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MEMORANDUM

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Subject:	Summary of Field Results for the Gonzaga Family Haven Project, Spokane County, Washington
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Inland Group (Inland), in cooperation with Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington (Catholic Charities), is planning to construct the Gonzaga Family Haven housing project (the Project). The Project will demolish three buildings and construct a new 72-unit affordable housing development and associated facilities. The Project is located at the intersection of E North Foothills Dr. and N Nevada St. on parcels 35081.1208, 35081.2002, 35081.2003, 35081.2004, 35081, 35081.2101, 35081.2102, 35081.2103, and 35081.2104, in the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, in Section 8 of Township 25 North, Range 43 East, Willamette Meridian.

The Project is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA). The Project's area of potential effects (APE) is defined as the construction footprint, encompassing approximately 3.9 acres, which includes all areas subject to subsurface impacts from proposed ground-disturbing activities. Indirect (visual, noise, etc.) effects are not anticipated due to the recent development of the surrounding neighborhood.

The three extant historic-period architectural resources on the subject parcels were previously determined not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the City of Spokane's Affordable Housing Program on March 25, 2020. Holly Borth of the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP) concurred on March 30, 2020; as such, no architectural survey was required.

Catholic Charities contracted Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA), to conduct an archaeological survey for the Project. This memorandum summarizes the methods and findings of the archaeological field investigation. A complete technical report following Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) guidelines is currently underway and will be submitted to Inland and Catholic Charities.

Survey Methodology

HRA archaeologists Ayla Aymond, MS, Taylor Harriman, MA, and Ryan Rasmussen, BA, conducted field investigations on April 22 and 27, 2020. HRA conducted a 100-percent archaeological pedestrian survey, examining the ground surface for artifacts and other evidence of cultural activity by walking transects at intervals no greater than 10 m throughout the entire APE. Ground exposures (e.g., rodent burrows and root-tips) encountered in or outside of transects were examined closely for the presence of subsurface features and/or cultural materials.

Due to the potential for buried cultural deposits, shovel probes measuring approximately 30 centimeters (cm) in diameter and at least 50 cm in depth were excavated throughout the APE. Probe placement was focused in generally flat areas (i.e., less than 10 degrees slope) and areas exhibiting minimal previous ground disturbance. Excavated soils were screened through ¼-inch hardware mesh. Probe locations were documented and spatially recorded using an Apple iPad Air 2MGX02LL/A with installed ArcCollector software, accompanied by a Trimble R1 GNSS receiver (i.e., tablet). Observations of surface disturbances, topography, and vegetation were recorded in a standard field notebook. Overview photographs were taken of the APE from a variety of angles to record both surface conditions and the surrounding topography. All field notes, photographs, and GPS data are on file at HRA's Spokane office.

Subsurface work was coordinated with the Utility Notification Center in order to ensure compliance with the "Call Before You Dig Law" in Washington State (RCW 19.122). The work was conducted under Washington One Call ticket number 20143767.

Survey Results

The APE encompasses an existing gravel parking area, paved portions of N Nevada St. and E Cleveland Ave. and the buildings and surrounding landscaped lots at 920 E Wolverton Ct., 2824 N Nevada St., and 2828 N Nevada St. The APE lies within a mixed commercial and residential area, approximately 0.75 miles (mi) northwest of the Spokane River. Most of the APE has been previously disturbed as a result of urban development, utility installation, road construction, and maintenance, with much of the surface paved, heavily landscaped, or covered in compacted gravel.

A total of 6 shovel probes were excavated with a hand shovel to a maximum depth of 75 cm below the ground surface (bs). The soil matrix observed during subsurface survey generally consisted of mottled dark gray and grayish-brown gravelly silt overlying very compact tan or dark yellowish-brown gravelly silt. As expected, the majority of probes exhibited evidence of previous subsurface disturbance (e.g., modern debris, compaction, mixed soils, and/or fill materials); however, soil descriptions are generally consistent with the soil types mapped for the area. A shovel probe table with soil descriptions for each probe will be provided in HRA's technical report.

No cultural materials or features were observed during field investigations for the Project.

Conclusions and Recommendations

HRA conducted an archaeological field survey for the Gonzaga Family Haven Project and identified no cultural materials eligible for listing in the NRHP. Based on the results of survey, the project area has a low probability for buried, unidentified precontact, ethnographic-period, historic Native American, and historic Euroamerican resources that may be eligible for listing in the NRHP. HRA recommends no further cultural resources work is needed for this Project and will document this in our forthcoming technical report.

In the event that archaeological deposits are inadvertently discovered during proposed activities in any portion of the project APE, ground-disturbing activities should be halted immediately in an area large enough to maintain integrity of the deposits (usually, 30 meters), and DAHP should be notified directly. DAHP would then contact the affected Tribes. If the find includes human remains, ground-disturbing activities must be halted immediately, and the County Sheriff and coroner should be immediately notified. These parties would be responsible for contacting DAHP if the remains are found to be non-forensic. Treatment of archaeological deposits or human remains would then be coordinated through consultation among these parties.