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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing and certifying the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission's designation of 309 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959, currently operating as the Golden Era lounge, as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 17-01.

RECOMMENDATION: Request by the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission to approve the designation of 309 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959, currently operating as the Golden Era lounge, as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 17-01.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting of March 10, 2017 the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the application for landmark designation of the building at 309 Broad Street in Nevada City, now operating as the Golden Era lounge, be approved and designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 17-01.

The current property owner, Steve and Cindy Glardina, submitted an application to designate the building at 309 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 as a Nevada County Historical Landmark on February 3, 2017. The building at 309 Broad Street has served as a saloon/bar since the gold rush era, being first recorded in 1861 as Café National. The site served as a saloon from 1861 to 1918, when upon Prohibition served as a Soda Fountain until 1933. However Costello – Jepson Business Journal journals show that the building was distributing whisky and beer during Prohibition period out of their back room. After Prohibition, the Soda Fountain closed and the Saloon reopened until 1983 when the space was converted into Cirino's Restaurant and bar. In 2013, the Restaurant was closed and was purchased by Steve and Cindy Glardina who fully restored the space and re-opened the bar as the Golden Era in 2015.

Some of the unique historical aspects of the site include: i) an ice block chute in the basement into an ice storage vault; ii) original saloon front doors; iii) tooled gable wood trim; iv) ceiling rotunda to ventilate cigar/cigarette smoke; v) original gas lights that were converted into electric units, vi) 1895 Brunswick Bale Collendar Bar "The Record" in place since 1904 and 1915; and vii) metal ceiling panels pressed from original dyes (replacements).

The Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2017 requesting the Board of Supervisors approve the designation of 309 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959, currently operating as the Golden Era lounge, as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 17-01.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter
Submittal Date: April 10, 2017