

City of Las Vegas

AGENDA MEMO

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF: JANUARY 25, 2022

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: SETH T. FLOYD, ESQ.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER: DR. DIANE SIEBRANDT

☐ Action

☒ Report

SUBJECT:

23-0015-HPC1 - Report by staff from Nevada Preservation Foundation regarding the final draft survey of the Biltmore Bungalows neighborhood, roughly bounded by Washington Avenue and Bonanza Road on the north and south and North Main Street and North 9th Street on the west and east - Ward 5 (Crear)

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In 2003, a reconnaissance level survey of historic resources was conducted of the Biltmore Addition (also referred to as Biltmore Homes and Biltmore Bungalows) Neighborhood, which concluded that the area required a more in-depth study to determine eligibility for possible inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as well as a City of Las Vegas historic district. Centennial Commission funding was requested and granted to the Nevada Preservation Foundation at the July 27, 2020 meeting to build upon the original survey and conduct in-depth research into the history of the neighborhood and the historic integrity of the homes. A report titled, "Historic Register Eligibility Evaluation of the Biltmore Addition(s) Neighborhood in Las Vegas, Nevada" has been completed. The report makes the determination that three sections of the neighborhood, the Biltmore Addition and the Biltmore Addition Annexes No. 1 and No. 2, retain their distinctive history and character as defined by the housing development during WWII. The neighborhood contains great historic value, as it is representative of WWII era, "defense city" residential development in the City of Las Vegas with homes in the Minimal Traditional architectural style. The neighborhood also retains a majority of contributing eligible properties for inclusion on the NRHP and the Las Vegas Historic Property Register.

Recommendations include refining the historic district boundary to exclude properties on the south side of Bonanza Road, which are determined not eligible, and conducting neighborhood outreach to determine if property owners will support a listing on one of the historic registers.

Nevada Preservation Foundation is presenting the final draft report and findings to the HPC. Members may provide their feedback and commentary regarding the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report only; No action required

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BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Report - Historic Register Eligibility Evaluation of the Biltmore Addition(s) Neighborhood in Las Vegas, Nevada
2. Eligibility Map

