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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Design & Construction
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

October 20, 2023

Re: DHR No.: 2023-5541
Project: Constitution Convention State Park - 2 Medium Pavilions

To Whom It May Concern:

Our office reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, and implementing state regulations, for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value.

A review of the Florida Master Site File indicates the proposed project is located within the immediate vicinity of the Constitution Convention Museum Monument Linear Resource Group (8GU230) and the related Museum (8GU228). Neither of these resources has been evaluated by this office for eligibility for listing in the NRHP. Based on the information provided, the current design of the proposed pavilions is incongruent with the design, setting, materials, and feeling of the surrounding historic resources. Therefore, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed undertaking has the potential to negatively impact integrity of these historic properties. It is our recommendation that the construction plans for the pavilions be modified to blend more cohesively with the historic fabric of 8GU228 and 8GU230.

Additionally, a review of the Florida Master Site File indicates that the project area has not been adequately surveyed for archaeological properties. Since conditions in the area are favorable for the presence of these kinds of resources and due to the nature of the project, we recommend that the project area be subjected to a professional cultural resources assessment survey. The resultant survey report should conform to the provisions of Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*, and should be sent to our office upon completion. The report will help us complete the review process and provide comments or recommendations to the permitting agency in a timely fashion.

The Division of Historical Resources cannot endorse specific archaeological or historic preservation consultants. However, the American Cultural Resources Association maintains a listing of professional consultants at www.acra-crm.org, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists maintains a membership directory at www.rpanet.org. The Division encourages checking references and recent work history.

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In addition, because the project will occur on state lands, it will require a 1A-32 permit. The consultant should contact Nicholas Yarbrough at the Bureau of Archaeological Research (StateLandsPermits@DOS.myflorida.com or 850-245-6438). For further information see link <https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/archaeology/public-lands/research-permits/>.

We are cognizant of the fact that these recommendations would be difficult to accommodate this late in the planning process. However, our office was not consulted on this project until the final stages of planning were in process. In the future, we recommend submitting proposed projects to our office as early in the planning process as plans are available to avoid delays.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tobias, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Jennifer.Tobias@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly L. Chase" with "For" written below it.

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and State Historic Preservation Officer