

City of Las Vegas

AGENDA MEMO

SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR THE LAS VEGAS CENTENNIAL MEETING OF: MAY 12, 2025

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: SETH T. FLOYD, ESQ.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION: DR.
DIANE SIEBRANDT**

☒ **Action**

☐ **Report**

SUBJECT:

24-0557-CLC1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Discussion for possible action regarding approval of a grant request for \$2,125,000 by The Neon Museum for the costs associated with the relocation of the historically listed La Concha Motel Lobby, located at 770 Las Vegas Boulevard North, and authorizing the President to execute the Grant Agreement as approved by the City Attorney - Ward 5 (Summers-Armstrong)

PURPOSE

The applicant is requesting approval of a grant request in the amount of \$2,125,000 to fund the relocation of the historically listed La Concha Lobby.

Findings:

The La Concha Motel Lobby was placed on the Las Vegas Historic Property Register on August 1, 2007, and the Nevada State Register of Historic Places on July 19, 2015. The La Concha Motel was originally constructed in 1961 by internationally known African American architect Paul R. Williams. The structure's unique "Googie" architecture style is defined by its three large parabolic bays of four-inch concrete with glass and steel curtain walls and entry doors. Originally located on the Las Vegas Strip, the motel was demolished in 2004, and in 2006 the lobby was moved to the Neon Museum to serve as its lobby.

The Neon Museum is preparing to relocate closer to the core of downtown Las Vegas in the Arts District to increase the opportunity to attract more visitors. The anticipated total cost to disassemble, relocate, and reassemble the La Concha Lobby is \$7,149,000 with contributions from the grantee, the City of Las Vegas, and fundraising efforts. The project is set to be completed by December 2027.

Funding is being requested to cover the following costs:

- Costs for preparing the historic structure for relocation, including scaffolding, supports, and dismantling
- Preparing haul route for relocation
- Costs for loading, hauling and unloading the historic structure from current to new location
- Costs for reassembling the historic structure at new location

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BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Backup Documentation Submitted for the November 25, 2024, Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial Meeting
2. Withdrawal without Prejudice Request Letter by The Neon Museum

