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Historic Preservation Commission  
Growth Management Department  
City of Rapid City  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Re: Dakota Middle School Theater Renovation – Theater Seating  
Historic Preservation 11.1 Review

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider this an application for an 11.1 Review for the Theater Seating, part of the Dakota Middle School Theater Renovation project.

You will find enclosed a completed Historic Preservation 11.1 Review application form, copies of photographs of the auditorium's original seating and the proposed new seating, as well as floor plans with the seating layout in the auditorium. A color board with representative samples of seating upholstery fabric and wood finish, paint colors for the walls and plaster moldings, and aisle carpet will also be submitted.

Please find below a written description of the Dakota Middle School Theater Renovation Seating project as required under Item #6 of the Historic Preservation 11.1 Review submittal:

#### Auditorium Renovation Phase.

Architecture Incorporated previously submitted a 11.1 Review for the adaptive reuse theater renovation and theater support addition, which is a joint project of the City through the Performing Arts Coalition and the School District. That project, which is currently under construction, included the theater design and seating layouts, but did not include the new seat units for the main floor and center balcony as part of the contract. This application includes the new seats, upholstery for the seats and backs, and aisle end panels.

#### Theater Seating

The original wood seating in the side sections of the balcony will be cleaned, repaired, and refinished as appropriate. Each side of the balcony has 115 original wood seats that will be left in place for historical reference, as these seats are wider than the main floor seats, and have adequate back-to-back spacing for comfort.

The new seat will have wood backs and arms that match the original seats very closely in shape, material and color. The seat and front side of the seat back will be upholstered for audience comfort. The new rows of seats will have cast iron aisle end panels that will match the original panels as closely as possible.

The seating and installation will be competitively bid by the Performing Arts Coalition. Two to three manufacturers' products will be approved for the bidding, as the requirements for matching the historic seats narrow the available choices. The seating contract will be awarded based on price, historic matching,

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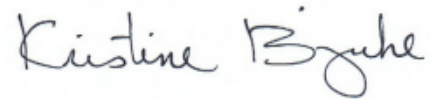
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quality and schedule. The products and samples being presented in this application represent a typical offering from the selected manufacturer's products. The historic features that will be included regardless of which bid is accepted are rounded maple plywood seat backs, wood scroll-style seat arms, and cast iron end panels in a historic style.

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION 11.1 REVIEW**

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| <b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Dakota Middle School Theater Seating  |  |                     |
| <b>PROJECT ADDRESS:</b><br>615 Columbus Street<br>Rapid City, South Dakota   |  |                     |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:</b><br><br>We request an 11.1 review of the Dakota Middle School Theater Seating project, which is an addition to the previously submitted and reviewed Dakota Middle School Theater Renovation Project, to be funded by the Performing Arts Coalition. |  |                     |
| <b>YEAR CONSTRUCTED:</b> East Building - 1923; Center/West Building - 1936 & 37.   |  |                     |
| <b>HISTORIC DISTRICT:</b>  |  |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Boulevard Historic District  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environs of West Boulevard Historic District |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Historic District  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environs of Downtown Historic District                  |                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually Listed Property   | <input type="checkbox"/> Environs of an Individually Listed Property             |                     |
| <b>STATUS:</b>   |  |                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contributing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Contributing  |                     |
| <b>TYPE:</b>   |  |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential   |                     |
| <b>OWNER OF RECORD</b>   |  |                     |
| Name: Rapid City Area School District  | Phone #: 605-394-4031  | Fax #:              |
| Mailing Address: 300 Sixth Street  | City, State, Zip Rapid City, SD 57701  |                     |
| Owner's Signature:   | Date: December 8, 2011   |                     |
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