November 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Section 106 MOA Weyerhaeuser
Woodbridge Building A and Building B (Corps Reference NWS-2017-1077)

Parties participating: Corps of Engineers, state 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, Snoqualmie Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe.

Topics Discussed: Dana, Jen, and Michelle (from IRG’s team) virtually met with Charles (TCLF), Betsy (National Trust), and René (SWA Group) before this call to help them get up to speed. Charles asked if there could be a single source for all the relevant documentation, or if not, could one be created to host the material. I am happy to send out documentation relevant to the Section 106 process but the Corps is not ideally suited to host such a site. If someone would be willing to host that material let the group know.

Save Weyerhaeuser Campus provided the attached concerns and ideas for resolution of adverse effect before the call. Most people had not had the opportunity to look over them. Please do so and we can discuss next call.

Minimization: We talked about ways to minimize effects of the undertaking on the district.

Barbara would like the group to consider minimizing noise associated with increased truck traffic as a minimization/mitigation measure.

Charles thinks the proposed construction crosses/is within the "core" area of the district, and public use of trails for pleasure strolling were built into the design. He asked if there is a good map of the trails; Michelle said there are maps and she would forward that information to the group. This of course is relevant to the scope and scale of mitigation and minimization. If trails are a contributing element to the district, and they are within the permit area, mitigation for their loss should be a consideration. Charles was hoping to focus discussions on principles of intent from Federal Way Campus in terms of minimization and preservation. Charles recommended contacting Peter Walker, the original designer of the campus; he could provide invaluable advice on original intent and guidance on appropriate minimization efforts relative to the proposed project.

Michelle has been in contact with Peter for the research she conducted but thought others might have a deeper connection. René said he is in semi-regular contact with Peter. Barring Peter’s participation, we have assembled a highly qualified group of people here to guide this resolution of adverse effects. As an aside, oral interviews with Peter might be a fantastic mitigation component were he willing.

Permitting: René asked about the permitting status. I provided an overview of where we were at in the Regulatory permit review process in terms of Section 106 (we are
resolving adverse effects). Dana said the design has been approved but obviously Corps permitting has not been completed. Designs have been changed as part of Section 106 mitigation to better fit within the historic context of an area. I would be interested to hear if any of you have particular concerns with the proposed building design relative to its fit for the campus, and if so, do you have recommendations you would like the group to consider?

**Scope and Scale of Mitigation:** As is typical with early stages of a resolution of adverse effect, a lot of ideas are being developed for possible mitigation. Ultimately we will filter out feasible, practicable mitigation ideas and get to the sometimes hard discussion of what is appropriate in scope and scale. Some ideas may end up being prohibitively expensive. Some mitigation ideas might take years of research before defining them is possible, when other appropriate mitigation could be accomplished with the information available at hand. At this stage, we are listening and starting to focus on ideas or areas for mitigation. From this call it sounds like minimization is something everyone supports, but it is unclear how best to achieve that. It would be great if Peter Walker could provide his insight and/or would be willing to participate in these calls. If he is unavailable, we need to focus on the resources we do have and I am confident we will be able to get there.

Our next scheduled call is Friday December 4, 2020 at noon-1 PM PST. Please let me know if you have any questions, corrections, or concerns,

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