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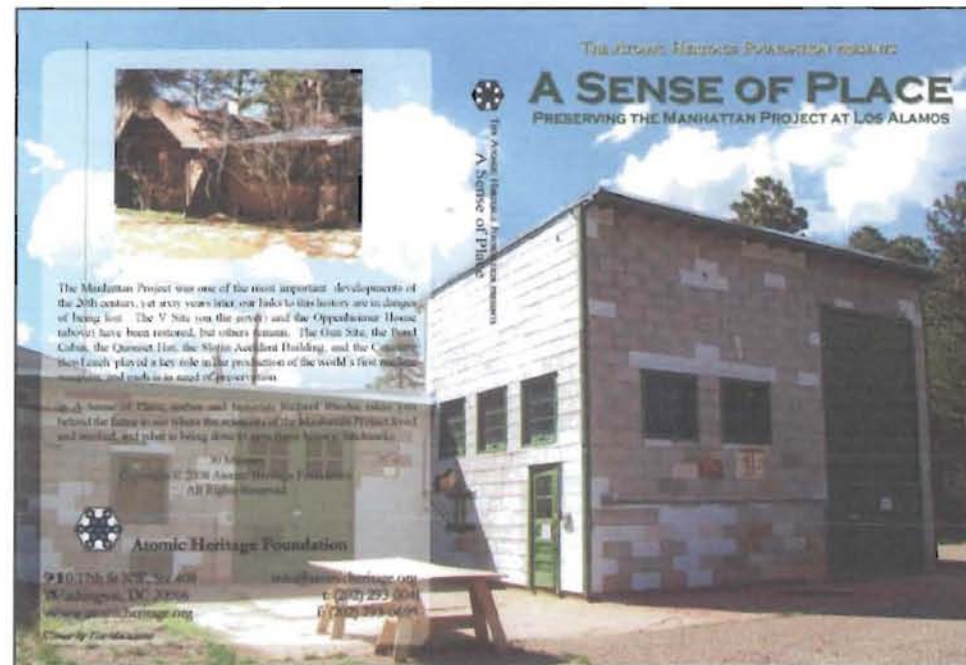
Abstract: Los Alamos Community Presentation

A presentation given during the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Historic Preservation Peer Exchange meeting in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, June 19-20, 2008.

Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) participant Ellen McGehee will assist in the discussion of Los Alamos County, Los Alamos Historical Society, and LANL preservation projects and other history initiatives related to the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos. Community recommendations related to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park feasibility study will also be presented.

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Los Alamos County Manhattan Project Historic Preservation Activities

- Historic Preservation Enabling Ordinance adopted by County Council (2007)

February 2008 – public hearings on draft Historic Preservation Plan. Plan being submitted to Planning & Zoning for inclusion into the County's comprehensive plan. Plan establishes priorities for preservation in the County.

Council approved the FY09 budget (starting July 1) that includes \$150,000 for a study to determine space and functional needs for a county archive facility to include Historical Society archives and county records.



Los Alamos County Activities (continued)

- Historic Preservation Enabling Ordinance (continued)

Survey of historically significant architectural features in the area around Fuller Lodge (including Bathtub Row).



Los Alamos County Activities (continued)

- Art in Public Places (APP) Board: historical figures sculpture project



Concept has been adopted and project will start with statues of Oppenheimer and Groves. One possible location for the first two statues is at the entrance to Fuller Lodge and the Museum. (Concept photo is Oppie and Groves at Trinity Site ground zero.)

The APP Board, Fuller Lodge Historic District Advisory Board, Historical Society board and staff, and community volunteers will be working together on this project. Once the first two statues are contracted, the next step will be to develop a coordinated plan for additional figures and placements.

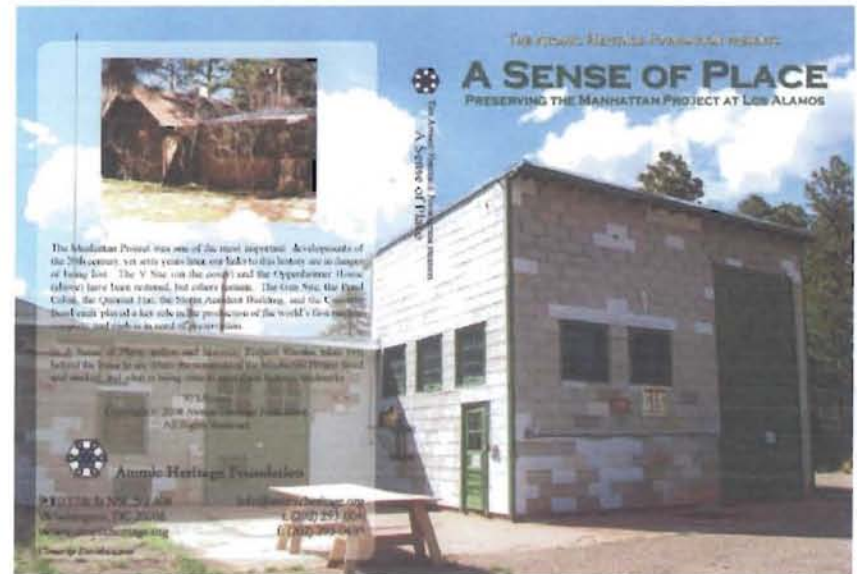
Los Alamos Historical Society Manhattan Project Historic Preservation Activities

- Video production

"A Sense of Place - Preserving the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos," produced by the Atomic Heritage Foundation. Historical material and additional financial support provided by the Los Alamos Historical Society.

