

Minutes of the January 20, 2012
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Members Present: Pat Roseland, Duane Baumgartner, Jean Kessloff, Shawn Krull, Cynthia Matson, Heather Knox, Tamara Pier and Eric James

Members Absent: Richard Grable and Michelle Dennis

Others Present: Karen Bulman, Jeanne Nicholson, Chris Wells, Bonny Petersen, Dave Viall, Justin Henrichsen and Jerry Cole

Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Kessloff requested that the McGillycuddy House and Founders Rock be added to the Agenda.

Baumgartner moved to approve the agenda with the noted additions. The motion was seconded by Knox and the motion was approved unanimously.

11.1 Reviews

601 12th Street (12CM001)

Chris Wells reviewed the proposed request to add walls and two bathrooms to the new gym.

Matson moved to recommend a finding that adding walls and two bathrooms would have no adverse effect on historic property. The motion was seconded by Krull.

In response to a question, Wells advised that the work will take place in the northeast corner of the building.

The motion to recommend a finding that adding walls and two bathrooms would have no adverse effect on historic property carried unanimously.

625 St. Joseph Street (12CM003)

Justin Henrichsen reviewed the proposed request to build storage, office and cooler walls in the basement. He added that the work has already been completed.

Baumgartner moved to recommend a finding that building storage, office and cooler walls in the basement would have no adverse effect on historic property. The motion was seconded by Matson.

In response to a question from Kessloff, Bulman briefly explained that a building permit is required when stud walls are exposed.

James entered the meeting at this time.

In response to a question from Krull, Henrichsen advised that the space is primarily used as a meeting room offered to civic groups at no charge and occasionally for private parties. He added that there is seating for approximately 30 people.

The motion to recommend a finding that building storage, office and coolers walls in the basement would have no adverse effect on historic property carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

James moved to approve the January 6, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Krull and carried unanimously.

New Business

Home Show

Roseland reminded the Committee that the Home Show is March 23 - 25, 2012 and requested volunteers to work on the material for the booth. Matson, Knox and Petersen volunteered and Pier and Krull stated that they might be able to help.

Working Session

Bulman informed the Committee that a Working Session has been scheduled for January 27, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. in the Third Floor East Conference Room. She added that the purpose for the Working Session is to determine the Committee's goals for 2012 and to start working on the CLG Grant which has to be completed before March. Bulman noted that the grant application will need to be approved by the City Council.

Pier advised that she will not be able to attend the Working Session but she would like the Committee to consider holding a window restoration seminar for disadvantage youth with Bob Yapp.

Founders Rock

Kessloff informed the Committee that Jerry Cole from the Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department is presenting a plan about preserving the Founders Rock area to the Public Works Committee on January 31, 2012. She expressed her opinion that the area is sensitive and that the area needs to be protected but still be available to public access.

Jerry Cole explained the history of the area and noted that the area was once the industrial center of the City. He added that remnants from the industrial businesses still remain in the area. Cole noted that the presentation to the Public Works Committee will be about preserving the area and providing access to the public. Cole advised that three different property owners are involved and that they are all willing to work together to preserve and improve the area. Additional discussion followed.

Matson moved to request that the Historic Preservation Commission submit a letter of support for the project to the City Council. The motion was seconded by James and the motion carried unanimously.

McGillycuddy House

Kessloff informed the Committee that restoration work on the sandstone blocks on the southwest corner of the house has almost been completed. She added that the foundation is structurally sound and that furniture has been moved into the house. Kessloff stated that the

Committee members are welcome to tour the house and informed the members that if they would like to become involved in the project to let her know.

In response to a question from Pier, Kessloff stated that the goal is to restore the house as much as possible to the original look.

In response to a question from Roseland, Bulman explained that an 11.1 Review was sent to the State due to the deterioration of the sandstone and the urgency to get that repaired. She added that the State authorized the immediate repair work on the sandstone blocks.

Owens Apartments

David Viall informed the Committee that the old windows in the Owens Apartments had an authentic divided light pattern in them that was hard to see because of the storm windows.

Kessloff advised that Paul Porter from Pierre has seen the Owens property to determine if it would be eligible for the National Register as a contributing structure and for tax credits. Additional discussion followed.

Kessloff stated that Paul Porter met with Ron Sjodin about the apartment house on Kansas City Street. She informed the Committee that Sjodin is going to scrape and paint the windows and the structure.

630 St. Joseph Street (12CM002)

Bulman advised that she was unable to contact the applicant. She briefly reviewed the request to demolish two walls, to add a bathroom and a chairlift. She recommended that the Committee continue the 11.1 Review to the next meeting.

James moved to continue the 11.1 Review for 630 St. Joseph Street to the February 3, 2012 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Pier and the motion carried unanimously.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m. The motion was seconded by Krull and approved unanimously.