



Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission April 2023 Minutes

April 18, 2023, Commission meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:10pm.

In Attendance

Commission Members: President Don Zeller, Treasurer Donna Leslie, Secretary Robert Kean, Sunny Hannum, Deb Gates, Alan Haarstad, Kelli Buscher

Guests: Ted Spencer, SHPO

Meeting working documents were referred to and reviewed including: supporting and additional financial information; information on the proposed SHPO, City of Ft. Pierre and PFPHPC Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau; informational details on costs for replacement of damaged Meat Market informational sign at the corner of Deadwood and East Main in Ft. Pierre; and, information relating to the June 15, 2023, Short Grass Arts Council presentation by Brad Tenant.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The March 21, 2023, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. Three additional corrections were noted as follows: 1. Revised Draft March 21, 2023 Minutes, Page 2, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Grant, line 3, change grant period "April 1, 2023" to read, "June 1, 2023 ;" 2. Page 2, Van Metre Bridge/Bike Path Potential Grant Information; in the caption and line 1, put a space between Van and Metre; 3. Page2, Van Metre Bridge/Bike Path Potential Grant Information; line 4, delete space between "in" and "the." There being no further additions of corrections offered, Sunny Hannum, moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that the PFPHPC March 21, 2023, Minutes be approved and distributed as corrected. MOTION PASSED

Financial Planning Document Review

Commission Members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document dated April 14, 2023, and accompanying supporting materials provided to Commission Members prior to the meeting by Commission Treasurer Donna Leslie. Additional financial information and notes provided by Treasurer Leslie included a recap of the Commission's expended funds, specific activities undertaken since the last report and confirmation of expenditures recently approved by the Commission. Also provided was a detailed projection of source and amount of estimated funds remaining available for Commission consideration prior to the end of the fiscal year on May 31, 2023. It was noted that a bill for website hosting will need the Commission's attention.

Old Business : Ft. Pierre Chouteau/Verendrye Maintenance Payment Approval/MOA

Commission Members discussed the current invoice submitted by the City of Ft. Pierre to the Commission in the amount of \$7,000.00 for ongoing maintenance support at the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau. Payment of the invoice is the final payment due under the current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the City of Ft. Pierre, and the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) due to expire on 1 May, 2023.

MOTION: Sunny Hannum moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that \$7,000.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #410 to pay the invoice submitted from the City of Ft. Pierre for ongoing maintenance support by the City of Ft. Pierre at the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau in accordance with the current MOA. MOTION PASSED

Commission Members discussed the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SHPO, the City of Ft. Pierre and HPC that would continue the current arrangement for an additional five (5) years. Commission Member Robert Kean reviewed the activities involved with the development of the proposed MOA and the comments submitted by SHPO staff. After discussion and reviewing the terms of the MOA, Commission members agreed that HPC's responsibilities within the proposed MOA remain within the scope of its activities and will be beneficial to the Ft. Pierre community.

MOTION: Donna Leslie moved, Sunny Hannum seconded, that President Zeller sign the proposed Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission extending the Verendrye Monument/Ft. Pierre Chouteau maintenance agreement until May 1, 2028. MOTION PASSED

State and Tribal Grant Email Review

Commission Member Kelli Buscher noted there was nothing to report at this time.

PFPHPC Publications Display Holder Update

President Zeller showed the Commission an example of the new brochure rack that were purchased to better display the Commission's publications. The new racks will be distributed throughout the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path Painting

Commission Member Robert Kean reported that the painting project is awaiting better weather conditions.

Bike Path/Van Metre Bridge Possible Grant Information

Commission Member Sunny Hannum provided an update on continuing efforts to renovate the Van Metre Bridge located on the Ft. Pierre bike path between Waldron Avenue and Rousseau Avenue. The bridge was placed on the bike path around 2000 and deteriorating components show the effects of time and weathering. Sunny noted that information previously received relating to the proposed bridge renovation did not provide sufficient specific detail to determine what elements of the renovation would be considered structurally critical

as opposed to merely cosmetic. She contacted the Ft. Pierre Public Works Director to explore possible options to a complete renovation with potentially lower costs. After Commission discussion, Commission Member Kelli Buscher offered to contact an acquaintance with the credentials and experience to advise on the structural integrity of the bridge. Once it is determined what, if anything, must be done to maintain structural integrity and safety, the total scope of the renovation effort can be better planned for. It is anticipated that a grant will be prepared in the fall of 2023.

SHPO History Conference

Commission Members discussed attending the State History Conference April 21-22, 2023, in Pierre. Ted Spencer shared some of the many activities that will be taking place including presentations and social events.

New Business : Lewis & Clark National Historic Trails Committee Update

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trails Committee has not met since the last Commission meeting and will advise when there is information to report.

Matt Elberson: Pierre City Report

No report was presented.

Turtle Effigy Clean Up

President Zeller updated Commission Members on previous efforts to collect litter and mow the Turtle Effigy site near Oahe Dam north of Pierre. As the weather gets warmer, he will inspect the site and report back to the Commission to organize a work group to address the clean up effort.

OTHER:

1. Website Hosting/Maintenance:

The Factor 360 website hosting/maintenance invoice is ready to be paid.

MOTION: Sunny Hannum moved, Deb Gates seconded, that \$444.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #410 to pay the website hosting/maintenance invoice submitted by Factor 360. MOTION PASSED

2. Meat Market Sign:

Commission Member Sunny Hannum updated the Commission on the replacement of the Meat Market sign in downtown Ft. Pierre that was vandalized. She contacted M&R signs regarding estimates and will work on redesigning the sign to include additional information on the Ricketts family. The estimate was \$90.00 for the sign and \$80.00/hour for the installation. She will share the new sign information with the Commission when completed .

3. Humanities Council Grant:

Commission Member Sunny Hannum updated the Commission on the South Dakota Humanities Council grant she submitted to cover the cost of Brad Tenant's talk in June 2023. The Humanities Council will work directly with Mr. Tenant on reimbursement and honorarium details.

Commission Members discussed the importance of supporting well respected speakers at public events. It further explored the Commission's flexibility to provide an additional amount of honorarium to speakers of its choosing to the fees provided by other sources.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Kelli Buscher seconded, that \$750.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #410 to provide an additional amount of honorarium to Brad Tenant for his presentation at the Short Grass Arts Council meeting on June 15, 2023, in Ft. Pierre. MOTION WITHDRAWN AT REQUEST OF MOVANT

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Kelli Buscher seconded, that \$600.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #410 to provide an additional amount of honorarium to Brad Tenant to the amount he is receiving from the SD Humanities Council for his presentation at the Short Grass Arts Council meeting on June 15, 2023, in Ft. Pierre. MOTION PASSED

4. Kids Archeology Camp

Ted Spencer shared information about the Kids Archeology Camp June 6-8, 2023, in Ft. Pierre. The event is designed to provide 4th to 6th graders an opportunity to have a hands-on experience at an active archeology dig conducted under the supervision of professional archeologists. The site for this year's event is the historic Ft. Galpin, located just north of the Ft. Pierre Chouteau.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday May 16, 2023, at 12:00pm, noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.