- Education and Partnerships

Co-sponsored "The Manhattan Project: Sixty-five Years Later," at Santa Fe's St. Francis Auditorium, November 2007.



Los Alamos Historical Society Activities (continued)

- Website

Record number of visits over the last year, with more than 29,000 unique monthly visitors. Podcast continues to be the most popular of web pages, with almost 3,000 subscribers.

Several schools have accessed the online teachers guide, and the Manhattan Project history page is linked to numerous academic websites.

Museum has a profile on MySpace.com. Manhattan Project National Historical Park information is on website with unique e-mail address for feedback and ideas.



Los Alamos Historical Society Activities (continued)

- Publications

Reprints: *Inside Box 1663; Beginning of an Era,*

New Book: *The Forgotten Physicist: Robert F. Bacher 1905-2004,*
by Alan Carr



Pending Reprint: *Standing By and Making Do.* The National Atomic Museum is developing a high school/adult curriculum that will use *Standing By and Making Do* as a key reference, and two selections from this title were used in *The Manhattan Project: The Birth of the Atomic Bomb by Its Creators, Eyewitnesses, and Historians*, published by the Atomic Heritage Foundation.

The Secret Project Notebook, by Carolyn Reeder, has garnered more honors. It has been selected as one of six finalists in the Best Young Adult Book category for the 2007 New Mexico Book Awards and was a 2008 Battle of the Books selection for both Elementary and Junior High competitions.



Los Alamos National Laboratory Manhattan Project Historic Preservation Activities

- **Manhattan Project National Historic Landmark District**
Proposed expansion of existing Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory NHL.
Working with National Park Service to define proposed boundaries and contributing properties.
- **Technical Area (TA) 18**
Architectural documentation and artifact salvage related to upcoming site closure. Finalization of preservation list at TA-18
(Ranching, Manhattan Project, and Cold War era properties).



Slotin Building



Pond Cabin

LANL Activities (continued)

Public History and Outreach

- Presentations and Tours

A Sense of Place video aired 3 times in May with public Q&A session.

Student seminar schedule for July focusing on Manhattan Project sites and preservation.

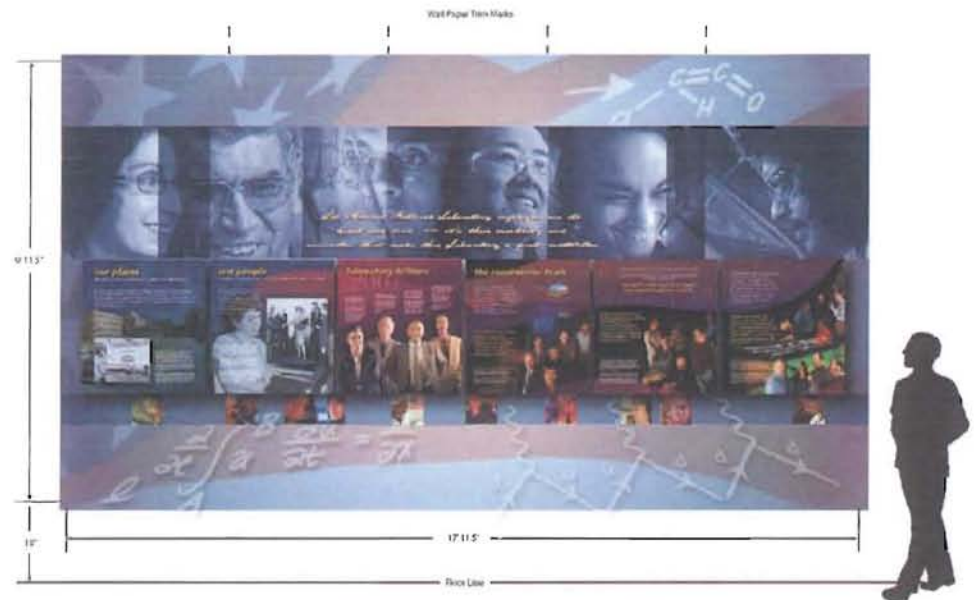
LANL student tours of historic sites (2007 and 2008)

- Outdoor interpretive panels

- LANL History Committee

NSSB history panels and evolving landscape photo display

TA-16 history panels



LANL Activities (continued)

V-Site Restoration Project



Gates installed in May 2007, and hazard trees and vegetation cleared in August 2007.

Outdoor panel text is under final review; summer/fall focus to install at V-Site.

