



October 14, 2019

Ms. Shauna Bilyeu
Superintendent
Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth
Washington School for the Deaf

In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2019-10-07806
Re: Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Campus Revitalization project

Dear Ms. Bilyeu:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced proposal. We have reviewed the materials you provided for this project under provisions of Governor's Executive Order 05-05. As a result of our review, we have the following comments and questions:

- Without additional information, DAHP is still of the opinion that the following buildings are ELIGIBLE for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:
 - PROPERTY: #85244 School for the Deaf - Power Plant Building
 - PROPERTY: #85245 School for the Deaf - Vocational Building
 - PROPERTY: #85246 School for the Deaf - Hunter Gymnasium
 - PROPERTY: #85248 School for the Deaf - Epperson Middle School and Vocational Education Building
 - PROPERTY: #85250 School for the Deaf - Dining Hall and Kitchen Building
- What, if any, alternatives to demolition were considered, such as rehabilitation or reuse of the existing buildings?
- If alternatives to demolition were considered, why were they not pursued?
- The second phase of this project proposes to demolish Hunter Gymnasium for a parking lot; were alternative sites for the parking lot? If so, why were they not pursued?
- DAHP will need to be offered the opportunity to review the draft monitoring plan to follow on from the recommendations on page 9 of the report provided in your communications.

DAHP is highly supportive of the Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth's mission, and are empathetic to the needs of its student body. DAHP also believes that this mission can be accomplished with existing infrastructure and buildings, in order to preserve some of our State's most historically significant educational buildings for future generations. We therefore strongly encourage the Center consult with our State Historical Architect, Nick Vann (Nicholas.vann@dahp.wa.gov) to discuss the opportunities these buildings represent in order to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Should the Center select demolition of these NRHP-eligible historic properties, DAHP looks forward to continued consultation and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU shall identify specific measures that when implemented will serve to mitigate the adverse impact on the property.

Also, we appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of Governor's Executive Order 05-05. These



comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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