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Agenda Item: ~~Consent Agenda~~

Churchill County
Agenda Report

Date Submitted: August 17, 2007

Agenda Date Requested: September 6, 2007
Time Requested:

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners
From: Alan Kalt, County Comptroller

Subject Title: Consideration and Possible Action re: Letter from The Overland Society for contributions to support the historical Overland Hotel

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? () Yes (X) No

Recommended Board Action:

A motion to approve/deny funding to the Overland Hotel for support towards historical restoration of the Overland Hotel to its original appearance when it was opened in 1908.

Discussion:

Attached is a letter from Mark Christopher requesting a contribution to support the Overland Society to continue its quest to historically restore the Overland Hotel to its original appearance when it was opened in 1908. The building is under private ownership of Mark and Judy Christopher. The Overland is on the list of Historical Places in the State of Nevada.

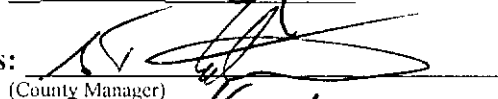
Historically, the County has not supported efforts of this type as it owned and operated by private individuals who operate the hotel, bar and restaurant in a for profit manner. It could be perceived as a subsidy to a local business. As such, it is the Comptroller's Office recommendation to deny funding for this request.

Prepared By: Alan Kalt



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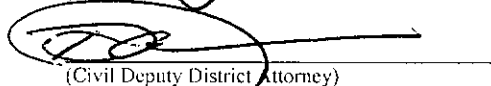
Concurrences:


(County Manager)

Date: August 17, 2007


(Comptroller)

Date: 8-17-07


(Civil Deputy District Attorney)

Date: 8/20/07

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____ Aye/Nay

2) _____

THE OVERLAND SOCIETY

MARK CHRISTOPHER, PRESIDENT

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CHURCHILL COUNTY
CLERK/TREASURER

Dear Community Supporter;

It has been almost 5 years since your generous contributions and three small grants from private foundations helped us begin our quest to historically restore the Overland Hotel to its original appearance when it opened in 1908. Since Spring of 2003, notable changes have drastically altered its outward appearance to closely assimilate the 1908 structure.

Any of you who drive on East Center street today will immediately take note of the completely restructured front portico, and the improvements to the grounds surrounding the building. Many changes have occurred, including a *change of ownership*, which took place just recently in late 2006 and early 2007.

Now that this transition is complete, my wife Judy and I have made a sincere commitment to *continue* George Machado's endeavor of total restoration, inside and out, of the Overland Hotel. With your continued help, we can make this prized building a landmark in Fallon and Churchill County. We are presently seeking funding assistance from private foundations noted for giving to historical restoration projects such as ours, and we are again coming to you, friends of the Overland Hotel for your support. To show his dedication, George has agreed to remain on our Board of Directors in the role of Consultant.

I encourage each and all of you to stop by the Hotel and pay us a visit and take a brief tour to view our future restoration projects—Projects such as restoring our upstairs rooms to their original appearance, restoring the original hardwood floors throughout the building and to restore the original radiated heating. Next year at this time we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of the Overland Hotel, which is also the City of Fallon's 100th birthday as well. With your help, we hope to accomplish as much of this work as possible before then.

I firmly believe that with your help and encouragement, we can make the Overland Hotel a "Gem" in the Oasis of Nevada. We made the list of Historical Places in the State of Nevada in 1996. Now our goal is to be on the register of *National Historical Places*. A reminder that *The Overland Society* is a non-profit organization, and your contribution is tax deductible.

Very Sincerely,


Mark Christopher, Owner

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