Chief Petty Officer Bungalows Preservation and Management Plan Section 106 Meeting WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument June 21, 2010

Attended

Scott Pawlowski, NPS, VALR Lorin Diaz, NPS, VALR Cari Kreshak, NPS, PWR Cris Estrada, Battleship Missouri Memorial David Stransky, NPS, VALR Elaine Jackson-Retondo, NPS, PWR (via phone) David Louter, NPS, PWR (via phone) Laurin Huffman, NPS, PWR (via phone) Joy Davidson, Mason Architects, Inc. Paul DePrey, NPS, VALR

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Superintendent, Paul DePrey, gave an overview of the project and the public meetings to date. Paul expressed the National Park Service's commitment to following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Update

Cari Kreshak provided an overview of the proposed NEPA alternatives for the project.

- A. No action
- B. Rehabilitation with visitor focus
- C. Rehabilitation with combined visitor and administrative focus

Discussion

Lorin Diaz suggested that the Hawaii Plantation Village could provide good examples of restored and reconstructed plantation style homes.

• Action item – Lorin Diaz will get a contact for the Hawaii Plantation Village site and set up a visit with Paul DePrey and Cari Kreshak.

Accessibility was another topic of discussion. What will 'public access' entail?

There is a range of options including -

- The bungalows entirely closed off to visitors becoming storage for NPS
- Visitors only on the exterior grounds
- Bungalows partially open to the public with a designated entrance and exit, maybe for a photo gallery/exhibit space, leaving the remainder of the space for NPS office/storage
- The bungalows open fully for interpretive and educational purposes (visitor contact, tours, exhibits, etc.).
- All possibilities would follow accessibility regulations

The Ford Island Historic Trail was discussed. The trail will be routed past the bungalows and one node/interpretive station along the trail will be at the bungalows. The Belleau Loop Road will be used for the trail alignment.

Lorin Diaz suggested the possibility of including students from Univ. of Hawaii's Historic Preservation program in the preservation efforts for the bungalows. Every summer, students from this program go to a predetermined location and participate in hands-on preservation work in order to fulfill a 6-credit class offered in the program. This could potentially be another way to accomplish some of the preservation efforts.

 Action item – Lorin Diaz will contact the professor responsible for the UH preservation program and see if this is a potential option. The course description for the summer course will have to be reviewed and compared to our needs.

The West Virginia and Tennessee Memorial plaque is located behind the bungalows. This monument was established in 1947 by the Pacific War Memorial Commission. The monument sits on unstable coral that is being undercut by wave action. This is within the NHL boundary.

- Action Item Find out under what authority this monument was constructed. Get solicitor's opinion on what exactly this monument is and can it be re-located. Should it be on the LCS? Can it be relocated? (Paul)
- Action Item Include the management of this monument in the NEPA documentation. (Cari)

Landscape Concerns

Vegetation management – tree removal – will be necessary for preservation.

 Action Item – Tree removal and vegetation management should be addressed in the NEPA document. (Cari)

Section 106 Approach

Cari Kreshak explained some options for Section 106 compliance -

- Develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) under 36 CFR 800.14 because the project will be phased and there may be the potential for effects to historic properties. A PA approach would outline what the NPS plans to do, what it will take to implement those actions and then highlight the process for continued Section 106 consultation.
- Make a determination of No Adverse Effect under 36 CFR 800.5(b). This approach would be for the NPS to follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation, NPS management policies for preservation, etc. and consult with the Hawaii SHPO and other consulting parties during each new phase of the project.

Discussion

The participants in this meeting generally supported developing a PA for this project. The PA would list what the park plans to do and outline the process for continued Section 106 consultation. The PA would include guidelines and standards for preservation, interim stabilization efforts, recommendations from Mason Architects and their evaluation of the bungalows, the effort to look for historic preservation training opportunities throughout the project and the process for future consultation.

o Action Item – Review Navy PAs, Memorial Plan, CLR, etc. for Ford Island. (Cari and Lorin)

Next Steps

Cari Kreshak will continue to draft the NEPA document and will draft a PA. The PA will be distributed to this group and other interested parties for review and comment.

Anticipate that the draft PA will be available for review by the end of August.