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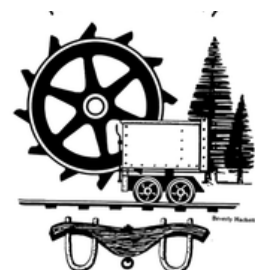
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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Grass Valley African Methodist Episcopal Church & School Site be approved. The applicant is the City of Grass Valley. For reasons detailed in the application, the City plans to install a plaque on the elevated sidewalk in front of 324 S. Church Street  cross the street from the Site. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 21-02.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was erected in 1854 to serve Grass Valley's black community. In addition to holding religious services, the church was a center for cultural, political and civil rights events. In 1865 a school house was added since California law then provided for segregated schools. In the 1890s, with the black population of Grass Valley having significantly declined, the church properties were sold.



The applicant, assisted by Linda Jack, Chair of the Grass Valley Historical Commission, has provided a thorough and compelling level of research and documentation to accompany the application, which has been reviewed by the Commission for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

Cc: Linda Jack

