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MEMORANDUM

Historic Resource Commission Meeting of March 13, 2014

TO: Historic Resource Commission (HRC) **Item F-7**
FROM: Susan Dorr Pansky, Planning Manager
DATE: March 4, 2014
SUBJECT: HRC-13-131 – 2014 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Update and Change in Project

Recommended Motion: “I move to recommend that staff submit a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to change the proposed 2014 Historic Preservation Fund grant application project from the remaining Kings Canyon properties to the Nevada State Prison.”

2014 HPF Grant Update

As the HRC is aware, an application for the 2014 Historic Preservation (HPF) grant was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on November 19, 2013 for \$20,000 with a required match of \$15,000 to continue historic resources inventory on the Kings Canyon road and properties. Staff received a letter from SHPO on December 11, 2013 confirming receipt of Carson City's 2014 HPF Grant application. The letter indicated that notification of available funds is anticipated in March 2014, at which time SHPO will determine preliminary award recommendations for the 2014 grant cycle.

As of the writing of this memo, funds had not been appropriated to SHPO from the National Parks Service (NPS), thus preliminary awards cannot yet be determined. In a recent discussion with Rebecca Palmer, State Historic Preservation Officer, she indicated that appropriations from NPS should come soon, but that delays are likely due to the severe weather being experienced regularly this winter in Washington, D.C., which has resulted in extensive government office closures.

Request to Change Project from Kings Canyon Properties to Nevada State Prison

Staff would like to request that the HRC consider changing the proposed 2014 HPF grant application project from the remaining Kings Canyon properties to the Nevada State Prison.

The Mayor, Mike Drews and HRC liaison Susan Dorr Pansky sit on the Nevada State Prison Steering Committee (Committee), which is committed to making recommendations to the Nevada Legislature about the future uses of the historic Nevada State Prison (Prison). SHPO also sits on this Committee and had originally committed a consultant to prepare a nomination of the Prison to the National Register of Historic Places. This is a time intensive process which

involves several stakeholders including the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Nevada Board of Museums and History, and the National Parks Service. Unfortunately, the SHPO person designated for this task recently had to withdraw from performing the work and SHPO is not able to provide a replacement. In response, SHPO approached the City to determine if the City could provide support for the nomination, and suggested that the City could request that the grant project be changed from Kings Canyon to the Prison, as the scope of work proposed in the original grant application and what is needed for the Prison are the same. The scope of work requested did not include the preparation of the actual nomination itself; therefore the City is not able to provide support for that portion of the project. However, the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has offered to coordinate and prepare the nomination on the Committee's behalf.

The Mayor, Mr. Drews and the new HRC Chairman, Jed Block, felt that it would be appropriate to request that the 2014 HPF grant project be changed to support the Prison. An affirmative vote by the HRC is required to change the project for the 2014 HPF grant application from the remaining Kings Canyon properties to the Prison.

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