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To: City Council
From: Jim Shaw, Mayor 
Date: April 20, 2007
Re: Historic Preservation Commission

Please confirm the reappointment of Dennis Halterman to the Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission each for a three year term to expire December, 2009.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Rippentrop Kay

From: Ficken Rise
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 3:24 PM
To: Shaw Jim; Rippentrop Kay
Cc: Bulman Karen
Subject: Request from the Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Shaw,

At the Historic Preservation Commission meeting today, April 20, 2007, the Commission passed a motion to request that you submit Dennis Halterman's name to the City Council for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Risë Ficken
Administrative Secretary
Growth Management Department
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Minutes

Kerst requested that the date contained in the header of the minutes be corrected.

Nelson moved, Roseland seconded and unanimously carried to approve the March 30, 2007 minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Baumgartner moved, Bender seconded and unanimously carried to authorize payment to United Rentals in the amount of \$129.55 for Home Show booth equipment rental.

Harney Hotel Sign

Halterman advised that he had been contacted by some individuals who have recovered the old "T" sign from the Harney Hotel from a large scrap pile. Halterman reported that at one time the sign was outlined in neon noting that one side of the sign is in fairly good shape. Halterman polled the Commission for interest in the potential for participating in a restoration project for the sign. Discussion followed concerning the potential to obtain the sign as a donation, potential restoration of the sign, and possible locations to store the approximately 15 foot tall sign.

Nelson moved, J. Kessloff seconded and unanimously carried to authorize Halterman to follow up with the owners of the sign to determine if they would be willing to donate the sign to the City.

Commission Appointments

Mayor Shaw advised that requests were submitted to the City Council for the reappointment of Loeschke, Nelson, Kerst and Halterman. Mayor Shaw stated while three of the members were reappointed, Halterman was not reappointed noting that he would continue to serve until reappointed or until someone else is appointed. Discussion followed on the reappointment of Halterman. Several Commission members spoke in support of submitting Halterman's name to the City Council for reappointment.

Halterman expressed concern regarding the lack of support for the Commission's decisions from the State Office of History. In response to a question from Mayor Shaw, Landeen reviewed the Historic Preservation Commission's status as a recommending body to the State Office of History noting that the State makes the final determination on whether a project will have an adverse affect on the Historic District. Landeen indicated that the development of a local Historic District ordinance would provide a vehicle for additional local controls. Discussion followed concerning the contents and status of the ordinance being drafted by Frank Gilbert, the ability of the City Council to overrule the State's finding of adverse affect, the inability for the City Council to overrule a finding of no adverse affect, and issues related to ordinances adopted by Sioux Falls and Brookings.

Loeschke provided a brief review of the Rules of Order for meetings and the importance of courtesy to both Commission members and presenters.

Nelson moved and Jean Kessloff seconded to request that Mayor Shaw resubmit Dennis Halterman's name to the City Council for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Discussion followed concerning the Commission's varying opinions on Historic Preservation, the Rushmont development proposed for Downtown and the need for open discussion on controversial issues. Discussion continued concerning support for Halterman's reappointment to the Commission and application of the Rules of Order to applicants.

The motion passed to request that Mayor Shaw resubmit Dennis Halterman's name to the City Council for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. (9 to 0 with Bender abstaining)

Mayor Shaw expressed his appreciation to Commission members for their continued support of and involvement in Historic Preservation.

West Boulevard Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Nelson expressed concern that the latest West Boulevard Neighborhood Association newsletter contained an article discussing 1204 West Boulevard and incorrectly stated that the Historic Preservation Commission has no jurisdiction over non-contributing buildings within the Historic District. Jean Kessloff read the article to Commission members. Nelson suggested that the Association be requested to send a correction letter. Landeen indicated that if a building permit is required it is a City project and the Commission has jurisdiction. Discussion followed concerning the criteria used for evaluating adverse affect on contributing structures, non-contributing structures and new construction.

Bender noted that there are a number of non-contributing structures in the District that could be made contributing structures. He expressed concern that because building permits are not required for the replacement of siding, windows, and doors, a contributing structure could be made non-contributing.

Nelson moved and Roseland seconded to draft a letter to the West Boulevard Association requesting that a correction notice be mailed to individuals on the newsletter mailing list.

Discussion followed concerning the evaluation criteria related to the historic character of the neighborhood, the State Office of History's position that both contributing and non-contributing properties within the Historic District are subject to 11.1 Review, and the Commission's authority to apply the evaluation criteria to both contributing and non-contributing structures within the Historic District and environs.

Mayor Shaw suggested that the letter to the West Boulevard Neighborhood Association could provide an opportunity for public education on Historic Preservation. Discussion followed concerning contents of the letter of clarification and the need to identify properties outside of the West Boulevard Historic District with the potential for individual listing on the National Register. Halterman was requested to draft the letter for the Chairman's signature. In response to a question, Bulman indicated that staff would review the letter for legal content.

The motion passed unanimously to draft a letter to the West Boulevard Association requesting that a correction notice be mailed to individuals on the newsletter mailing list.

Discussion followed concerning the lack of the requirement for building permits for siding, roofing, windows and doors. Bill Kessloff suggested that the Commission consider recommending a moratorium on the installation of siding in the Historic District until the