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Council Meeting Staff Report

May 1, 2019

Agenda No.: 1.
Indexes (Council Goals):
Presenters: Linda Matteson
Legislative File: 11930-19

Title

Consideration of Fuller Lodge Interpretive Panels

Recommended Action

I move that the Historic Preservation Advisory Board support the placement of the proposed interpretive panels in Fuller Lodge to enhance the visitor experience and educate all visitors on the history of Fuller Lodge.

Body

With the establishment of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in 2015, there has been an increase to visitation to Los Alamos. Most visitors end up at Fuller Lodge either through the Historic Walking tour or a recommendation from other attractions. Unfortunately, there is very little interpretive material in Fuller Lodge so visitors are not educated on the history of the Lodge or the place it holds in the history of Los Alamos. They miss out on the stories and details that make the Lodge such a treasure. County staff had a small budget to design and install some interpretive panels in Fuller Lodge. These panels will describe various aspects of the Lodge including the building of it, use during the Ranch School time and use during war. The panels will also show a layout of the lodge so that visitors don't miss the "Masters Suite" on the second floor or any of the original furnishings throughout the lodge. The panels contain lots of historic photos to give visitors an idea of what the lodge looked like in years past.

Staff will present the proposed plan with photos of recommended display units in the recommended locations. Attachment A shows one of the proposed panels describing the building of the Lodge. Attachment B shows the proposed display unit.

Attachments

- A - Sample of Interpretive Panel
- B - Picture of Selected Display