

Minutes of the December 21, 2012
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Members Present: Pat Roseland, Cynthia Matson, Michelle Dennis, Duane Baumgartner, Eric James and Gavin Williams

Members Absent: Richard Grable, Shawn Krull and Heather Knox

Others Present: Katherine Palmer, Kip Harrington, Jeanne Nicholson, Jean Kessloff and Chris Albers

Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Roseland requested to add the approval of a bill to the National Historic Preservation for the Commission's membership and a request from Jean Kessloff for the Commission to draft up an updated letter of support for the McGillicuddy House project. In response to a comment from Matson regarding the appointment of Heather Knox to the Mt. Rushmore Road Overlay District Subcommittee, Roseland recommended that the item also be added to the agenda.

Baumgartner moved to add the appointment of Heather Knox to the Mt. Rushmore Road Overlay District Subcommittee to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dennis and carried unanimously.

Baumgartner moved to approve the agenda with the noted additions of the National Historic Preservation bill and the letter of support for the McGillicuddy House project. The motion was seconded by James and carried unanimously.

11.1 Reviews

920 St. James Street (12RS024)

Albers informed the Commission that the windows have rotting issues and will be removed and replaced with the same size white, fiberglass composite windows. He added that the siding is also rotting and cracking and that it will be replaced with hardi-plank siding.

Williams moved to discuss the 11.1 Review for 920 St. James Street. The motion was seconded by James.

Dennis inquired as to whether any of the original siding is under the existing siding. Albers responded that the existing siding is masonite and that there is no siding underneath it. He explained that the eleven inch siding will be replaced by eight inch planks.

Williams advised that he has checked into the siding and that prefinished smooth hardi-plank siding is not available around here.

Roseland suggested that the reveal for the siding be four inches. Albers advised that the siding could be changed from eight to four inches. Palmer added that the State Historic Office also suggested that four inch reveal would be closer to the original siding on the house.

Dennis reminded the Commission that the house became a contributing structure with the existing siding. Dennis concurred that the four inch reveal would be better and expressed her opinion that

the hardi-plank siding is not appropriate for the structure due to its wood grain texture. A brief discussion followed.

In response to question from Dennis, Albers advised that the window wrap would remain the same.

Dennis suggested that when the Commission makes a motion that a stipulation be added that if any original siding is beneath the existing siding that it be salvaged and repaired if at all possible. A brief discussion followed.

Dennis reviewed the guidelines for windows.

James moved to recommend a finding that replacing the windows will have no adverse effect on historic property. The motion was seconded by Matson and carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Dennis about Commission members visiting the site, Palmer advised that the Commission members could visit the site but that the Commission, as a whole, needs to make the decision about the siding.

Dennis moved to approve the removal of the siding, that someone from the Commission visit the site to determine if any historic fabric remains on the structure and that the approval of the siding be tabled until the January 4, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by James.

Palmer advised that the State Historic Office has already looked at this application and that they had some suggestions. She added that they could support the replacement of the windows and the removal of the siding.

The motion to approve the removal of the siding, that someone from the Commission visit the site to determine if any historic fabric remains on the structure and that the approval of the siding be tabled until the January 4, 2013 meeting carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Palmer reminded the Commission that Heather Knox was appointed to the Mt. Rushmore Road Overlay District Subcommittee at the December 7, 2012 meeting.

James moved to approve the November 16, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dennis and carried unanimously.

James moved to approve the appointment of Heather Knox to the Mt. Rushmore Road Overlay District Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Matson moved to approve the December 7, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by James and carried unanimously.

New Business

Sendoff for Grable, Matson and Krull

Palmer presented a Certification of Appreciation to Cynthia Matson and thanked her for her hard work while serving on the Historic Preservation Commission. Matson added that she has enjoyed being a member of the Commission.

National Historic Preservation Bill

James moved to approve a payment of \$50.00 to the National Historic Preservation for the Commission's membership. The motion was seconded by Matson and carried unanimously.

McGillicuddy House

Kessloff informed the Commission that Historic Rapid City would like to request an updated letter of support from the Commission for the McGillicuddy House project.

James moved to provide an updated letter of support from the Commission for the McGillicuddy House project. The motion was seconded by Dennis and carried unanimously.

Other Business

Residency Requirements for Historic Preservation Commission Members

Dennis inquired as to whether the Commission has taken any action on the proposed legislation for residency requirements for Historic Preservation Commission members. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided that they could not support the proposed legislation.

James moved to direct staff to respond to the email with a statement similar to Deadwood's response explaining the Commission's lack of support for the proposed legislation. The motion was seconded by Baumgartner and approved unanimously.

Roseland advised that he has been contacted by a City committee about placing benches at Dinosaur Park. A brief discussion followed. Roseland advised that he would contact the State Historic Office about the benches.

Baumgartner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 a.m. The motion was seconded by James and carried unanimously.