



Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

July 2022 Minutes

July 19, 2022, meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:09pm.

In Attendance

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

Pierre City Representative: Matt Elbersen

Meeting working documents were referred to and reviewed including correspondence to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) conveying the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission's donated match hours.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The June 21, 2022 Revised Draft Commission minutes were reviewed. There being no further additions or corrections, Sunny Hannum moved, Donna Leslie seconded, that the PFPHPC June 2022 Minutes be approved and distributed as presented. 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 July 2022, Financial Document was accompanied by the Final Report detailing the expenditures of the SD State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Grant for 2021 which expired on May 31, 2022. In addition, the supporting materials provided an update from the previous meeting on a potential expenditure associated with a speaking engagement. During Commission Members discussion, it was noted that the expenditure would not be needed due to a change in plans for the speaking event. Members further discussed a clarification change of a reference in the Financial Planning Document from Historic Homes to Ft. Pierre Historic Homes/Buildings booklet to avoid confusion, processes for submitting bills to Pierre City Hall, and, reviewed the number of Ft. Pierre Historic Homes/Businesses booklets recently published (1250) and their storage location.

Old Business: Cedar Hill Cemetery

Commission Member Kelli Buscher provided a detailed update on her progress with developing a Cedar Hill Cemetery map to be incorporated into the planned printing of a Cedar Hill Cemetery booklet. Commission Members discussed various options and capabilities of the map application including: area of Cedar Hill Cemetery to be covered; extent of map detail, scale and size; whether names on specific grave sites would be

included; location of the map within the booklet; orientation of the map; background options; setting out routes within the cemetery map; and, whether map should be in a fold-out style. By consensus, the Commission agreed to locate the map at the beginning of the booklet and incorporate names in a readable format. Kelli Buscher will take the comments into consideration and send out suggestions based on them. It was noted that information that is not incorporated into the booklet could easily be incorporated into the Commission's website and referenced in the booklet.

State and Tribal Grants

Commission Member Kelli Buscher updated the Commission that there was nothing of note regarding funding opportunities within the scope of the Commission's work to report since the last update.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Letter Handout

Commission Member Sunny Hannum updated the Commission on correspondence sent to Chris Nelson conveying requested information regarding the Commission Members donated time during the 2021 reporting period. The cumulative hours donated exceeded the amount required by the grant.

Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Businesses Booklet

Commission Member Sunny Hannum updated the Commission on the reprinting of the Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Businesses booklet. The reprinting is completed, ready to be picked up from the printer and be available for further distribution in the communities.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path

Commission Member Robert Kean updated the Commission on the effort to have a bike path route painted onto Ft. Chouteau Road from the current bike path paralleling Highway 1806 where it crosses Ft. Chouteau Road. The bike path painting remains scheduled to be completed this summer. The specific time frame for completion is being finalized by the Ft. Pierre Public Works Administration.

SD Humanities Council Invoice

At its June 21, 2022 meeting, the Commission approved an expenditure of \$50.00 to be paid to the SD Humanities Council to facilitate a presentation by Brad Tennant on a Lewis & Clark theme at the Trader Days event scheduled for August in Ft. Pierre. Scheduling challenges at the Trader Days event resulted in reconsidering how best to offer Mr. Tennant's presentation at another venue and not participate in Trader Days. Due to the change in circumstances and not needing the participation of the SD Humanities Council, the Commission, by consensus, agreed not to expend the previously approved amount to the SD Humanities Council.

Brad Tennant Speaking Engagement Cancellation

As noted above, Brad Tennant's speaking engagement at the Trader Days event was cancelled due to scheduling challenges. In discussions, Mr. Tennant understood the situation and is willing to wait while the Commission considers alternatives and potential collaborations with other entities to explore further opportunities for his Lewis & Clark presentation. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Director was contacted to determine that office's interest in assisting with a program at the Cultural Heritage Center. The director noted that the

Cultural Heritage Center is not currently hosting speaking programs due to construction being done to the building.

Verendrye Monument/Ft. Pierre Chouteau Monitoring

Commission Members Kelli Buscher and Robert Kean updated the Commission on the June monitoring visit to the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau. The Commission conducts monitoring visits to review the maintenance and upkeep of the sites during June, July and August. The Commission visits are conducted to comply with a contract between the Commission and the city of Ft. Pierre Public Works Administration for site maintenance. Buscher and Kean reviewed the elements of the monitoring survey noting that several items brought to the attention of the City of Ft. Pierre last year still needed attention including, repositioning informational signs, sidewalk heaves and dense sage growth. Kean reported that the Ft. Pierre Public Works Administration Director is aware of the items and will probably further discuss resolutions during the July monitoring visit. Damage to the tablet commemorating the Ft. Pierre Chouteau Trading Post was also noted. Commission discussion followed regarding the conditions and need to replace the informational signs at the two sites and potential funding sources to cover the expenses. President Zeller offered to research the signs replacement effort and the costs involved. The Commission further discussed the condition of the French flag at the Verendrye Monument and Kean offered to confirm that a replacement is located.

New Business: Discussion with Lonis Wendt about History Talks

Commission Member Sunny Hannum shared comments on her recent discussion with Lonis Wendt regarding planned efforts to produce a booklet utilizing information from the Ft. Pierre Bicentennial booklet and incorporating information contained in the Commission produced booklets on Ft. Pierre. Mr. Wendt is available for history related presentations and provided suggestions for possibly incorporating a series of talks with other collaborating organizations such as the Short Grass Arts Council and getting speakers into schools.

SHPO Plans for 2027 Lindberg Anniversary

President Zeller reported to the Commission that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) plans on a series of events to commemorate Charles A. Lindbergh's visit to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities. Planning for the event, scheduled to take place in 2027 is in its early formative stages. More information will be available as the elements of the commemoration take form and are announced.

Ft. Pierre History Handouts at All School Reunion

Commission Members Sunny Hannum and Deb Gates reported that Commission produced booklets on the history of Ft. Pierre were provided to the attendees at the Ft. Pierre All School Reunion. The booklets were very well received by the attendees and generated many positive and complimentary comments.

Meeting Adjourned

President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 12pm, noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.