



## Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

### May 2021 Minutes

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*May 18, 2021 meeting held at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Hannum at 12:08pm.*

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#### In Attendance

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President Sunny Hannum, Secretary Robert Kean, Deb Gates, Don Zeller, Donna Leslie, Kelli Buscher; City of Pierre Representative Matt Elbersen.

Meeting working documents were distributed.

Volunteer hours were recorded.

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#### Approval of Minutes

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The April 20, 2021, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed and there being no further additions or corrections, Don Zeller moved, Kelli Buscher seconded that the April 2021 Minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

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#### Financial Planning Document Review

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Commission members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document dated May 17, 2021 previously provided to the Commission Members by Commission Treasurer Kelly Waage. Treasurer Waage also provided an invoice from DesignStrat representing the completion of the design work on the Lewis and Clark keelboat signage project. Commission Members reviewed the contents of the document, reviewed the status of the various funds expiration dates and noted the balances attributed to each Budget Expense Category. President Hannum noted that the document does not reflect much change since the last meeting. A question was asked to clarify that the invoices to cover the printing of two historic booklets undertaken by the Commission had been paid. The document reflected that the invoices had been submitted to Pierre City Hall for payment and the actual payment has been made.

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#### **New Business:** Approval of Invoices

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The following invoices for printing and design services were presented to the Commission for approval:

Merriman Printing – Driving Tour booklet with changes, 1,000 copies, \$1,805.00;

Merriman Printing – Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings, 1,000 copies, \$2,250.00;

DesignStrat – Services related to Lewis & Clark keelboat sign; \$95.00.

MOTION: Donna Leslie moved, Kelli Buscher seconded that the Commission approve the payment of the above noted invoices in the amounts presented from Budget Expense Category 432. Motion approved.

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## Donovin Sprague Tour

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President Hannum shared that Donovin Sprague has been in contact regarding his interest in providing a presentation and conducting a tour in August 2021. As envisioned, he will provide a presentation the evening of August 13, 2021 at Lilly Park in Ft. Pierre and conduct a tour to Medicine Knoll and the Arikara Village the morning of August 14. Mr. Sprague is a direct descendant of chiefs Black Buffalo and Hump. He is currently in academia and is an accomplished historian and craftsman in Native American art and artifacts. Professionally, he has shared his knowledge and understanding of his Native American heritage in varied forums including the classroom, Smithsonian and the lecture circuit. He is a regular presenter at the Journey Museum in Rapid City and participated in the Ft. Pierre bicentennial. He commented that he has new information to share with those attending the events. The scope of envisioned activities with Mr. Sprague will require further preparation to line up the needed logistical support. Don Zeller agreed to work on the tour aspect of the event and line up transportation and work on information distribution. Mr. Sprague has suggested a fee of \$400 but that figure may increase if travel and lodging become part of the discussion. In addition, there will be additional costs for transportation and other incidentals. This item will be updated as information warrants.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Donna Leslie seconded that President Hannum continue negotiating with Mr. Sprague up to the amount of \$550 to be expended from Budget Expense Category 432 for his appearance on August 13 (evening talk) and August 14 (bus tour), 2021. Motion approved.

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## Booklet Holders

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Commission Member Don Zeller shared that the competition for booklet space at public venues such as the visitor centers, hotels and motels is a challenge. The Commission's materials are competing with many others and tend to get moved around and often hidden from sight. He suggested that if the Commission provided a permanent booklet holder that could be affixed to a wall or other high traffic area it would keep the Commission's material in a prominent location. In addition, having contact information on the holder should facilitate replenishing of the Commission's products. He showed an informational/ordering sheet for an acrylic booklet holder that would fit the immediate needs of the Commission.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Sunny Hannum seconded that up to \$100.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category 432 for the purchase of acrylic booklet holders in the style and cost point of the acrylic booklet holder shown to the Members and referred to in the discussion. Motion approved.

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## Driving Tour Booklet

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Commission Member Kelli Buscher updated the Commission on proposed changes to the Driving Tour Booklet and timeframe for completion. She anticipates that the changes will be completed in a matter of days and after a review of edits by President Hannum, it will be sent immediately to the printer. It was noted that the number of contacts from people in the communities proposing changes indicate that the booklet is very popular and has a great deal of appeal and interest to have it up-to-date.

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## City Council Presentations

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The Commission's meetings with the city councils of Ft. Pierre (June 21) and Pierre (June 22) remain as scheduled. President Hannum will prepare packets of information that will demonstrate the work done by the Commission to share with the councils. Commission Members are welcome to attend and participate.

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## SHPO 2021 Grant

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President Hannum shared that the level of funding that the Commission can expect from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the 2021 grant period will be \$15,249. This represents an increase of approximately \$3,000 from preliminary estimates previously received. There is a reported interest that some of the SHPO resources be dedicated to the completion of a booklet on Pierre's Historic Buildings.

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## City of Ft. Pierre MOU

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The existing MOU between the Commission and the City of Ft. Pierre for the maintenance and upkeep of the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau is in effect through May 2023. Commission members Kean and Buscher have volunteered to manage the site inspections element contained in the MOU that are to take place in June, July and August of each year. Kean will make initial contact with the city and state parties involved to set up a mutually agreeable schedule to conduct the inspections.

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## Lewis and Clark Historic Trail Update

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President Hannum shared a list of eleven area sites of historical interest that are now available for viewing at the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail website ([lewisandclark.travel](http://lewisandclark.travel)). Several of the sites are recent additions. This collaborative effort of the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark Historic Trail Heritage Foundation and Lewis and Clark Trust Inc. promote sites of interest along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Sites are reviewed for appropriateness through an application process.

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## **Old Business:** State History Conference

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Commission Members President Hannum and Don Zeller shared their insights and impressions of the virtual State History Conference. Of particular interest were the presentations on Joe Foss and the projects supported by the Deadwood Fund. The presentations are archived and available on the SD State Historical Society's website.

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## Booklet Distribution

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Commission Member Don Zeller reported on his efforts to distribute booklets throughout the communities. He reported that in the course of distribution and as the number of booklets dropped, the main storage areas for the remaining stock of material are the city of Pierre offices and the Log Cabin in Ft. Pierre.

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## Lewis and Clark Sign Installation

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Commission Member Don Zeller shared that the only thing remaining to be done is to print the Keelboat sign and have it installed. He will contact the city about installing the sign when it is done. A question was raised whether the fee to use the picture of Sacagawea on a previously completed Lewis and Clark sign had been paid. A review of Financial Planning Documents indicate that the item had not been paid.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Sunny Hannum seconded that the \$100. fee to use the Sacagawea picture be paid from Budget Expense Category 429. Motion approved.

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## Board Member

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Commission Members were reminded about the Commission vacancy.

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## **Other:** Methodist Church

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President Hannum shared a story in the Capital Journal about the First United Methodist Church in Pierre receiving a grant from the Deadwood Fund to save and protect a unique and “irreplaceable” two-story stained glass window. A support letter was provided by PFPHPC to aid the Methodist Church in their grant request.

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## Hop Scotch Mural

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President Hannum shared that the mural to be placed on the side of the former Hop Scotch Bar in Ft. Pierre is continuing to progress. The overall project is under the supervision of the city of Ft. Pierre. Jill Kokesh will be the lead artist for the project. Final details of the mural components, timelines and costs are not yet available.

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## Meeting Adjourned

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President Hannum adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at noon in person at the Log Cabin in Ft. Pierre, SD.