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Project description: Proposes an historic status review of this non-statused structure.

Project number: 12-120097A
Case number: H-12-097A
Project type: HDRB

PROJECT LOCATION (S): 704 Camino Lejo

PROJECT NAMES:

OW – The Wheelwright Museum
Santa Fe, NM 87502

704 Camino Lejo
505-982-4636

AP – Studio S.W. Architects
Santa Fe, NM 87504

P.O. Box 9308
505-982-7191

BOARD ACTION

This is to certify that the Historic Districts Review Board (HDRB) at their hearing on December 11, 2012, acted on the above referenced case. The decision of the Board was to designate the museum building as significant with the understanding that at this date there are two non-historic additions. For further information please call 955-6605.

Sincerely,

David Rasch
Planner Supervisor, Historic Preservation Division

NOTE: Applicant can use this action letter to apply for construction permit, but the permit shall not be released until the end of the appeal period which starts on the date of filing of the Findings and Conclusions in the City Clerks office (SFCC 14-3.17(D)). Your permit will be denied if any changes on plans that were not approved by the HDRB or if conditions of approval are not met. **Please attach copies of this letter to all sets when submitting for construction permit.**

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memo

DATE: December 11, 2012

TO: Historic Districts Review Board Members

FROM: David Rasch, Supervising Planner in Historic Preservation DR

CASE # H-12-097A

ADDRESS: 704 Camino Lejo
Historic Status: NR
Historic District: Historic Review

REFERENCE ATTACHMENTS (Sequentially):

CITY SUBMITTALS	APPLICANT SUBMITTALS
_x_ Case Synopsis	___ Proposal Letter
___ District Standards & Yard wall & fence standards.	___ Vicinity Map
_x_ Historic Inventory Form	___ Site Plan/Floor Plan
___ Zoning Review Sheet	___ Elevations
___ Other:	___ Photographs
	___ Other:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board should consider assigning an historic status to this building as contributing or significant due to the historic date of construction with well preserved integrity, the cultural significance of the facility, and the persons involved with the founding and building of the museum.

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:

704 Camino Lejo, known as the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, was designed by William Penhallow Henderson and constructed in 1937. The design of the structure was modeled after a Navajo hogan and it is distinctive within Santa Fe. Additionally, important local/regional persons, Mary Cabot Wheelwright and Hastiin Klah, a Navajo medicine man, were the institution's founders. Minor alterations, including the 270 square foot stairwell addition from 1967 and the 668 square foot elevator addition from 1997, both on the rear west area, have not distracted from the original historic integrity. The Museum was placed on the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties on October 5, 1990 and on the National Register of Historic Places on December 18, 1990. The property is located within the Historic Review Historic District and it has no designated historic status.

CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

A *structure*, located in a historic district, approximately fifty years old or older that helps to establish and maintain the character of that historic district. Although a *contributing structure* is not unique in itself, it adds to the historic associations or historic architectural design qualities that are significant for a district. The *contributing structure* may have had minor *alterations*, but its integrity remains.

SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE

A *structure* located in a historic district that is approximately fifty years old or older, and that embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction. For a *structure* to be designated as significant, it must retain a high level of historic integrity. A *structure* may be designated as significant:

(A) for its association with events or persons that are important on a local, regional, national or global level; or

(B) if it is listed on or is eligible to be listed on the State Register of Cultural Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.