



Meeting Notes

Subject	Section 106/NEPA update; Historic Pres Planning		Sheet 1 of 2
Project Number	21132 – 003		
Meeting Date	July 13, 2005	Meeting Location	HDR Alaska, Inc. 4 th floor conference room
Time	8:00 am – 9:45 am		
Notes by	Rosetta Alcantra	HDR	
Attendees:	Judy Bittner, Director, ADNR/SHPO	Doug Gasek/DNR/ SHPO	Edrie Vinson, FHWA
Laurie Mulcahy, DOT&PF	Dale Paulson, KABATA/DOT	Richard Stern, Stephan Braund & Assoc.	Stephan Braund, Stephan Braund & Assoc.
Robin Reich HDR Alaska	Rosetta Alcantra HDR Alaska		

The planning meeting began at 8:00 am to discuss the next steps with inventorying cultural resources. There was a lengthy discussion on Government Hill properties and the criteria to establish historic preservation. The draft report provided by Stephen Braund and Richard Stern, of Stephen Braund and Associates includes the preliminary sites of 751 records with clusters around Government Hill. Two other documents under the Dena'ina team – Shem Pete's Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Shem Pete identifies different sites and is a product of 25 years of information published in a book of known sites before interviews with tribes.

Edrie Vinson asked if Elmendorf was cooperating. Richard Stern indicated that Ann Lawton has been wonderful and they are participating. Stephan Braund commended Mr. Stern for his efforts to identify the hot spots especially on Government Hill. This area is well covered and he indicated they will meet the schedule. He also said he can confidently say there will be no one who can say they have been ignored in this process.

There was also a discussion on the Alaska Railroad and overall planning that had taken place in the Ship Creek area. Most of the discussion focused on protocols for gathering the information from a cooperating agency. Ms. Vinson suggested that Richard Stern discuss protocols with the railroad representative at the upcoming agency meeting.

Following the discussion about the historic information gathering in Ship Creek, Ms. Vinson directed the group toward discussing what needed to be done in the near term. The priorities she identified include the A/C couplet, Ericson Street, under Degan and Ingraw/Gambell. Ms. Vinson suggested that testing of these sites needed to be done this year. There are also two routes on the Mat-Su site, Lake Lorraine and the existing Point MacKenzie Road. Mr. Stern clarified the staging area is 10 acres. Briefly, the group



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discussed probability areas and mapping. Robin Reich reminded Mr. Stern about getting port permission to test the area. Ms. Vinson also requested an additional layer of mapping that would tell where things are at and how they correlate with the lines drawn. Specific was the “slight” to “moderate” wording used in the document on page 11.

Ms. Vinson, indicated that Ericson Street and Degan Street, were the streets where the pre-1960 property could be lost. Mr. Stern indicated there were few of these building types on those streets. Reference was made to the report, the grey shaded area in the report indicates residual of residential structures. The East side of Government Hill is all residential, 12 to 20 structures pre-date 1955. Most are single style ranch homes. In 1955-1960 there was a boom in the area. The large area in vista blue is the Hollywood Shopping Center. There was no indication if this building passed integrity criteria.

Ms. Vinson, instructed Mr. Stern to do an inventory that meets the criteria. The information needs to be able to determine the eligibility. There was also a discussion of Cherry Hill, Ms. Bittner did not think the area was inventoried by Section 106 standards. If there are issues with the military information, Ms. Reich requested Mr. Stern talk to the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA).

There was also a discussion of the inclusion of interviewer’s names. Ms. Bittner suggested listing them in the bibliography. Mr. Stern said he would check with his sources. Mr. Stern also requested a letter be sent to the property owners asking for participation to gather information. After a discussion on the lines and not having clear alternatives, it was agreed a letter could go out upon review. Ms. Reich indicated she was concerned about not having narrowed alternatives to focus the testing of the sites. Ms. Vinson also cautioned the group about “sensitivity and not being pre-decisional.”

To conclude the meeting, the group discussed coordination with the military and local government officials for permission to test site locations. The group also discussed the short field season and also the importance of having field studies for the draft EIS. Mr. Braund indicated work has been done and there are rough lines that will allow him and Richard to begin coordination with the local Tribes.

The planning meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.