

December 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Section 106 MOA Weyerhaeuser Woodbridge Building A and Building B (Corps Reference NWS-2017-1077)

Parties participating: Corps of Engineers, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), Federal Way Campus (IRG), King County Historic Preservation, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Save Weyerhaeuser Campus, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, SoCoCulture, SWA Group, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Topics Discussed:

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: ACHP declined to participate in the consultation at this time.

Puyallup Tribe: Brandon emailed comments that the tribe has interest in the project area. Barring avoidance, Brandon recommends archaeological monitoring during construction, signs documenting Tribal history and use of the area along trails, and thought that Adam/Snoqualmie's ideas were worth pursuing.

Minimization: Last call Federal Way Campus committed to emailing consulting parties a minimization plan. In preparation for that and as background information, Michelle emailed the group two separate emails with 8 attachments detailing how they have designed the project with minimization in mind to meet or exceed all setbacks/plantings/other requirements (and in fact they could design a bigger building with larger impacts that would not require a Corps permit). They are still working on a minimization plan for consulting party review.

Trails: Last call we discussed pedestrian trails, and need more information to be able to discuss viable minimization and mitigation. Federal Way Campus emailed a map showing the permit area relative to trails. There are no formal planned trails in the permit area dating to the period of significance. Charles wondered if the maintenance roads/remnants of the previous subdivision were contributing features. Since the proposed construction will destroy the trails in the permit area, I said we should focus on mitigation - do we want to spend mitigation efforts on trails elsewhere on campus (or perhaps in the buffer within the permit area?) or focus on other mitigation. I do not believe further documentation of the trails is something the group would want to focus efforts on, and minimization is not feasible. Right now there is no requirement that the property be open to the public or maintain public access trails, for example.

René: René was able to talk with Peter Walker and others. He confirmed there is no question the project would have an adverse effect to the visual character, even with the buffers and minimization efforts proposed. He has some ideas that might help minimize adverse effects. High value would be moving the parking lot, if possible, perhaps by relocating/moving the detention pond. **Dana said with where they are at in the permit review process significant changes are not something he is open to pursuing.** I think there is room for common ground on minimization, particularly looking at the non-fixed aspects (such as tree species in the buffer, but open to ideas here) and a lot of possibility on mitigation elsewhere.

Documentation: Save Weyerhaeuser Campus provided a report last call by Northwest Vernacular. This report provides comments on Cardno's report on the overall district. For this permit action we have focused on the permit area and have sufficient information to determine

the property is eligible and will be adversely affected, but have not made any formal determination for the rest of the property on contributing elements or identification efforts. Federal Way Campus reviewed the report and did not identify any new loci/features within the permit area. Given we had already determined the permit area tree buffer is a contributing element and would be adversely affected, at least for the permit area and proposed construction our overall determination of adverse effect is not changed based on NW Vernacular's report.

Medicine Creek Treaty Tree: It is unclear where the 1976 Medicine Creek Treaty tree is located - Cindy said she believes it is in the permit area and they (and Barbara) are looking into where it is. Cindy said the tree was planted on Arbor Day from a seed of the original Medicine Creek Treaty tree.

Action Item: Identify location of Medicine Creek Treaty tree, determine if it will be affected by construction.

Mitigation: I implored the group to be thinking about common ground for mitigation. **The campus is large, Dana and his group have the power to commit to mitigation that I think the entire group would find meaningful.**

Our next call was scheduled for New Year's Day, so I cancelled it. Our next scheduled call is Friday January 15, 2020 at noon-1 PM PST. Please let me know if you have any questions, corrections, or concerns,

Lance Lundquist
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