



**Board of Museums and History**  
**March 19, 2021 Meeting**  
**National and State Registers – Staff Report**  
*February 22, 2021*

**National Register of Historic Places Nominations**

None

**Nevada State Register of Historic Places Nominations**

None

**Listed Properties Since December 2020**

None

**Pending Nominations to the National Register**

El Rancho Hotel, Wells, Elko County

The Board approved this nomination during the December 2020 meeting. SHPO staff submitted BMH member comments and edits to the consultant (Nevada Preservation Foundation) on December 9, 2020. The consultant is currently addressing those comments and will submit a final draft for SHPO review in the near future.

Las Vegas High School – Frazier Hall, Las Vegas, Clark County

The Board approved this nomination during the December 2020 meeting. SHPO staff submitted comments and edits made by BMH Chair Stoldal and Member Barber to the City of Las Vegas (City) on December 7, 2020. The City completed the edits and returned the document to SHPO on January 4, 2021. The SHPO made additional edits and submitted the new draft to BMH Chair Stoldal and Member Barber on February 2, 2021. Chair Stoldal suggested additional improvements, which SHPO staff is working to incorporate.

The City has requested that SHPO withhold submitting the nomination to the Keeper pending the results of an upcoming Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission meeting during which the campus will be discussed (see item below).

Las Vegas High School – Auditorium, Vocational-Industrial Arts Building and Sunset Hall-Union School District Administration Building, Las Vegas, Clark County

The City hired Kautz Environmental Consultants, Inc. to list the Auditorium, Vocational-Industrial Arts Building and Sunset Hall-Union School District Administration Building in the NRHP. Kautz

conducted a preliminary assessment and submitted formal recommendation to the City on February 1, 2021. The consultant's letter report recommends that instead of a standalone nomination or a nomination amendment to add three additional buildings, the entire campus be nominated as a historic district. The report states:

According to National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National register Criteria for Evaluation (National Park Service, 1997), "A district possesses a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development." Under this definition, the LVHS campus is considered a district. [. . .] Individually nominating multiple buildings within a campus setting and overlooking a potential historic district is unconventional and likely to be rebuffed by NPS reviewers. Moreover, the Vocational Building and Auditorium have experienced alterations that would render them not individually eligible for the NRHP, but they still possess sufficient integrity to be included in a historic district as contributing resources.

The City forwarded the recommendations to SHPO on February 1, 2021 and requested a SHPO eligibility concurrence. SHPO staff is currently reviewing the report and will prepare a response.

First Church of Christ, Scientist (Lear Theater) NRHP Amendment, Reno, Washoe County  
Consultant Mella Harmon completed a draft amendment to the existing First Church of Christ, Scientist listing to include additional information about Anna Loomis and Luella Garvey's involvement with the building's construction and submitted it to SHPO on January 19, 2021. Building owner Artown confirmed their support for the amendment in an email dated October 28, 2020.

SHPO staff reviewed the draft and responded to the consultant on February 10, 2021. SHPO staff is currently finalizing the amendment and preparing it for inclusion on the Board's June 2021 agenda.

#### Active Inquiries

Staff has received inquiries regarding possible NRHP nominations for the fire station in Black Springs (Reno area), a building at 1616 N. Hwy. 395 in Minden, the St. Thomas Aquinas school building in Reno, a building at 6220 E. Lake Mead in Las Vegas, the Just Faith Apostolic Ministries building in Las Vegas, the Greater Calvary Baptist Church in Las Vegas, the Cowboy Arts and Gear Museum in Elko, and a building at 132-134 Bell Street in Reno.

#### **Pending Nominations to the Nevada State Register**

##### Copeland Lumber Building, Minden, Douglas County

SHPO received a draft nomination for the Copeland Lumber Building from the Carson Valley Arts Council on December 29, 2020. SHPO staff reviewed the draft and submitted comments and edits on January 19, 2021. The Arts Council submitted a second draft on February 6, 2021 and submitted additional photographs on February 11, 2021. SHPO staff is currently finalizing the nomination and preparing it for inclusion on the Board's June 2021 agenda.

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None. However, several of the properties listed in the NRHP inquiries section above also received information about the State Register listing process.

### **Federal NRHP Nominations**

1. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) submitted a revised draft nomination for the Kyle Canyon Ranger Station and CCC Camp Charleston on Mount Charleston in Clark County in response to the SHPO's June 5, 2020 suggestions. The SHPO reviewed the second draft and provided comments to USFS on January 22, 2021.
2. As noted in the December 2020 staff report, a NRHP nomination is underway for an archaeological district in Great Basin National Park. The SHPO has not received additional communication regarding this nomination.