

Council Meeting Staff Report

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Presenters: Linda Matteson

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Title

Presentation and Solicitation of Public Input on Women's Army Corp. (WAC) Dormitory Project

Body

During the Manhattan Project, a 20 person dormitory was built. The construction drawings are dated April 1943 and the current address of the building is 1725 17th Street. This particular dormitory was used to house members of the Women's Army Corp (WAC). In the "Enabling Legislation for Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MPNHP)," the eligible areas are defined for each site. For Los Alamos, "the former dormitory located at 1725 17th Street" is specifically noted. In the MPNHP Foundation Document (January 2017), the Women's Army Corp Dormitory was identified in the related resources at Los Alamos as "park-eligible in the park legislation but not within the current park boundary." Basically, the WAC dormitory is park-eligible but is currently not in the park.

The County bought the property in 2019 from the Christian Science Society. With the acquisition of the WAC) Dormitory (formerly the Christian Science Church), the County is currently working with Mullen-Heller Architecture to develop and define the future uses, examine and make suggestions for improvements and upgrades to the WAC Building. This design process includes obtaining public input from a series of public meetings. The first public engagement opportunities will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Contractor, Mullen-Heller, will present the process schedule and current findings about the state of the building.

Attachments

A - LAC WAC Phase I Community Presentation