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Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission June 2022 Minutes

June 21, 2022, 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, Kelli Buscher

Guests: Doug Mortenson

Meeting related documents were distributed including a Fort Pierre newsletter article on using art throughout the community to depict and provide information on the rich history of the area. Prior to the meeting, the new SD State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grant document was made available to the Commission by President Zeller for review.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The May 17, 2022 Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. An additional correction was noted as follows: Revised Draft May 2022 Minutes, Page 3: New Business, Commission Member Hannum Appointed, line 7, delete [info@](#). There being no further additions or corrections, Kelli Buscher moved, Donna Leslie seconded, that the PFPHPC May 2022 Minutes be approved and distributed as amended. Motion passed.

Financial Planning Document Review

Commission Members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document and accompanying supporting materials previously provided to Commission Members prior to the meeting by Commission Treasurer Donna Leslie. The June 2022 Financial Document dated June 17, 2022, was accompanied by a detailed narrative of germane updates and related activities since the last Commission meeting. In addition, a Final Report was prepared and provided to the Commission setting out and recapping the expenditures assigned to the expired SD State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Grant. Treasurer Donna Leslie provided additional details pertaining to the Financial Planning Document relating to initial expenditures and obligations of the Commission to date and the expectation of additional routine maintenance expenditures as the year progresses.

Old Business : Cedar Hill Cemetery

Commission Member Sunny Hannum provided an update on the efforts to compile additional Cedar Hill Cemetery information to add to the existing booklet prior to publication. Mr. Ken Stewart was assisting with

this effort but has informed Hannum that his work product to date and continuing research for additional material pertaining to the Cedar Hill Cemetery may be part of a grant seeking effort and he will focus on that endeavor. The result of Mr. Stewart's decision is that his research material will not be available to the Commission. Mr. Doug Mortenson, a member of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board, created by the City of Ft. Pierre to oversee the revitalization of the cemetery, shared an update on the Cemetery Board's activities. He noted that further attempts to reconcile all the available data on the cemetery demonstrated the need to have the cemetery professionally surveyed to verify and define plots, roads, empty spaces, and boundaries. The Cedar Hill Cemetery Board is currently pursuing financial resources to conduct a survey that will resolve these many conflicts. Discussion followed pertaining to the impact of not having Mr. Stewart's material and how the Commission can best move forward with the proposed booklet publication. By consensus, the Commission agreed that the Cedar Hill booklet should be published with an visual overview of the cemetery instead of an overlay of specific plots. Commission Member Kelli Buscher will research resources to provide an arial view of the cemetery and report back at the next meeting.

Federal/State/Tribal Grants Emails

Commission Member Kelli Buscher monitors the many emails sent out by federal, state and tribal entities announcing the availability of grant resources for activities that may be of interest to the Commission to consider. The following were brought to the attention of the Commission noting that the short timeframe for a grant submittal this year makes them more feasible for future consideration:

National Park Service's Underrepresented Community Grant Program (URC) designed to work towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places to include more historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Commission members noted the complexity of many varied cultures that have established roots in South Dakota that may be looked into for this effort.

Historic Preservation Fund, the History of Equal Rights is providing grants to preserve sites related to the struggle for any or all people to include the broadest possible interpretation of sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights in America. Commission members noted South Dakota has a rich history of the suffragette movement and there are several sites that would fit the grant description.

"What's Your Why?" is a participatory activity that can be used to develop community discussion on sharing why persons are passionate about their participation in a variety of efforts. Its goal is to identify and build positive outcomes for purposeful activities, such as community involvement in historic preservation. Commission members discussed a similar effort in Rapid City to create community interest in a variety of projects and expressed an interest in looking further into this activity.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Grant Discussion

President Zeller noted that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grant document was sent out prior to the meeting and is available. He further noted that the funds have been received and appear in the Financial Planning Document as Budget Expense Category #439.

Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings Booklet

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that the Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings Booklet is ready for republication. Additional information accumulated since the last printing have been incorporated into the revised booklet. The additions include information relating to Louisa Ricketts efforts and

contributions to the Ft. Pierre community. Hannum will contact the printer and provide a proof to the Commission for comment before publishing.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path

Commission Member Robert Kean reported on the Ft. Pierre Chouteau bike path to be marked onto Ft. Chouteau Road from the existing bike path that runs parallel to Highway 1806 to the Chouteau Bastion. Kean has met with Rick Hahn, Director of City of Ft. Pierre's Public Works Administration to discuss further details of the bike path effort. A workplan is being developed and will be placed on the City of Ft. Pierre's project list of things to do. Specific timeframes for completion are challenging due to chronic personnel shortages the City of Ft. Pierre is facing this summer.

Ricketts Request to Display Information

A request was previously received to display relevant information about Louise Ricketts on existing signs in Ft. Pierre. The request will be addressed when the current signs are refurbished or replaced. In the interim, Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported, information on Ms. Ricketts involvement in the Ft. Pierre community will be included in the soon to be republished Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings. In addition, the new information will be available on the Commission's website.

Commission Vacancy

President Zeller reported that a Commission Member representing Pierre is continuing being sought.

New Business : Dr. Brad Tennant Speaking Engagement

Dr. Brad Tennant, a professor at Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD was contacted to present on a Lewis and Clark themed topic at the Ft. Pierre Traders Days event in August. Mr. Tennant's engagement is being done through the auspices of the SD Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. The Council requires that the Commission initially submit an application to then access the Council Speakers Bureau. The cost of the application is \$50.00.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Donna Leslie seconded that, \$50.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to pay for an application to the SD Humanities Council to allow the PFPHPC to access the Council's Speaker Bureau and receive other benefits of membership. Motion passed.

The Commission further discussed how best to utilize Dr. Tennant's time considering the uncertainties of the hosting event in August. Discussion included the possibility of seeking other venues and times to have Dr. Tennant's presentation. Commission members will review alternatives and make inquiries as needed to determine the feasibility of moving Dr. Tennant's talk from the August event. Sunny Hannum was asked to contact Dr. Tennant to inform him that the Commission had decided not to have his presentation during Trader Days.

Commission Members Reimbursements Recommendations

Commission Members reviewed a message sent to President Zeller and Treasurer Leslie from Twila Hight, City of Pierre Finance Officer. The message described how the Commission's activities are treated within the context of its financial relationship with other entities. The message also set out recommendations for

Commission members to efficiently seek reimbursements and avoid time consuming missteps and duplications.

Verendrye Monument/Ft. Pierre Chouteau Monitoring

In past years, the PFPHPC has assumed the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of the agreement with the City of Ft. Pierre to maintain the physical sites of the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau. The monitoring takes place during June, July and August. Items reviewed during a monitoring visit include: general condition of the sites, clutter, grass cutting, weed abatement, condition of the flags, garbage receptacles, and pathways. Commission Member Robert Kean provided an update on activities to date to ensure the monitoring is performed this year. Ted Spencer, Director of the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and Rick Hahn, Director of Ft. Pierre's City Public Works Administration have been contacted and will participate in the monitoring. June 23rd or 30th have been selected to conduct the initial monitor visit. After Commission discussion, Kean and Commission Member Kelli Buscher offered to lead the monitoring effort on behalf of the Commission and selected June 23rd to conduct the initial monitoring visit. Kean will contact Mr. Spencer and Hahn as to the date, time, and place. Other Commission members were invited to join in the effort.

Meeting Adjourned

President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 1:12pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 12pm, noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.