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Subject: Continued Section 106 Consultation for the Department of Veterans Affairs San Francisco Medical Center: Construction of Building 40 (Research Center) and Demolition of 4 Buildings (Building 40 project, LRDP Phase 1.9) (VA_2013_0110_001)

Dear Ms. Palanco,

The VA is continuing consultation with SHPO under the Programmatic Agreement (PA) (2015) for the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Medical Center (SFVAMC) Long Range Development Plan (LDP). The proposed undertaking is LRDP Sub-Phase 1.0 and includes the construction of a new 4-story building within the SFVAMC Historic District; therefore, the VA is consulting under PA Review Category A.

As stipulated under the PA, the VA initiated consultation for Sub-Phase 1.9 by providing a written description of the undertaking and confirmation that the proposed project is consistent with the LRDP's Finding of Effect (FOE). The SHPO reviewed the Category A materials submitted for Stipulation III a ii of the PA and provided a written response to the submission on June 12, 2015, per Stipulation III a iii. The SHPO concurred that the design for Building 40 was consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and that removal of Building 18 constituted an adverse effect (the adverse effect due to the demolition of Building 18 was addressed in the LRDP FOE and in the PA Mitigation Measures). The SHPO stated it had no further comments on the submitted materials.

The submission presents a summary of the Category A consultation, per Stipulation III a iv. The VA confirms that the proposed design and measures taken to avoid and minimize adverse effects on the SFVAMC Historic District submitted previously remain unchanged.

Project Details

The proposed undertaking for the design and construction of Building 40 is unchanged since the previous Stipulation III a ii, submission to the SHPO dated May 5, 2015. The project includes the following scope of work relative to the proposed new building (building 40).

- Building 40 is a 4-story building with a basement and an enclosed mechanical penthouse.
- The building has a stepped-back roof line, parapets, and mechanical enclosures. The height of the lower roof is 64 feet, and the height of the upper parapet is 91 feet. These heights were designed to be lower than the height of the primary historic hospital building.
- The north side of Building 40 has a symmetrical composition with a centrally-located recessed entrance that evokes the symmetry of the historic buildings throughout the district and references the composition of Building 18.
- The exterior materials and color palette of Building 40 are appropriate to the surrounding historic district and the local marine environment. Materials include white plaster, white concrete, terra cotta battens, terra cotta rain screen, aluminum cladding, and vision glass.
- The footprint of Building 40 was minimized by placing the common mechanical rooms and programmed VMU underground.

Summary

The VA is requesting concurrence from the SHPO on completion of Category A review of the SFVAMC Building 40 (LRDP Sub-Phase 1.9) in accordance with the PA Stipulation III a iv, and in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Following response from SHPO, the VA will post this documentation to its LRDP website and notify all Consulting Parties of this action.

Please contact Robin Flanagan at Robin.Flanagan@va.gov or 415-750-2049 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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