

Minutes of the April 15, 2011
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Kessloff, Richard Grable, Heather Knox, Tamara Pier, Pat Roseland, Scott Sogge, Duane Baumgartner, Eric James, Cynthia Matson and Shawn Krull

OTHERS PRESENT: Gale Johnson, Anthony DeMaro, Don Purdue, Jim Jackson, Dan Claymore and Michelle Dennis

Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Baumgartner moved to approve the agenda with the addition of “631 Main Street – Clock Installation.” The motion was seconded by Sogge. The motion was approved unanimously.

11.1 Reviews

738 St. Joseph Street (11CM015)

Gale Johnson of the Real Estate Group reviewed the proposed interior renovations to the non-contributing structure in the environs of the Downtown Historic District located at 738 St. Joseph Street. The proposal includes partial demolition of the rear and center walls, a covered drive-under garage for disabled persons using the existing roofing of the building, adding 9 parking stalls at the rear entrance of the building with one ADA van accessible stall, installing a sprinkler system for fire protection, upgrading the water system with new water lines and individual water meters for each separate tenant, adding bathrooms, and potentially adding awnings.

Brief discussion regarding the proposed renovations followed.

Pier moved and Sogge seconded a motion to recommend a finding that the demolition of the rear and center walls and the addition of the parking lot, using the roofing of the building, at 738 Saint Joseph Street will have no adverse effect on the historic property. Motion carried unanimously.

510 9th Street (11CM016)

DeMaro reviewed the proposed renovations to include repurposing the 1910 front doors, creating an ADA accessible ramp to the Main Street entrance by maintaining the grade from the corner to door, adding rail along the ramp constructed of black metal with cable as the railing, repairing the sidewalk, adding exterior lighting over the door similar the 1910 version, and changing out the rear entrance to simulate garage doors. He indicated that the improvements should meet the requirements for a tax credit project, and that the amendment had already been sent to the state.

Discussion regarding the proposed ramp railing ensued.

James moved and Matson seconded a motion to recommend a finding that the addition to the contributing structure of the ramp and stairs, exterior lighting over the front door and changing the rear entrance to simulate garage doors at 510 9th Street will have no adverse effect on the historic property. Motion carried unanimously.

1501 West Boulevard (11RS008)

Claymore reviewed the proposed improvements to the contributing structure located at 1501 West Boulevard to include potentially replacing the skylights, re-roof the residence, garage and shed with same type of material to include possibly rustic redwood similar to the existing color.

Sogge moved and Krull seconded a motion to recommend a finding that the re-roofing of all structures on the property, including removing or reinstalling the skylights on the residence at 1501 West Boulevard will have no adverse effect on the historic property. Motion carried unanimously.

631 Main Street (11CM017)

Don Purdue reviewed the proposed clock re-installation to be located on the original First National Bank located at 631 Main Street.

Discussion followed regarding the clock visibility, installation, renovation and lighting of the clock. The Commission suggested that the clock be located on the corner with the existing sign underneath the clock or, in the alternative, locate the clock on the 7th Street building face if necessary.

James moved and Matson seconded a motion to recommend a finding that installing an historic exterior clock on the corner of 7th and Main Street or on the west side of the building along 7th Street at 910 St. Joseph Street will have no adverse effect on the historic property. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

James moved, Grable seconded and motion carried unanimously to continue consideration of the April 1, 2011 meeting minutes to May 6, 2011.

New Business

Roseland reviewed the activities planned for May as Historic Preservation Month, including the recognition certificates, West Boulevard design workshop, the clock re-installation and the proclamation. Discussion occurred regarding the scheduled promotional activities and coordination of those activities.

Sogge moved and Matson seconded a motion to recognize ISIS Corporation and Fred Thurston for their activities involved in historic preservation. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Jackson of Rosenbaum Signs shared with the Commission that although recent decisions were made to prohibit neon signs on the parking garage because a neon sign was not "historical," he noted that neon signs have been in Rapid City since 1928. Those include neon signs for Murphy's Bar, Who's Hobby House, SD Stockgrowers Association, the Alex Johnson Hotel and Rapid City Laundry. He noted that he is currently restoring the Motor Service Sign, that the Rapid City Laundry sign is also being preserved and that the Smiley's Pizza Sign may have been painted or covered up.

Krull noted that he has located a commercial storage facility housing antiques and collectibles for storage of items the Commission may receive.

Adjourn

Baumgartner moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James and carried unanimously.