

*You're Invited to a Public Forum  
on the Future of the McGillicuddy  
House on South Street*



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Dear Friends:

As a contract surgeon on the frontier, the first Indian agent at Pine Ridge, president of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and mayor of Rapid City, Valentine McGillicuddy played a pivotal part in shaping western South Dakota at the end of the nineteenth century. Today, his house on South Street in Rapid City is for sale and its future is in doubt.

The Black Hills State University Public History class would like to invite you to discuss McGillicuddy's life and the future of this historic house at a public forum on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Dakota Middle School. Tours of the house will be available from 1:00 - 2:45 that afternoon.**

Mayor Alan Hanks will open the forum. We will present McGillicuddy's life story and explore his controversial legacy among Indian and white residents of this region. We will also present ideas and options for restoring and using his home for the public good. During the small group discussion following the presentation participants will enjoy an authentic frontier supper of buffalo stew and share ideas and opinions about the project.

Following the public forum, the class will prepare a consulting report for the citizens of Rapid City that will provide an overview of McGillicuddy's life, a history of the house and its construction as well as options for rehabilitation and use. The comments and suggestions provided by participants in the forum will be included in the report.

For more information, feel free to call Eric Abrahamson (484-3820) or visit us on Facebook (search McGillicuddy Project). We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

The students of History 240  
Black Hills State University