Martin, Carrie R. (DES)

From: neonbob@
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Martin, Carrie R. (DES)
Cc: Brooks, Allyson (DAHP); Bennett, Matthew; Moore, Chris
Subject: Re: Capitol Lake and Deschutes Parkway NRHP

Dear Carrie,
Thank you for the invitation to the open house, March 9, 2016, hosted by the Department of Enterprise Services, for obtaining information pertaining to the long-term management of Capitol Lake and the Deschutes Parkway.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. However, may I suggest that you include on the agenda a discussion concerning the issue of Historic Preservation and the site being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Perhaps you would share my letter with the attendees, and include it with the minutes of the meeting. Also, it would be beneficial if a representative of the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation would be in attendance to address any questions concerning preservation and modifications to the original historical features. I am including a copy of this response to Mr. Chris Moore, Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, in the event our organization wishes to have a representative at the meeting.

Respectfully yours,
Robert H. Krier P. E. (CE & SE)

From: neonbob@
To: "Carrie Martin" <carrie.martin@des.wa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 10:30:53 AM
Subject: Capitol Lake and Deschutes Parkway NRHP

Dear Carrie,

Historical documentation identifies and describes the creation of Capitol Lake and the Deschutes Parkway as being included in the master plan for the Capitol Campus developed in the early 1900's. The Department of Enterprise Services manages the facility as part of the Capitol Campus. This site, like many others, holds a special cultural and historical significance to the citizens of the State of Washington, and they place their trust in our government administrators to preserve and protect Washington's unique historic sites.

With regard to the responsibility for the management of the lake and suggestions for estuary restoration, I believe it is important to recognize the site as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). It qualifies under Criterion A relating to having a significant contribution to our history. Under this Criterion the site is associated with important events and activities in transportation, community planning and development. It has made a significant contribution to the historical development of the local area, complementing and enhancing our beautiful Capitol Campus.

As a site eligible for the NRHP, its infrastructure, including the dam and facilities relating to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, is afforded protection under the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 36 CFR Part 800. Under the Section 106 process, modifications to the site must be avoided or minimized, and any adverse effects mitigated to preserve the integrity of the original construction, features and historic properties. Adverse effects include any undertaking that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

In addition to the Federal Regulations there is also RCW 27.34.200 that states it is public policy and in the public interest of the state to designate, preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those structures and sites which reflect outstanding elements of the state's historic and cultural heritage. Also, Executive Order 05-05 requires all state agencies using capital construction funds to preserve and protect historic sites that have a special significance for the citizens of Washington.

I believe Historic Preservation is critical to the existing features of the site. It would seem prudent for the Department of Enterprise Services, in cooperation with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), to proceed proactively with the process of evaluating the National Register eligibility of Capitol Lake and the Deschutes Parkway.

A response with your comments pertaining to this issue would be appreciated. Likewise, comments from DAHP and the US Army Corps of Engineers (a likely permitting agency) would be welcomed.

Respectfully yours,

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