon project from open space funding, for a total of \$10,000.

Staff has executed the funding agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and, with assistance from the HRC Chairman, has selected Zeier and Associates to perform the work. A general outline of Zeier and Associates' scope of work is provided below:

- Work would focus on the approximately 4.63 mile long stretch of roadway extending from the north edge of Section 23 to the center of Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 19 East.
- Archival information will be developed related specifically to the Kings Canyon Road. Emphasis will be placed on archival data retained by the Nevada State Library and Archives, the U.S. Forest Service, the Nevada Historical Society, and the Nevada Department of Transportation. Consideration will be given to the original development and use of the roadway during the Comstock period, and its later designation as an element of the Lincoln Highway. A general NVCRRIS database search will also be conducted. While anecdotal information is likely present in local newspapers, a review of this source of information cannot be accomplished with the available budget.
- Fieldwork will involve examination of a swath that extends 50 meters to either side of the roadway. In addition, special attention will be given to the roadway proper. We will make an effort to understand and characterize typical road construction methods, to locate constructed features associated with the roadway (culverts, rock walls, retaining walls, etc.), and to develop an understanding as to how much roadway related debris is present immediately adjacent to the roadway.

- Typical cross sections will be developed and all observed constructed features will be documented.
- A series of photographs will be taken that depict the integrity of setting associated with the roadway.
- The roadway and any other identified cultural resources will be documented on IMACS site forms, the standard employed by the SHPO.
- The work product will be a technical report prepared in accordance with current SHPO and agency standards. The report will provide contextual information pertinent to the roadway and any other identified resources. The report will also contain verbal descriptions of the road and all its associated features; maps; photographs of the road, associated features, and the setting; and a carefully thought out and reasoned National Register eligibility evaluation. To the extent practicable, sections of the report dealing with the road will be prepared in such a manner as to be readily extractable, possibly for inclusion in a formal National Register nomination.
- The work product would be provided to Carson City in draft format. Once comments are received from SHPO, necessary changes would be made and final copies of the technical report and all IMACS form will be prepared.

Because the total amount of the contract is less than \$10,000, a Request for Proposal process is not necessary. Board of Supervisors approval is also not required, as the project is less than \$25,000. Staff is in the process of finalizing the contract with Zeier and Associates and anticipates the project will begin in early Fall 2013.

If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Susan Dorr Pansky at 283-7076 or spansky@carson.org.