

January 30, 2012

CAROL SHULL
KEEPER
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
1201 EYE STREET, NW, 8th FLOOR (MS 2280)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

According to 36 CFR 60.14 (b), *Relocating properties listed in the National Register*, when a building listed in the register is proposed to be moved it must go through the required review and approval procedures for National Register nominations.

Procedures for Move and New Location

The National Register-listed Weber Stake Relief Society Building (NRIS #88003438) is presently located at 2148 Grant Avenue in the city of Ogden on a large urban city block with two other large buildings and a one-story parking structure that surrounds the building on two sides—all non-historic resources. It currently has an open space to the south of the building which contains the Miles Goodyear Cabin, also listed on the National Register. The Goodyear Cabin will also be moved and will retain the same orientation to the Relief Society Building as it currently does (see separate approval for move letter for the Miles Goodyear Cabin).

The current landscape area is very flat and partially slopes toward the building, causing water damage to the basement. The row of large north-facing windows is completely obscured by the parking structure. All of the significant architectural features of the building remain intact as described in the narrative written for the original nomination.

The structure is being moved by a reputable building-moving company with experience in the special needs of historical structures. The company will carefully raise the structure and place on supports according to industry standards and will move it one block away to the new site with a new address of 2104 E. Lincoln Avenue. The new location is one block west of the building's historical site. The new site will continue to have an open yard area to the south. The structure will maintain its original orientation and remain the same distance from the street.

The new location is a slightly larger lot than the existing parcel and is made up of mostly grass and trees. The new lot's previous use was as a parking lot and a grassy open space used as a shallow water detention basin for the city of Ogden. The site has some mature trees and will be landscaped appropriately. The structure will continue to face west as it did historically. The distance from the street to the building will be maintained exactly. Some on-site parking will be provided at the rear of the building with additional on-street parking available.

Reasons for move

With the remodel of the nearby Ogden LDS temple and tabernacle, a new underground parking structure was proposed right next to the existing DUP museum. The DUP organization was seeking funds to rehabilitate this historic resource and to increase the space needed for their collections as well as to provide both a drier and safer space for their collections in the basement area without having to add to the exterior of the building. At the existing location and in its present condition, two-thirds of the basement of the museum is not excavated and the one-third that is excavated has consistent water and flooding problems. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offered to purchase the valuable land on which the DUP museum was located and for that purchase price acquire a new, suitable site for the museum in cooperation with the city of Ogden, pay for a qualified move of the historic building, include a new, fully waterproof basement that would triple the space of the existing basement as well as provide a safe environment for historic collections and artifacts. The foundation will be at the same elevation as the original. Additionally, the LDS church will rehabilitate the existing structure .

Appropriateness of New Setting

The new site is only a block away from the original location and has the same setting and feeling as the original site. Even with the move, the building is remaining in the same general neighborhood; the new location has the same character and feel with no significant changes in surroundings making the new site wholly appropriate for the historic DUP Museum. The structure will maintain its original orientation and remain the same distance from the street, maintaining its southern open yard area.

Effects of the Move on the Structure

The move and new location will have no significant effect on the integrity of the structure.

Effects of the Move on Archeological or Historic Resources at New Location

There were no archeological or historic resources discovered at the new location. This property had been previously developed by the city of Ogden as public parking and water retention.

Impact on Historical Significance

Although the Weber Stake Relief Society Building is historically, rather than architecturally significant, the move of the building to a new nearby site should not impact its significance. The building is the only representative Relief Society building in Ogden. Relief Society activities were once conducted in detached buildings up to the early twentieth century. But then organization of activities in the LDS Church transitioned away from multiple buildings to single buildings with multiple functions. For this reason, the Weber Stake Relief Society Building is iconic, in that it is the only remaining one in the fairly large city of Ogden, and one of only a handful extant in the entire region.

The building will be moved one block to the west to a site with a similar setting to its current one. It will be facing the same direction and same setbacks from the street. The setting will be almost exactly the same as in its current location, so the integrity will be retained. It will be placed on a concrete foundation and retain the same elevation. But this will make the building more useful as a museum and archive. In this regard, the building should still be considered an eligible building for retaining National Register significance.

Please find enclosed current photographs of the properties and a site map describing the proposed move.

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office has followed all the necessary notification and public hearing requirements as spelled out in the regulations 35 CFR 60.14(b)(3).

Thank you for your assistance with this proposal. Should you have any questions please contact Cory Jensen at 801/533-3559, or at coryjensen@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Wilson Martin
Utah State Historic Preservation Officer
Enclosures

Weber Stake Relief Society Building
Name of Property

Weber Co., Utah
County and State

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View of new site. Camera facing east.



Weber Stake Relief Society Building
Name of Property

Weber Co., Utah
County and State

View of new site. Camera facing southeast.



Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Weber County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers

President: Sharon Stoker

street & number Temporary Address (Until after move)

telephone (801) 479-7916

440 22nd Street, Suite #1

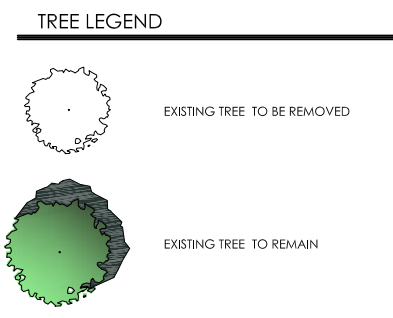
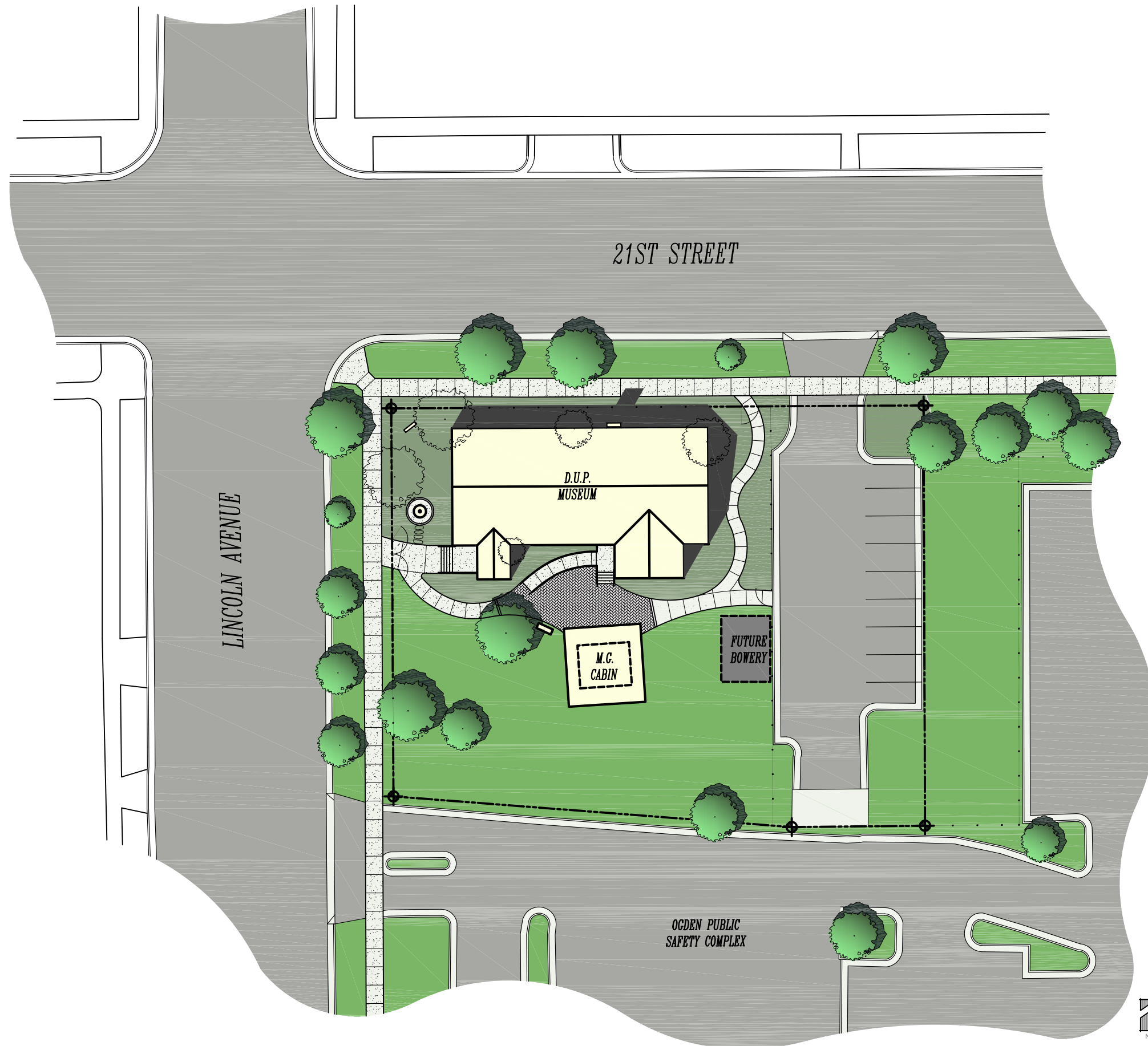
telephone _____

city or town Ogden

state UT

zip code 84401

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PROPOSED SITE FOR THE WEBER COUNTY DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS MUSEUM - OPTION C