



October 16, 2015

Sarah Hanzel
City of Rapid City
300 6th St
Rapid City SD 57701

RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 150930001S – Replace windows on floors 3-9, 523 Sixth Street (Alex Johnson Hotel), Rapid City, South Dakota
Location: Pennington County (CORC)

Dear Ms. Hanzel:

On October 15, 2015, the South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) received the abbreviated case report regarding the proposed window replacement project on floors 3-9 at the Alex Johnson Hotel, 523 Sixth Street in Rapid City. This property is a contributing resource in the Rapid City Commercial Historic District, which is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. State law (SDCL 1-19A-11.1) outlines a specific process that must be followed prior to any governmental action that may damage, destroy, or encroach upon any historic property that is included on the State Register of Historic Places.

Based on the information provided in the abbreviated case report, the SHPO has made the following determination. The alterations to this building will encroach upon, damage, or destroy a historic property which is included in the National and State Registers of Historic Places; however, based upon the information submitted, it appears that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposal and that the proposal includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic resource.

As you take these comments into consideration, please remember that the City of Rapid City will be responsible for determining the fate of this historic structure. The decision must be based on consideration of all feasible and prudent alternatives and whether the proposal includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic property. Please note that, pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1, if the City proceeds with the issuance

of the building permits, ten days' notice by certified mail is required with the City's final determination prior to issuance of any permits.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Kate Nelson at (605) 773-6005. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of South Dakota is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Nelson
Restoration Specialist