

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2011
SPECIAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Members Present: Duane Baumgartner, Pat Roseland, Scott Sogge, Shawn Krull, Rich Grable, Cynthia Matson, Jean Kessloff

Members Not Present: Tamara Pier, Heather Knox, Eric James

Others Present: Marcia Elkins, Karen Bulman, Bill Kessloff, Dave Stafford, Fred Thurston, Bonnie Peterson.

Roseland called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Thurston distributed discussion points to facilitate the conversation. He reviewed the history of the Feigel House Foundation and its transformation into Historic Rapid City. He described the activities of the Historic Rapid City group. He noted that Historic Rapid City can accomplish things that the Preservation Commission cannot undertake.

Discussion followed about the confusion that has been resulting in the community. Matson requested that Historic Rapid City consider how changing their name might help distinguish between the two groups.

J. Kessloff described the furniture from a West Boulevard House documented in the book Black Hills, White Sky that Historic Rapid City acquired and noted that Historic Rapid City is seeking a location to display the period furniture.

Thurston reviewed the potential for the non-profit group to seek grants and tax deductible contributions. He discussed other projects that Historic Rapid City is undertaking including documenting the tunnels underground in Downtown Rapid City,

In response to a question from Elkins, Thurston indicated that Historic Rapid City has not decided on how they will be offering memberships and are only now exploring how the two Committees can interact.

Thurston described the Historic Rapid City's desire to market Historic Preservation to the community through the provision of architectural services.

Peterson entered the meeting at this time.

Discussion followed on how the communications can be improved between the two groups, the issue of name confusion, the need for education, the need for architectural resources for applicants, and the potential cooperative activities that will benefit the historic resources in the community. Discussion continued.

Krull spoke about the benefits of having a group such as Historic Rapid City. Discussion followed on the role of the advocacy group, the benefits of a non-public entity being involved in Historic Preservation in the community and the benefits of early intervention in the design process.

B. Kessloff invited the Commission members to attend the next Historic Rapid City meeting.

Discussion followed on focusing on cooperative efforts to benefit the historic resources in the community.

Baumgartner noted that there is a need for storage for historic pieces that are removed from structures.

Discussion followed on the need for fund raising,

B. Kessloff thanked the Commission for initiating the conversation.

Roseland and the other Preservation Commission members thanked the Historic Rapid City members for their willingness to come and explain their organization.

Roseland adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.