

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

The Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #809
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration (VA) has determined that demolition of Building 20 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lincoln, Nebraska, (VAMC), will have an effect upon that property, which has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, the VA has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, VA, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Council agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account its affect on the historic district.

Stipulations

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out prior to the demolition of Building 20 .

1. The VA will offer, for a period of not less than 90 days through public announcement and advertisement, the availability of Building 20 for transfer or lease to other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and any compatible public or private ~~non-profit~~ organization, for use on-site. The VA will also offer the building for removal and relocation off-site.
2. The VA will develop the announcement for Building 20 in consultation with the Nebraska SHPO. This announcement should include a description of the building, a brief history of its use, an evaluation of its current condition, and a description of the services that would be available to a user. It should also stipulate that the building must be rehabilitated to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (Standards), and include any other criteria that the VA determines appropriate and necessary to ensure that the treatment and use of the building will be compatible with the mission of the facility.

Handwritten notes:
JWH
RES 12/17/85
1-6-86
1-9-86
1-27-86

3. The VA, prior to initiating transfer or any demolition, will have Building 20 recorded so that there will be a permanent record of its history and appearance. The Nebraska SHPO and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) (National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20243, 202-343-9606) will first be contacted to determine what documentation is required. All documentation must be accepted by the Nebraska SHPO and HABS, and the Council notified of its acceptance, prior to transfer or demolition. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the Nebraska SHPO.

If any of the signatories to this Agreement determines that its terms cannot be met, that signatory will immediately request the consulting parties to consider an amendment or addendum to the Agreement. Such an amendment or addendum will be executed in the same manner as the original Agreement.

Execution of this Agreement evidences that the VA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the proposed demolition of Building 20 and the effect of this activity on the VAMC, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

[Signature] (date) 10-28-85
Veterans Administration

[Signature] (date) 10-24-85
Veterans Administration
Medical Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

[Signature] (date) 11-13-85
Nebraska Historic Preservation Officer

[Signature] (date) 1985
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

[Signature] (date) 27 Jan '86
Chairman
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation