

Historic Preservation Commission

Comment Received

Alaska Native Heritage Center Local Landmark Nomination

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As requested by Kristine, here are my comments relayed "through direct email to staff on or before the public hearing rescheduled to August 24, 2023."

Regarding the staff comment to accept the land donation as the beginning of the period of significance, please note that this appears to be without precedence for such listings. For example, and within Anchorage, the National Register nominations for landmarks as varied as the Potter Section House, Site Summit, Greater Friendship Baptist Church, and 4th Avenue Theatre did not date their period of significance to idea, intent, or land ownership but construction, which is what the Anchorage landmark form specifically and explicitly calls for.

In addition, the staff comment states, "The donation of the land from CIRI for the ANHC transpired in 1993." This is incorrect. As noted in both the nomination itself and contemporary coverage, the donation was only proposed in 1993 and not approved until 1994. In 1993, the ANHC site was a Municipal snowdump, and the donation required Municipal approval, which did not occur until 1994.

Sincerely,

David Reamer