

JEFF CAR 2015 Design Review Team S106 Meeting FINAL NOTES

Meeting #15: February 27, 2014 2-3 PM Central

I. Attendance

Role	Name	Participated
DRT Member	Tom Bradley	X
DRT Member	Maggie Hales	X
DRT Member	Vern Remiger	X
DRT Member	Judith Deel	X
DRT Member	Bill Hart	
DRT Member	Karen Bode Baxter	
DRT Member	Ann Honious	X
DRT Member	Mark Miles	
Advisor: National Trust	Jennifer Sandy	
Advisor: National Trust	Betsy Merritt	
Facilitator	Margo Brooks	X
Facilitator	Greg Cody	X
NPS Archeologist	Tim Schilling	X
NPS Archeologist	Robert Bryson	X
Osage Nation	Rebecca Brave	X
Osage Nation	Barker Fariss	X
MO DOT	Michael Meinkoth	X

II. Archeological Monitoring Plan

The DRT invited the Osage Nation and Missouri Department of Transportation to participate in their discussion about the draft archeological monitoring plan developed by NPS archeologists.

The plan calls for archeological monitoring of deep deposits that cannot be excavated in the traditional manner, such as at the west entrance, where deposits are expected to lie under 6 meters of fill, near the ponds, and near the parking garage. The construction would be monitored by NPS archeologists. Should features be discovered, they would be excavated by contract archeologists on call to help prevent delays to the project. The plan also includes guidelines on the retention or disposal of artifacts recovered during the excavation.

The reviewers asked questions and provided guidance on revisions for the draft plan.

- It was suggested that areas be identified on the map or in the text where monitoring will most likely take place to help construction bidders understand how the archeological provisions may impact them.
- A question was asked about the schedules for review of finds presented in the appendices of the plan. These review times are limits that everyone was comfortable with when the PA for this project was developed. The monitoring plan may speed up consultation time and allow for the immediate excavation of historical features as they are found. Native American features will need consultation prior to excavation, but the plan

sets up protocol for quick communication, which may shorten the time necessary for consultation.

- A question was asked about whether the NPS had enough people to cover multiple excavations and finds. The archeologists believe that is the case. The contract for additional archeological support will need to be written so that the contract firm understands the need for flexible and quick in deployment of archeologists to the site when needed.
- Mike Meinkoth said that MO DOT used a similar methodology with other excavations and since the contractors were given a heads up about archeology, they did not lose any work days in the field and were able to move work crews around as needed to accommodate archeological recovery needs.
- MO DOT excavations nearby have uncovered industrial sites as well as possible Pre-Civil War and French Colonial deposits.
- There was some decision about how decisions would be made in the field to excavate or not certain features. It was decided that for most historic features, the monitors could make that decision, but for any Native American features, that the Osage should be consulted prior to excavation.
- A question was asked about the 90-meter buffer around finds that was presented in the PA. This buffer will be flexible based on the type of resource discovered, but will remain firm for Native American features or living surfaces until the Osage Nation has been consulted.
- There was a question as to whom the reports are made available too. All consulting parties? The DRT? The park will be responsible for distributing reports.
- A question was asked about objects that would not be curated (construction rubble, industrial waste). Could samples be made available for exhibits or teaching collections? This will be considered during the development of a curation plan for the project.
- The DRT members and the Osage Nation would like to be informed when a work schedule is developed and before work commences on this project. The schedule will not be set until the contracts are actually let, but NPS will keep everyone informed.
- The Osage Nation would like to visit the project. NPS suggested a kick off meeting to help everyone establish better communication protocol once the contract archeologists are on board. The Osage could then visit again when the parking garage is demolished and work commences in areas where Native American artifacts may be expected to be recovered.

NPS will revise the monitoring plan by March 10 and Margo Brooks will send it out for a final review. People are encouraged to send final comments or approval via email to Tim_Schilling@nps.gov and Margo_Brooks@nps.gov, unless there are issues that still need to be resolved, in which case, another DRT meeting will be convened.

An NPS goal is to have the monitoring plan ready to go out in construction bid packages for review by potential construction contractors.

III. Next DRT Meeting

The next DRT meeting will be Tuesday, March 4 at 9 is Central. The topics of discussion will be lighting of the west entrance of the park, repairs to the terrazzo floor of the museum, and construction plans for the north entrance to the park.