September 26, 2024

John Shotton, Chairman

Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma

8151 Highway 177

Red Rock, OK 74651

RE: Whitetail Villas, 22nd and F Street, Schuyler NE 68861

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Dear Chairman Shotton:

Your response is requested within thirty (30) calendar days.

The State of Nebraska is considering funding the proposed project listed above with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, the State of Nebraska has assumed HUD’s environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include, but may not be limited to, archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

The State of Nebraska will conduct a review of the proposed project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects.

To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, **please let us know of your interest within thirty (30) days**. If you have any known initial concerns with the impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, please note them in your response.

For your consideration in preparing a response to this request, please find enclosed a detailed project description, as well as a map that shows the project area and, if applicable, an additional area of potential indirect effects.

As part of this review, if the State is made aware of certain known information from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and other sources, including non-confidential information from other tribes, that information is included in this letter as an enclosure.

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at <http://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/>.

HUD’s process for tribal consultation under Section 106 is described in a Notice available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2448/notice-cpd-12-006-tribal-consultation-under-24-cfr-part-58/>.

**If you do wish to consult on this project, please respond within thirty (30) days.** Please include in your reply to the name and contact information for the tribe’s principal representative in the consultation.

**If you do not wish to consult on this project,** please inform us within thirty (30) days.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Detailed Project Description

Project Map

Certain known information from SHPO

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