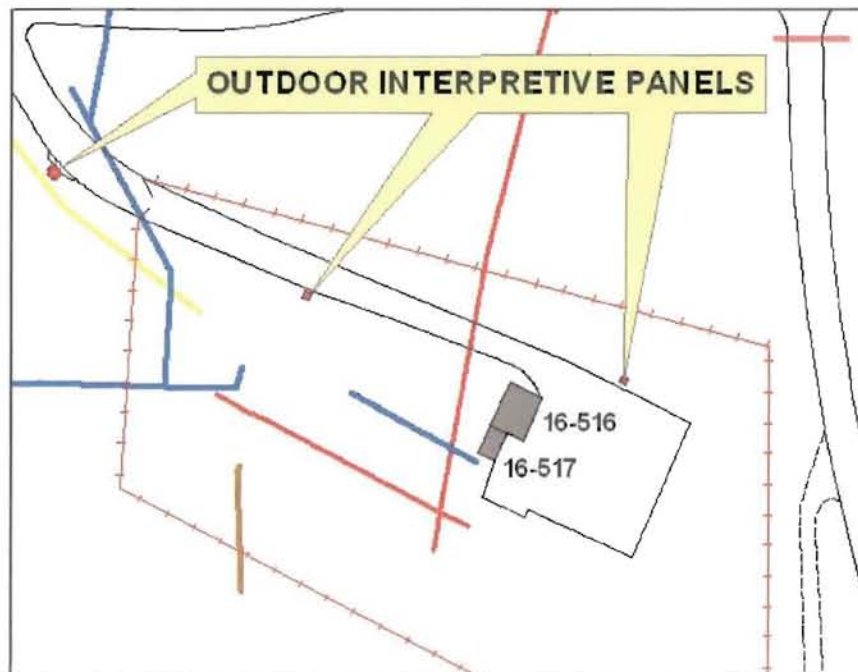
Summer/fall 2008 focus will be to stabilize the burned metal structure.



LANL Activities (continued)

V-Site Restoration Project

- Outdoor Interpretive Panels



LANL Activities (continued)

V-Site Restoration Project

- Site Interpretation: Historic Artifacts



LANL Activities (continued)

V-Site Restoration Project

- Post-Fire Rehabilitation and Stabilization Projects

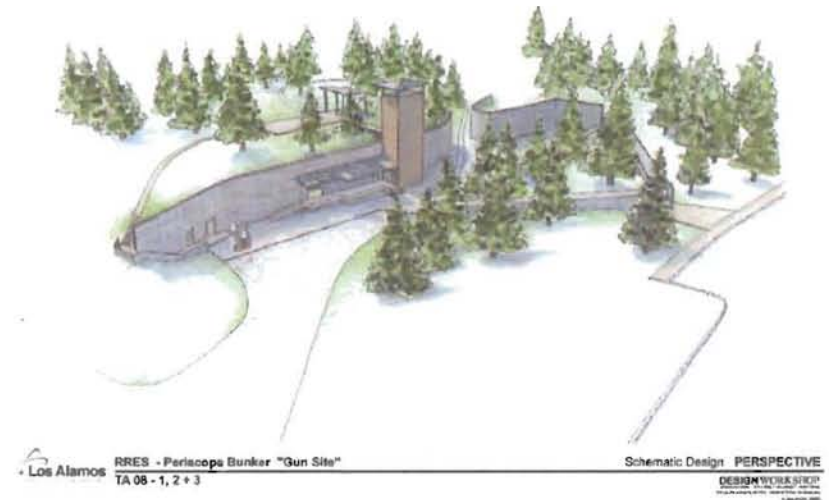


LANL Activities (continued)

Gun Site Phased Restoration Project

FY 08 Priorities

- Restoration Plan progress
- Report to SHPO June/July
- D&D clean up planned for summer/fall 2008
- Private funding offer through Atomic Heritage Foundation for Gun Site restoration support



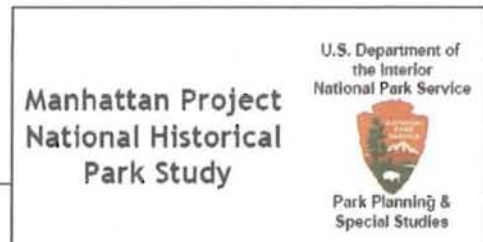
Community Priorities for Manhattan Project Historic Preservation

- Fuller Lodge Historic District Advisory Board Ad Hoc Manhattan Project National Historical Park Committee

Public hearings on Manhattan Project National Historical Park (November 2007) - report of ad hoc committee going to County Council for approval.

The MPNHP Ad Hoc committee recommends:

- Creating a centralized Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center in Los Alamos that includes National Park Service (NPS) staffing and interpretation. The NPS name will lend credibility and a national presence to the project.
- Developing the Visitor Center in conjunction with local partners. It would serve as a central clearing house, sending visitors out to Manhattan Project resources that exist within the community. These include the Los Alamos Historical Museum, the Bradbury Science Museum as well as other sites. This model is similar to the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park.
- Working through the Energy Communities Alliance with groups in Hanford, WA; Oak Ridge, TN; and Dayton, OH, who are working on similar proposals for their communities, to ensure that the MPNHP has the same “feel” in each of its locations.



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