Consulting Parties:

Section 800.2(a) & (c) consulting party

Re: Golden Gate Village, Defensible Space Vegetation Removal Section 106 Closing Letter

Dear Consulting Party,

The intent of this letter is to inform your organization that the Section 106 process regarding the Defensible Space Vegetation Removal undertaking at Golden Gate Village has been concluded. We thank you for your participation and have included a summary of the consultation process and comments below for your records.

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. In Fall 2019, Section 106 consultation was initiated, and the Defensible Space Vegetation Removal Finding of Effect (FOE) Memorandum was provided to Consulting and Tribal parties who were identified that might have an interest in the historic property.

The proposed undertaking involved the removal of vegetation from the south and west borders of the property to increase fire safety. The analysis outlined in the FOE stated that the undertaking would not adversely effect the historic property if conducted under certain conditions. On March 18, 2020, the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) concurred with the Conditional No Adverse Effect finding in the FOE Memorandum.

In Fall 2020, the County of Marin received concerns from multiple parties and from the general public that they did not receive the invitation to consult or the FOE memorandum. Therefore, in October 2020, packets with an updated invitation to consult under Section 106 and all FOE memorandums on proposed undertakings completed to date were re-sent to Consulting Parties via certified mail. The FOE memorandums for each undertaking were also posted on the County’s website for public viewing (available here: https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/federal-grants). Because the Section 106 process was reopened, the comment period was extended through October 30, 2020.
Consulting Parties
The following organizations were invited to consult under Section 106 on proposed repair and maintenance undertakings at Golden Gate Village: Aaron G. Green Associates, Inc.; California Historical Society; Docomomo, Northern California Chapter; Golden Gate Village Residents Council; Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS), Northern California Chapter; Marin City Community Services District; Marin County Free Library; Marin History Museum; Sierra Club, Northern California Chapter; Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California; Guidiville Indian Rancheria; and Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California. This invitation to consult on repair and maintenance undertakings is limited to projects that are considered minor in nature and are not likely to result in adverse effects. Section 106 review for any major projects at Golden Gate Village will be initiated under separate cover.

The following table represents the final list of Consulting and Tribal Parties that responded to the invitation to consult and opted to participate in the Section 106 process for repair and maintenance projects at Golden Gate Village.

Table 1: Consulting Parties Who Responded to Invitation to Consult under Section 106

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Comments
During the October 2020 extended comment period, comments were received from Ora Hathaway (member of the public). The following table consolidates and summarizes her comments regarding the proposed Defensible Space Vegetation Removal undertaking that pertain to the potential for effects to the historic property. Comments that are outside the scope of Section 106 review are not summarized in this letter, however copies of all written comments received are enclosed.

Table 2: Comments Summary

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| Ora Hathaway (member of the public)   | Repairs should be completed with oversight by Daniel Ruark, architect | October 30, 2020 / email     | The conditions in the FOE stipulate that the undertaking shall be implemented in consultation with a qualified historical landscape architect to ensure that the character of the historic vegetation is not affected.  
The violations and recommendations outlined by |
the Fire Department as well as the project description and the applied conditions in the FOE memo were provided to consulting parties, the SHPO, and posted on MHA’s and the County’s websites in order to ensure transparency and provide an opportunity for accountability and input. The standards and conditions in the FOE memo shall also be provided to the Fire Department and HUD prior to any work performed.

After considering the full scope of the enclosed comments, including those summarized above, the County has determined that the FOE sufficiently documents and analyzes the potential for adverse effects. At this time, the MHA/the County is notifying you of the final finding of Conditional No Adverse Effect in order to formally conclude Section 106 consultation with regards to this undertaking. Once again, we thank you for your participation and we look forward to future communication on other projects.

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 ggvpubliccomment@marincounty.org with questions about this process.

Sincerely,

Evan Smith

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Enclosed: Copies of Comments Received on the FOE