



November 23, 2015

Sarah Hanzel
City of Rapid City
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Rapid City SD 57701

RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 140916001S – Removal of 617 West Street, 623 West Street, 1310 Kansas City Street, and 1311 West Main (garage), Rapid City
Location: Pennington County
(CORC)

Dear Ms. Hanzel:

On November 16, 2015, the South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) received the abbreviated case report regarding the proposal to move or demolish several structures in the West Boulevard 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.

A synopsis of the project is provided here:

1. The original request in 2011 was to demolish eight structures, including four that are contributing to the West Boulevard Historic District:
 - a. 1305 West Main (Contributing)
 - b. 1311 West Main
 - c. 1311 West Main – garage
 - d. 609 West Street (Contributing)
 - e. 617 West Street (Contributing)
 - f. 617 West Street – garage
 - g. 623 West Street (Contributing)
 - h. 1310 Kansas City Street
2. At present, the request has been changed to demolish the following properties, if they are not moved to a new site by a new owner:
 - a. 617 West Street (Contributing)
 - b. 623 West Street (Contributing)
 - c. 1310 Kansas City Street
 - d. 1311 West Main – garage

3. At present, the request has been changed to reuse the following properties:
- a. 1305 West Main (Contributing)
 - b. 1311 West Main
 - c. 609 West Street (Contributing)
 - d. 617 West Street – garage

Based on the information provided in the abbreviated case report, the SHPO has made the following determination for the four properties that will be relocated or demolished (2a-d). Demolition of these properties or moving them to new locations 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, including offering the properties to be moved to new locations and documentation of the properties prior to their relocation/demolition.

Please note that this letter does not address the properties in 3a-d, as the project has been changed and these properties are no longer slated for demolition or relocation.

As you take these comments into consideration, please remember that the City of Rapid City will be responsible for determining the fate of these historic structures. 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



Kate Nelson
Restoration Specialist