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Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission January 2023 Minutes

January 17, 2023, meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:05pm.

In Attendance

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

City of Pierre Representative:

Guests:

Meeting working documents were referred to and reviewed including additional supplemental financial information.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The Commission did not meet for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on December 13, 2022, due to inclement weather. The November 15, 2022, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. There being no further additions or corrections, Sunny Hannum moved, Deb Gates seconded, that the PFPHPC November 2022 Minutes be approved and distributed as presented. MOTION PASSED.

Financial Planning Document Review

Commission Members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document dated January 12, 2023, and accompanying supplemental information and materials provided to Commission Members prior to the meeting by Commission Treasurer Donna Leslie. Material sent out with the Financial Planning Document included a Final Report of the SD State Historical Society grant that expired on 5.31.2022 and a Final Report for calendar year 2022. Accompanying detailed notes on the January report set out paid invoices, balances and pending items that will need attention such as membership dues currently pending and owing. The approaching expiration of grant periods was also noted with recommendations for expenditure consideration of remaining funds. During the discussion of the financial material, Commission Members shared their appreciation for the detailed and consistently clear presentation of detailed and complex financial data for its review and action.

Old Business : State and Tribal Grant Emails Review

Commission Member Kelli Buscher reported there is nothing relevant to the Commission's interests at this time.

Lewis & Clark Booklet

President Don Zeller reported that 2,000 Lewis & Clark booklets have been printed, collected and are in storage awaiting distribution as needed.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path

Commission Member Robert Kean reported that he visited with the Ft. Pierre Public Works Director Rick Hahn on December 21, 2022, and confirmed that the painting of the bike path onto Ft. Pierre Chouteau Road from where the current bike path running parallel to Highway 1806 crosses the road is still planned for completion during the 2023 season. He will continue to monitor this effort and report back on progress.

Bike Path and Van Metre Bridge Possible Grant Information

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that she conversed with Ft. Pierre Public Works Director Rick Hahn on the steps involved to apply for and secure a grant to repair and further enhance the Van Metre Bridge on the existing Ft. Pierre bike path. It was noted that one aspect of the grant requires an engineer's estimate of the structural repair work involved. Kelli Buscher indicated she will contact an acquaintance who would be qualified and credentialed to see if the person has an interest in helping with this effort. Due to the complexity and steps involved in completing the grant process, it is estimated that the grant will be submitted during the next grant period later in 2023.

New Business : Lewis & Clark National Historic Trails Committee Update

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trails Committee meeting schedule has moved to a semi-annual schedule and she will provide updates on the Committee's activities and items of interest as they arise.

Reformat PFPHPC Booklet Size

President Don Zeller introduced discussion to determine the interest of the Commission in changing the size of the Commission's booklets and other printed material that is made available for public distribution throughout the two communities and at state tourism sites. Currently Commission material uses a 5.5 x 8.5 inch format size. Most distribution points where the Commission's booklets are available use racks that accommodate 3 x 8 inch material. The size difference requires the Commission's material to have their own holders. Zeller provided an example of a narrower publication from the Aberdeen community. The ensuing discussion covered a wide range of topics including, impact on the page number of the booklets with a smaller print surface, pros/cons of potential changes to how the material is formatted, potential of increased costs if more handling required in printing, folding, etc., and, capacity of local printer to do the work. During discussion it was noted that the Commission has begun gathering information on historic buildings in Pierre with the goal of publishing a booklet. By consensus, it was agreed to continue with the effort to complete the booklet on historic Pierre buildings using both styles of booklet format to see if changing the Commission's printed material to a narrower format should be considered further.

Raffi Andorian Possible Speaker

Mr. Raffi Andorian, a public speaker from Missouri contacted the Commission regarding his availability as a speaker at a future event. No action was taken at this time.

City of Pierre Report to Commission

A report was not available.

January 2023 Membership Dues

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society and Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation memberships are currently due.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Kelli Buscher seconded, that the following membership dues be expended from Budget Expense Category #439: Oahe Chapel Preservation Society \$500.00 (Sustaining Membership); Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation \$100.00 (Heritage Membership). MOTION PASSED.

Oahe Chapel Fund Raiser

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society will be holding a fund raiser at the Ft. Pierre Pizza Ranch on February 20, 2023, from 5 to 8pm.

SHPO History Conference

The State Historic Preservation Office History Conference will be held on April 21-22, 2023, at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre. Commission Members attending and costs related to participation will be discussed at a future meeting.

SHPO Grant Application

The State Historic Preservation Office annual grant application from the Commission is due on March 31, 2023. Commission Members discussed potential projects and efforts including ways to recognize the rich and significant history of the women's suffrage efforts in the area. The recent centenary of the 19th Amendment passage in 1920 saw several programs and events in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities sponsored by the League of Woman Voters and Zonta celebrating and honoring key participants in the effort. Commission Member Kelli Buscher will contact a presenter at one of the events to see if there is an interest in assisting with this effort.

Other

1. The Short Grass Arts Council confirmed that Brad Tenant will speak at the Tales on the River program the evening of June 15, 2023 at the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre (\$6.00 for dinner at 6:15pm; presentation at 7pm). Costs related to Mr. Tenant's presentation will be discussed with the Short Grass Arts Council.
2. Verendrye Museum Annual Meeting is January 25, 2023, at the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre beginning at 5:30pm.
3. Commission Member Sunny Hannum noted that the Fort Pierre Tourism organization is using material from the Commission's booklet on Ft. Pierre's historic homes and businesses in developing a separate publication.

Meeting Adjourned

President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 12:00pm, noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.