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July 6, 2017

The Honorable Freddie Decourt
457 E Main St, Ste 300
New Iberia, LA 70560-3700

RE: Downtown New Iberia Commercial Historic District, Iberia Parish, LA

Dear Mayor Decourt:

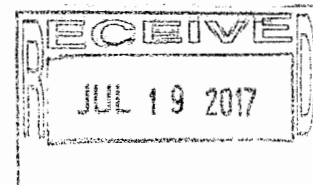
We are pleased to inform you that the above referenced property will be considered by the State Review Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage.

Listing of the above referenced property provides recognition of its historic importance and assures protective review of federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. If the property is listed on the National Register, certain federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply.

Listing on the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the properties by the federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them.

You are invited to attend the Review Committee meeting at which the nomination will be considered. The Committee will meet at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Capitol Park Welcome Center, 702 N. River Rd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This is a public hearing, and owners and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you need special accommodations, please call the Division of Historic Preservation at the number listed below by Monday, August 14, 2017.

Attached please find a notice that explains in greater detail the results of listing on the National Register and that describes the rights and procedures by which an owner may comment on or object to listing in the National Register. A map showing the meeting location is also enclosed.

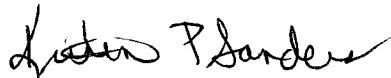


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Should you have any questions about this nomination, please contact Jessica Richardson at (225) 219-4595.

Please be advised that listing on the National Register does not, in and of itself, constitute approval for other government sponsored historic preservation programs. There is a federal tax credit available for the restoration or renovation of income-producing Register properties, but this falls under a separate approval process, and a separate application must be filed. If you are interested in the tax credit program, please contact Andrea McCarthy at 225-219-9771. Similarly, federally sponsored or licensed projects affecting historic properties must be cleared through the Section 106 Environmental Review procedure. This, too, is a separate review with a separate application process. If your project involves some kind of federal permit, loan guarantee or grant, please contact Mike Varnado at 225-219-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Sanders", written in a cursive style.

Kristin Sanders
Assistant Secretary
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

KS:JR/jgr

Enclosures

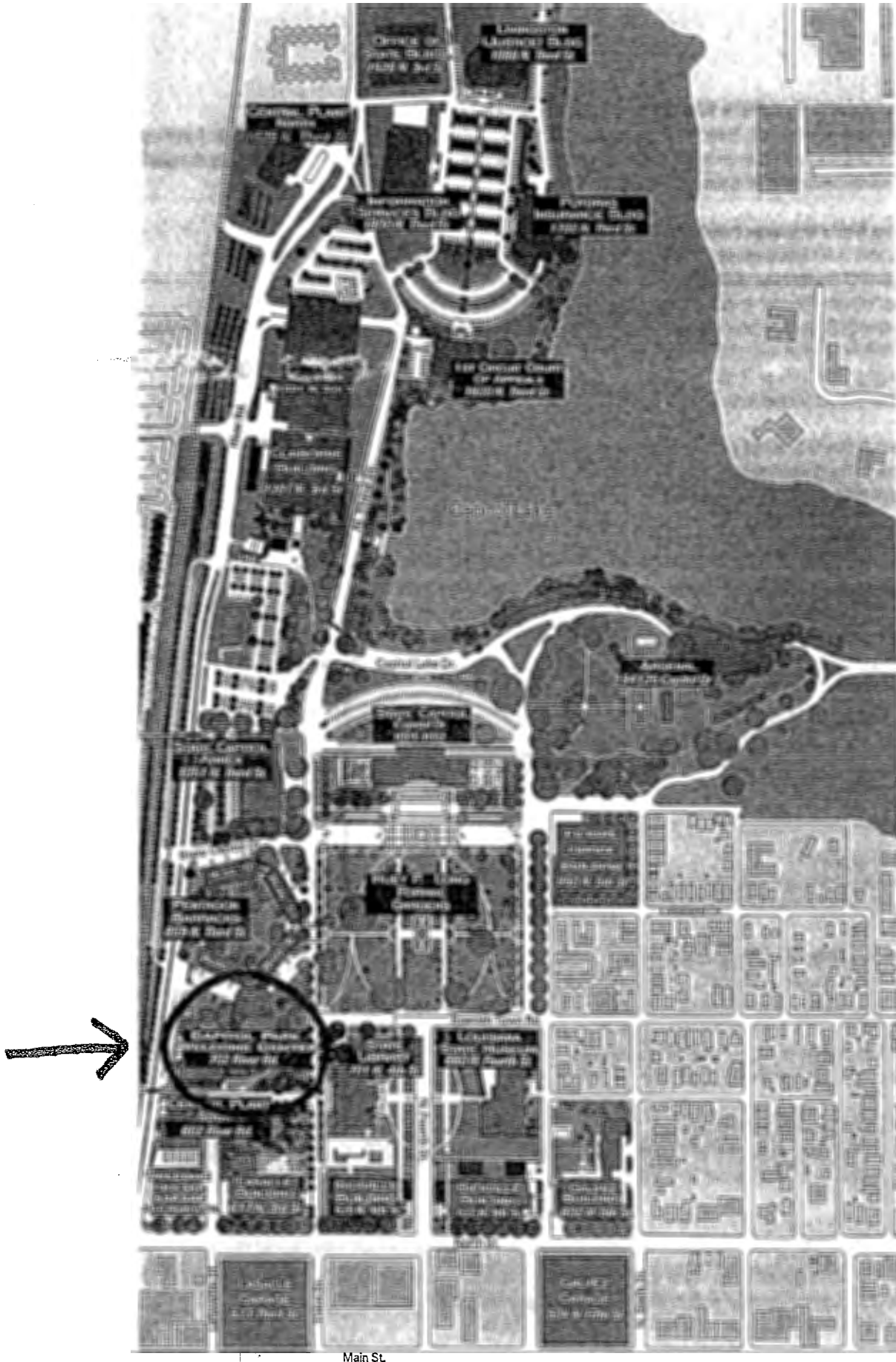
RESULTS OF LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Eligibility for Federal tax provisions: If a property is listed on the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 16 percent and 20 percent investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitations of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to the law: 36 CFR 67, or to our website:
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/hp/federalrehabilitation09.aspx>.

