

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration proposes to relinquish certain real property at the Walla Walla Hospital Reservation (approximately 25 acres of land to be transferred to Walla Walla General Hospital); and,

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration has determined that this proposal will affect Fort Walla Walla, Washington, a property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and pursuant to Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment," of May 13, 1971 (36 F.R. 8921), has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Federal Register, November 14, 1972, pp. 24146-24148) representatives of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Veterans Administration, and Washington State Historic Preservation Officer have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to determine the nature of the effect; now,

THEREFORE:

It is mutually agreed that implementation of the undertaking, as indicated in the attached proposal of January 8, 1974, from the Veterans Administration which includes the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Walla Walla General Hospital of January 9, 1974 and contains specific conditions to insure preservation of the historic integrity of the property, will not have an adverse effect.

Robert R. Sawyer, Jr. Jan 31, 1974
Executive Secretary
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

John J. Mollenhoff (date) 2/2/74
Veterans Administration


Charles H. Abegond (date) 2/19/74
Washington State Historic Preservation Officer

Nancy K. Shupling (date) 3/4/74
Vice-Chairman
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

CERTIFICATION

I, Ronald L. Sackett, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of Walla Walla General Hospital, a corporation; that at the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of said corporation held on the 9 day of January, 1974, at which a quorum was present, the resolutions attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper were duly and regularly adopted. That the undersigned further certifies that the said resolutions have not been altered or amended and that they still remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the corporation this 9 day of January, 1974.



Secretary, Walla Walla General
Hospital

WHEREAS, Walla Walla General Hospital has made application to the Department of Health, Education & Welfare for the transfer of 25 plus acres of land in the Northeast corner of the present Veterans Administration Hospital Reservation at Walla Walla, Washington, and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has nominated the entire Veterans Administration Hospital Reservation at Walla Walla, Washington for listing in the National Register of Historical Places; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla General Hospital is desirous of cooperating with the National Register of Historic Places and any other State of Washington or United States government body, commission or agency which has jurisdiction over the Walla Walla Veterans Administration Hospital Reservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees of Walla Walla General Hospital is aware that the 25 plus acres of land in the Northeast corner of the present Veterans Administration Hospital in Walla Walla County, Washington for which Walla Walla General Hospital has made application to the Department of Health, Education & Welfare is a potential national register property.

2. That if the said 25 plus acres of land is transferred to Walla Walla General Hospital, then Walla Walla General Hospital is willing to comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding National Register properties.

3. That Walla Walla General Hospital will investigate the site to determine whether there are archaeological resources present and, if so, to take all reasonable steps necessary to assure their proper salvage.

4. That the Walla Walla General Hospital's Board of Trustees will consult, if necessary, with the historic preservation officer for the State of Washington and the advisory council of the historic preservation to assure that:

a) Any construction on the subject property will be architecturally compatible with the historic nature of the property;

b) Any proposed architectural design will minimize or prevent visual intrusion upon the historic nature of the property; and

c) Landscaping appropriate to the preservation of the historic nature of the property will be incorporated into the development of said 25 plus acres of land. BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mardian J. Blair and/or Ronald L. Sackett are hereby authorized and directed to represent the Walla Walla General Hospital Board of Trustees in dealing with the appropriate government agency of the State of Washington and/or the United States government regarding the matters set forth in the aforesaid resolutions.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSAL

TO RELINQUISH CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT

THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

1. On November 26, 1973, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs approved an agency proposal to declare as excess to the needs of the agency 19½ acres of land in the northeast section of the Walla Walla Hospital reservation and to file a notice of intent to relinquish the land with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.
2. The VA Hospital at Walla Walla is a potential National Register property. The site of Ft. Walla Walla, this reservation is being nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the Historic Preservation Officer of the State of Washington.
3. The Walla Walla General Hospital, under the governorship of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists under date of June 28, 1973, filed a formal application for transfer of 25½ acres of real property (the subject land and 6½ acres previously reported excess by the Veterans Administration) with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The proposed use of the property by the Walla Walla General Hospital is as the site for the construction of a new 71 bed general hospital, community services building, medical clinic and parking facilities.
4. The proposed notice of intention to relinquish would include a statement that the subject property is included in a potential National Register property, a copy of any Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Federal Agency Representative for the VA, the Historic Preservation Officer of the State of Washington and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; cite the nature of the interest of Walla Walla General Hospital in acquiring the property; and recommend that such a transfer would be in the best interest of the Veterans Administration.
5. The Veterans Administration has requested from the Walla Walla General Hospital Board a statement that if the subject property is transferred to Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla General Hospital will comply with the statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to a potential National Register property.
6. The representative of the Historic Preservation Officer of the State of Washington has indicated informally no objection to the proposed use of the real property contingent upon the agreement of Walla Walla General Hospital to meet the requirements applicable to a potential National Register property.

7. It is the opinion of the Veterans Administration that the future approval of the application of Walla Walla General Hospital by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the transfer of the real property to Walla Walla General Hospital by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management will constitute acceptance of the proposal by those agencies.

8. The alternatives to the proposal are:

a. That the Veterans Administration retain the property in its undeveloped state. There are no foreseeable needs for the property for expansion purposes.

While this would result in no effect to a potential National Register property, the Veterans Administration believes that the proposal being submitted for consideration will result in no adverse effect to a potential National Register property.

b. That the Veterans Administration file the notice to relinquish without the recommendation that the land be transferred to the Walla Walla General Hospital and/or without the statement from Walla Walla General Hospital agreeing to meet the requirements applicable to a potential National Register property; but, rather, to simply notify the receiving agency of the potential National Register property status of the real property and rely upon that agency to insure use compatible with the mission of the VA Hospital at Walla Walla and with the requirements applicable to a potential National Register property.

While this would result in no effect to a potential National Register property, it would leave the determination of possible future adverse effect unresolved.

9. Neither the Veterans Administration proposal nor the alternatives would result in the expenditure of new Federal monies.

10. Attached are the following:

a. A copy of the proposal to excess as approved by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs on November 26, 1973.

b. A Building Number and Location Plan for the VA Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington, illustrating, in red, the total 25 acres of real property requested by Walla Walla General Hospital. The defined area is approximate and does not constitute a legal description of the property.

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Federal Agency Representative

CONCUR:

M. J. Messer
Chief Medical Director

CONCUR:

K. J. [unclear] JAN 1 1974
Assistant Administrator for Construction

APPROVED:

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Administrator of Veterans Affairs

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Assistant Administrator
for Construction (03)

Proposed encroaching of 19+ acres at the
Veterans Administration Hospital
Walla Walla, Washington

1. The General Services Administration, in its Executive Order 11503 survey dated May 11, 1972, identified 19+ acres of land in the northeast section of the Walla Walla Hospital reservation as not utilized and recommended that it be declared excess to the requirements of the Veterans Administration. Our response to General Services Administration on July 12, 1972, indicated that it would not be in our best interest to excess any property at the station at that time pending Congressional action on community health programs and community legislation. Our response also pointed out that two community hospitals had expressed interest in that area for potential relocation sites. The land retention matter was subsequently referred to the Property Review Board by General Services Administration and is presently pending resolution by the Federal Property Council established by Executive Order 11724 dated June 25, 1973.

2. The Walla Walla General Hospital, under the governorship of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (one of the two community hospitals mentioned above) has now requested the transfer of a total of 25+ acres at the VA Hospital reservation as the site for the construction of a new 71 bed general hospital, community service building, medical clinic and parking facilities. The Walla Walla General Hospital, under date of June 28, 1973, filed a formal application for transfer of the real property with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. We have attached a map showing the entire 25+ acre parcel outlined in green. This parcel comprises a 6+ acre tract (blue area) previously excessed to and being "held" by General Services Administration for disposal, the 15+ acre tract (orange area) which GSA identified as unutilized, and an additional 4+ acre tract (red area) which is required by Walla Walla General Hospital to accommodate its total planned facility.

3. The Acting Hospital Director in a letter dated July 31, 1973 (copy attached) outlined the benefits to the Veterans Administration of the land transfer and proposed utilization and has endorsed the application.

TO: Administrator (OO)

SUBJ: Excess Land - Walla Walla VAM

4. With your approval therefore, and since the land involved in the transfer was withdrawn from the public domain, we will file a notice of intention to relinquish the 19 acres with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management for further determination as to disposition of the property. Our notice of intention to relinquish will incorporate the terms of an agreement between the Veterans Administration, the Historic Preservation Officer of the State of Washington and Walla Walla General Hospital to insure compliance with Executive Order 11692 since the V. Hospital reservation has been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Our notice will also cite the nature of the interest of Walla Walla General Hospital in acquiring the property and recommend that such a transfer would be in the best interest of the Veterans Administration.

5. A letter from the Associate Deputy Administrator advising the Federal Property Council of our excess action is also attached.

Atts:

V. P. MILLER

CONCUR: _____
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APPROVED: _____
Administrator (OO)

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