August 30, 2021

Re: Golden Gate Village, Tree Removal and Replacement- Section 106 Closing Letter

Dear Consulting Parties:

The intent of this letter is to inform interested parties that the Section 106 process regarding the Tree Removal and Replacement undertaking at Golden Gate Village (GGV) has been concluded. We thank you for your participation and have included a summary of the consultation process and comments below for your records.

The proposed undertaking involves removal and replacement of two Chinese elm trees located adjacent to the driveway servicing the high-rise buildings located at 69 ad 79 Cole Drive. The removed trees will be replaced with two 24” Chinese elm trees at the same locations. Replacements will be planted by a certified arborist and semi-mature trees will be selected to encourage a successful transplanting process. The analysis outlined in the Finding of Effect (FOE) memorandum resulted in a finding of No Adverse Effect on the historic property under Section 106 since the undertaking conforms to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation using in-kind replacements of a character-defining feature consistent with the original planting plan for the property at this location.

Summary of Consultation Process

On behalf of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the County of Marin (the County) initiated Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, for maintenance and repair projects at Golden Gate Village. The property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 3, 2017 and is therefore considered a historic property for the purposes of Section 106 review. The elm trees were identified as a contributing element of the historic property in a character-defining feature study completed by Marin Housing Authority’s qualified consultant in 2019.

The Elm Tree Removal and Replacement FOE memorandum was sent to the following Consulting and Tribal Parties in February 2021: Golden Gate Village Residents Council; Marin City Community Services District; the Sierra Club, Northern California Chapter; the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Guidiville Indian Rancheria; and Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California. Buffy McQuillen, THPO of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, responded in February 2021 with a request for immediate notification and consultation in the event of an unanticipated discovery during the activities of this undertaking. The County has agreed to the request and will immediately notify the Federal Tribe in the event of unanticipated discovery during the removal and replacement of the two elm trees.

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To date, no other comments on this undertaking have been received from other parties. A summary of comments and the FOE memo were then provided to the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on July 14, 2021. Following a 30-day comment period during which the SHPO did not communicate any concerns regarding the Elm Tree Removal and Replacement undertaking, the County is assuming concurrence with the finding outlined in the FOE memo.

This letter presents a final finding of *No Adverse Effect* on the historic property. The undertaking conforms to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation using in-kind replacements of a character-defining feature consistent with the original planting plan for the property at this location. This letter formally concludes Section 106 consultation with regards to this undertaking.

Documents relating to this review process are available on both the Marin Housing Authority and County of Marin websites. Tammy Taylor, Planner for the County of Marin, coordinates the Section 106 review process for the property. You may contact her at ggypubliccomment@marincounty.org with questions about this process.

Sincerely,

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