Consideration in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed on the National Register. For further information, please refer to the law: 36 CFR 67, or to our website:
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/hp/Section106.aspx>.

Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit: In accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et. seq.

Qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available. For further information, please refer to our website:
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/hp/grants.aspx>.



Main St

*Governor's Mansion (1001 Capitol Access Rd.) and DEQ Lab (1209 Capitol Access Rd.) are part of Capitol Park, but not shown on map.

Map to the Capitol Park Welcome Center (attached)

702 North River Road, Baton Rouge LA 70802, tel (225) 219-1200 and 342-8119. (directly facing the river, next-door to the Pentagon Barracks, one-half block north of North Street, one block southwest of the State Capitol)

Coming from the west on Interstate 10:

- Cross the I-10 Mississippi River Bridge, staying in the left lane.
- Take I-110 north one mile.
- Exit at "North Street" exit, which automatically points you toward the river.
- Take North Street to the river. The Welcome Center Garage is on your right at the corner of North Street and River Road.
- Turn right onto River Road. Go one block to Capitol Park Welcome Center loading zone and the River Road levee lot.

Coming from the east on Interstate 10:

- Approaching downtown Baton Rouge, take I-110 north one mile.
- Exit at "North Street" exit, which automatically points you toward the river.
- Take North Street to the river. The Welcome Center Garage is on your right at the corner of North Street and River Road.
- Turn right onto River Road. Go one block to Capitol Park Welcome Center loading zone and the River Road levee lot.

Coming from the north on Interstate 110:

- Approaching the State Capitol, exit at "N. 9th St." exit. The second red light is North Street. Turn right onto North Street.
- Take North Street to the river. The Welcome Center Garage is on your right at the corner of North Street and River Road.
- Turn right onto River Road. Go one block to Capitol Park Welcome Center loading zone and the River Road levee lot.

Where to park?

Your attendees are welcome to park in either the Welcome Center Parking Garage (open 7:00am – 7:00pm) or in the River Road levee parking lot.

Welcome Center Parking Garage

The garage is located at the corner of North STREET and River Road. Enter the garage via the front entrance on North Street. Park, then walk out the right rear exit in the direction of the State Capitol. The Welcome Center is about 40 yards from the Garage. Please remember to bring your parking stub - we can validate your parking stub if you attend a meeting at Capitol Park Welcome Center.

River Road levee parking lot

Located in front of Capitol Park Welcome Center and the Pentagon Barracks, directly across River Road, is a paved, open-air free lot on the levee. Please be careful when crossing River Road.

Loading/Unloading

Pull into the drive located in front of the welcome center continuing on to the end of the curb. There is a ramp for cart or dolly usage for your convenience. If you have a caterer for your event, please have them to call us for delivery details.

Instructions to Comment On, Support, or Object to Listing on the National Register

The National Register of Historic Places (National Register) is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. These contribute to an understanding of the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation. This list represents places that are significant and worthy of preservation because they illustrate something important about our history or culture at the local, state or national level.

