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Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

January 2021 Minutes

January 19, 2021 meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by Chairperson Hannum at 12:05pm.

In Attendance

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

Guests: Jim and Sherri Wald

The Commission members welcomed returning member Don Zeller on his recent appointment to the Commission.

Volunteer hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The December 15, 2020 Commission Minutes were reviewed and there being no further additional corrections to the Revised Draft Minutes previously sent out, Don Zeller moved, Deb Gates seconded that the Revised Draft Minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed

Financial Planning Document Review

Commission Members noted the receipt of the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document dated January 19, 2021 previously prepared and provided to the Commission members by Commission Treasurer Kelly Waage. In addition, Commission members received the 2020 Final Financial Report. In the cover note accompanying the financial documents, Treasurer Waage provided additional information concerning the membership application she received for the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society. A variety of membership levels are offered including "Sustaining Membership" which the PFPHPC purchased in 2020. Treasurer Waage further noted that due to a prior work commitment, she may not be able to attend the January 19, 2021 meeting. In light of the fact that Treasurer Waage was not able to attend the meeting, Commission members by consensus agreed to defer questions related to the January 19, 2021 monthly and 2020 Final Financial Report documents until the Commission's February 16, 2021 meeting.

Building Permits Review

Jim and Sherri Wald of Wald Construction, Pierre, SD presented information to the Commission regarding plans to demolish a single car garage, clearing space and construction of a replacement two-car garage at 517 North Grand in Pierre. The construction design includes acquiring variances from the city of Pierre regarding proximity to the alley and setback. These are expected to be approved. The house is in estate proceedings and

family members who live in Pierre are aware of the demolition/construction plans and the Walds noted that they have not voiced any objections. Mr. Wald noted that the objective of the project is to stay true to the architectural elements of the adjoining home. After further discussion and questions concerning aspects of the design being answered to the satisfaction of the Commission, a motion was moved.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Kelli Buscher seconded, that the Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission approves the plans presented to the Commission on January 19, 2021 pertaining to the removal of a garage and construction of a garage at 517 North Grand Avenue in Pierre. The motion passed.

City of Pierre Commission Representative, Matt Elberson stated that the Commission will be sent a copy of the city's approval of the project once it is processed.

Old Business Update on Annual Membership Payments

The Commission reviewed its membership and participation level of the local, state and national organizations that it currently participates in. It was noted that during the December, 2020 meeting, a motion passed to renew participation in the Verendrye Museum in Ft. Pierre, the Lewis & Clark Heritage Foundation and the South Dakota State Historical Society at the previous level of participation. The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society's application for the 2021 membership year was received and continuing participation discussed.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Don Zeller seconded, that the Commission continue participating in the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society at the \$500.00 membership participation level. The motion passed.

Chairperson Hannum shared that the Verendrye Museum construction/remodeling is progressing. It is anticipated to be completed in the late summer.

Lewis & Clark Sign Committee

Commission member Don Zeller reported that the state Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) office contacted him for photos of the signs that the Lewis & Clark Sign Committee developed and placed in the communities. The GFP office wanted to use some of the verbiage on a sign they are planning to place near La Framboise Island. Zeller will locate and provide this information. All further activities relate to this agenda item have been completed and this agenda item can be dropped from future agendas.

Pierre Airport Project

Last fall, the PFPHPC was approached to provide a one-page informational handout on the history of aviation in Pierre and development of the Pierre municipal airport. The handout was to be used in conjunction with a planned fly-in event to be held at the airport in July 2021. A Committee comprised of Kathy Aplan, Don Zeller and Robert Kean organized to complete the project. Commission member Robert Kean has been in contact with Mr. Jim Peitz of Mustang Aviation, located in Pierre, and one of the organizers of the event. Kean reported that the fly-in event scheduled for July 2021 has been canceled with a tentative reschedule date of summer 2022. Kean will retain material the Committee has collected to date with the intent of completing the project when the fly-in event is rescheduled and if the handout is still wanted by the organizers of the event. Commission

members suggested that new items of interest relating to aviation in the communities could be added to the Commission's existing website at any time. This item will be dropped from future agendas until the fly-in is rescheduled and the handout is needed.

2021 Conference Attendance

Commission members discussed information received to date regarding the availability of 2021 state, regional and national conferences for members to consider attending. The South Dakota State History Conference will be held April 23-24, 2021 in Pierre. Commission members Zeller, Hannum, Leslie and Kean previously expressed an interest in attending. It was noted that an early registration discount has been offered in the past to attend this event and will be looked for in the coming weeks. There is still no information on the South Dakota Certified Local Governments (SD CLG) 2021 conference. There is also no further information on the National Trust summer meeting.

Historic Publications

Commission member Kelli Buscher reported that the printer proofs for the historic buildings/businesses of Pierre and Ft. Pierre has been sent to the Commission members for final review and comment. The printing estimate for 450 copies of the Pierre booklet and 400 copies of the Ft. Pierre booklet is \$1000.00. Buscher would like all comments to her by the end of the month, January 31. She will then order the printing.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Sunny Hannum seconded, that the Commission expend \$1000.00 from budget expense item 432 for the printing of 450 Pierre booklets and 400 Ft. Pierre booklets and further authorize Commission member Kelli Buscher to obligate that amount with Merriman Printing. The motion passed.

Buscher will email the printer proofs to Ted Spencer and Chris Nelson at the State Historic Preservation Office. A note of thanks was signed by attending Commission members to be sent to Mr. Ryan Sheldon for his assistance and contribution of drone photographs that greatly added to the look and success of the booklets.

Buscher also noted that Merriman Printing is holding several boxes of Commission printed material. Zeller indicated that he will look into this and coordinate distributing the items as the tourist season begins to become more active in the next several months.

Signs Update: Police Sign Donation

A sign designating the Pierre police station entrance at its former location with other city offices in downtown Pierre was salvaged during the station's relocation to its current location. The PFPHPC was approached by the current Pierre police department staff for monetary assistance to refurbish the sign prior to being placed in a display in the current station. Commission members previously discussed its role in supporting the sign refurbishing and display efforts. Through consensus, the Commission decided to continue exploring options to contribute towards the effort to display the refurbished sign. Commission member Don Zeller will contact the police department to further discuss the potential cost estimates of creating the display itself once the sign is refurbished. Commission discussion will continue at its next meeting.

Lewis & Clark Signs

This item was previously discussed and concluded. Please see, "Lewis & Clark Sign Committee" above.

Meeting Adjourned

Chairperson Sunny Hannum handed out a detailed Commission annual calendar setting out the tasks of the Commission by month (i.e., January: Provide a Commission overview to the Pierre City Commission and Ft. Pierre City Council) or occurrence (i.e., update cities of Pierre and Ft. Pierre of changes to Commission membership or meeting times).

Chairperson Sunny Hannum adjourned the meeting at 1:02pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD