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April 13, 2015

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Sent via email and USPS

Re: Addendum to the Nomination of the Napa Franklin Station for Listing on the national Register of Historic Places and Continued Request for Section 106 Consultation; United States Post Office at 1351 Second Street, Napa, CA

Dear Mr. Delahaye:

Thank you for referring the above-referenced addendum regarding the listing of the United States Post Office building known as the Napa Franklin Station on the National Register. As provided for in your letter dated March 20, 2015 and pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.9(c), we are transmitting the following comments for your consideration.

The addendum to the nomination of the subject property prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc. (Brunzell & Mates, February 4, 2015) was referred to the City's Cultural Heritage Commission for review. The Cultural Heritage Commission concurs with the addendum's findings and conclusion that the property continues to meet Criterion C for listing in the National Register. Attached for your records is a copy of resolution CHC2015-5 adopted by the Cultural Heritage Commission at their regular meeting on April 9, 2015, formally supporting the addendum's determination and continued listing of the property.

The Napa Franklin Station is an iconic and prominent feature of our downtown that is valued by residents and businesses alike, both for its historic and aesthetic significance and for its postal services which are very much needed in the central area of the City. The City continues to be interested in participating in the Section 106 consultation process and requests notification of all opportunities to comment and when documents or reports are made available for public review. Please direct meeting requests, all public notices and any additional documents circulated for comments to:

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Thank you again for this opportunity to review and comment on the addendum to the nomination of the Napa Franklin Station.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Techel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Techel
Mayor

Attachment

cc: Congressman Mike Thompson
Dr. Carol Roland-Nawi, State Office of Historic Preservation
Rick Tooker, City of Napa Community Development Director
City of Napa Cultural Heritage Commission

RESOLUTION NO. CHC2015-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DETERMINATION OF TETRA TECH, INC. THAT THE NAPA FRANKLIN STATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 1351 SECOND STREET CONTINUES TO MEET CRITERION C FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (APN 003-208-001)

WHEREAS, the Napa Franklin Station is a significant part the City's and surrounding region's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Franklin Station, designed by local architect William H. Corlett, is one of only a few post offices built in California with such strong "Art Deco" design elements and has been documented as possessing considerable aesthetic value; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Franklin Station is designated as a Landmark Property on the City's Historic Resources Inventory and has a rating of "1"; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Franklin Station was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 under Criterion C; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2014, the South Napa Earthquake caused both interior and exterior damage to the building; and

WHEREAS, an addendum to the nomination for listing on the National Register of Historic Places was commissioned by the United States Postal Service to assess whether the damage caused by the South Napa Earthquake significantly impacted the property's eligibility for listing; and

WHEREAS, the addendum determines that the property continues to meet Criterion C for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed are still conveyed; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Heritage Commission of the City of Napa, State of California, reviewed the analysis and findings of the addendum at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cultural Heritage Commission of the City of Napa as follows:

Section 1. The Cultural Heritage Commission hereby finds that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the Cultural Heritage Commission, that the "Project" will have an impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the "general rule" exemption stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that adoption of resolution supporting a determination prepared by qualified professionals that the historic Napa Franklin Station building continues to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places will not have any impact on the environment.

Section 2. The Cultural Heritage Commission makes the following findings:

1. The determination that the property continues to meet Criterion C for listing in the National Register is supported by the evidence and technical analysis provided in the addendum document prepared by Tetra Tech, Inc., dated February 4, 2015.
2. The addendum was prepared by qualified professionals in the field of historic preservation.

Section 3. The Cultural Heritage Commission hereby supports the determination that the Napa Franklin Station continues to meet Criterion C for listing in the National Register.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Cultural Heritage Commission of the City of Napa at a regular meeting of said Commission held on the 9th day of April, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Craig Songer, Bill Tuikka, Beverly Shotwell, Deborah Macdonald

NOES:

ABSENT: Sarah Van Giesen

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Cultural Heritage Commission