Properties may be nominated to the Register individually or as part of a historic district. The process for listing an individual property or historic district on the National Register is:

- Review by the National Register Coordinator located in the State Historic Preservation Office. The coordinator works with the nomination author to ensure that the document is technically correct.
- If the nominated property/district is located within the jurisdiction of a local government that is an official historic preservation partner with the State and the National Park Service, that local government (called a "Certified Local Government") also has a formal role in the National Register listing process [16 U.S.C. 470a(c)(2)(A)].
- Review by the National Register Review Committee (Review Committee). All meetings of this Committee are open meetings, meaning the meeting agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance in order to give the public adequate notice that the meeting will be held and what will be considered at the meeting.
- Review by the National Park Service. The nomination and the Review Committee's findings are forwarded to the National Register Staff at the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior. NPS makes the final decision whether the property or district will be listed in the National Register.

Honorary Designation!

National Register listing is purely honorary. The designation in itself

cannot hinder a project.

Listed properties are eligible to apply for Federal Historic Tax Credits and grants. In addition to this, Federal Agencies are required to take into consideration how their programs impact National Register listed or eligible properties via the Section 106 Process (see 36 CFR 800).

For more information, please visit <http://www.crt.state.la.us/hp/nationalregister/benefits.aspx>

Public Comments/Support

Anyone can submit a comment or letter of support or opposition for a property or district proposed for listing in the National Register. **Property owners wishing to oppose a nomination should follow the specific directions included in this document.** All letters are submitted to NPS as part of the nomination packet and are also available in the nomination file, stored at the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, 1051 North Third Street, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Comments and letters of support or opposition for a property or district proposed for listing submitted **before** the Review Committee Meeting should be sent to:

Phil Boggan
State Historic Preservation Officer
P. O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Comments and letters (for same) submitted **after** the Review Committee Meeting should be sent to:

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service, 2280, 8th Floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 I (Eye) Street, Washington, D.C. 20005

Special Instructions for Owners Objecting to the Nomination of Properties

Letters from the owner(s) of privately-held properties being nominated to the National Register carry special significance under the law. Federal law provides that if a "majority" of owners object to the listing, the nominated property or district will not be listed in the National Register (36 CFR 60.6)

"An "owner" is any natural or juridical person (an entity to which the law attributes personality, such as a corporation or a partnership) with an ownership interest in the immovable property that has been nominated for listing on the National Register (L.A. CC 477). Furthermore, federal law defines "owner" or "owners" as "those individuals, partnerships, corporations or public agencies holding fee simple title to property. Owner or owners does not include individuals, partnerships, corporations or public agencies holding easements or less than fee interests (including leaseholds [i.e., tenant]) of any nature." (36 CFR 60.3.k) A corporation, limited liability corporation, partnership or trust is considered as one owner.

The federal law does not define "majority" in a manner that relates to the percentage of ownership. Rather, the law defines a "majority" as follows:

Each owner of private property in a district has one vote regardless of how many properties or what part of one property that party owns and regardless of whether the property contributes to the significance of the district. (36 CFR 60.6.g)

When objections prevent the listing of an individual property or historic district, regulations 36 CFR 60.6.n and 36 CFR 60.6.s require that the SHPO submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility. Although the property is not actually listed on the Register, this determination ensures that there is documentation of the significance of the property that will be considered if, in the future, it is to be potentially impacted by a Federal undertaking

The Objection Letter

Federal law (36 CFR 60.6.g) also requires that an owner's letter of objection be submitted as a notarized statement that includes two elements: (1) a certification that you are the sole owner or a co-owner of the property and (2) a statement of objection. Though not required by law, it is recommended that the reason for the objection also be included. For historic district nominations, the objection is to the listing of the entire district, not to the inclusion of a specific property within that district. For properties with multiple owners, including property owned jointly by spouses, each owner must separately sign the letter of objection or submit his or her own letter

Therefore, if you are an owner or co-owner of a private property that has been nominated for listing on the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, and you wish to object to the listing:

1. Prepare and have notarized a statement that
 - a. Certifies that you are an owner or co-owner of the individual property or property within a district.
 - b. Specifies the address and name (if available) of the property in question.
 - c. States your objection to the listing and the reason for the objection.
2. If you propose to object on behalf of other co-owners or on behalf of an entity, we request that you include a power of attorney, letter of mandate, or other documentation that you possess the requisite authority to do so.
3. Submit the notarized statement (and documentation of authority, if applicable) to one of the addresses cited above.

How Majority Votes Work

A proposed historic district has 20 properties. Nineteen of these properties have one owner each, and all 19 are in favor of listing the district on the National Register. However, the other property is a large building with 22 owners, all of whom object to the listing. With a total of 41 property owners within the proposed district the 22 objecting owners are in the majority and the district will not be listed. Conversely, the 19 individual owners are in the majority and the district will be listed.