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## Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

### April 2022 Minutes

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*April 19, 2022 meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:05pm*

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#### In Attendance

Commission Members: President Don Zeller, Treasurer Donna Leslie, Secretary Robert J. Kean, Sunny Hannum, Deb Gates, Kelly Buscher, Alan Haarstad

Meeting work documents that were referred to and reviewed during the meeting were noted including a quarterly publication from the SD State Historical Society, Ft. Pierre Verendrye/Ft. Pierre Chouteau maintenance invoice and the Financial Planning Document and further explanatory information provided by Treasurer Donna Leslie.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

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#### Approval of Minutes

The March 22, 2022, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. There being no further additions or corrections, Sunny Hannum moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that the PFPHPC March 22, 2022, Minutes be approved and distributed as presented. Motion passed.

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#### Financial Planning Document Review

Commission Members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document and accompanying materials previously provided to Commission Members prior to the meeting by Commission Treasurer Donna Leslie. The April 2022 Financial Document, dated April 18, 2022, contained additional changes in document format as part of a continuing effort to make the Financial Planning Document more functional and informational. Henceforth, the document format will more clearly reflect the details of subject budget expense category components, the flow of funds, the status of pending obligations awaiting and in the process of being paid and the status of unobligated amounts. Treasurer Leslie further noted the expenditure updates from the previous month including receipt of additional grant funding, payments for services and dues and invoices submitted for payment.

After discussion on the available resources, the Commission, by consensus, agreed that the MOTION approved at its January 18, 2022, meeting stating that "up to \$600 be expended from Budget Expense Category#439 for the printing of Betsy DeLoach's booklet, "Soldiers, Cowboys, Outlaws" will not be acted upon until the expenditure of funds for the booklet can be drawn from the next grant cycle or obtained from other sources.

After further discussion on the available resources, the Commission entertained a motion.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that the MOTION approved by the Commission at its March 22, 2022 meeting stating that, “funds be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to pay the registration cost of \$135.00 per person for up to five Commission Members attending the SD State Historical Society Annual History Conference in Pierre, SD” be rescinded and a new motion be considered as follows; that funds be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to pay the registration cost of \$135.00 per person for up to two Commission Members attending the SD State Historical Society Annual History Conference in Pierre, SD. MOTION passed.

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### **Old Business** : Cedar Hill Cemetery

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Commission Member Kelli Buscher updated the Commission on her ongoing efforts to continue the work done to date to finish the mapping and overlay data of Cedar Hill Cemetery for the proposed booklet. In addition, she discussed additional sites she located that has information on the Cedar Hill Cemetery. One site that was mentioned as having a good deal of Cedar Hill information was at [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) (<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/96867/cedar-hill-cemetery>).

Commission Member Sunny Hannum also shared regarding work done and additional information that Ken Stewart has offered. Doug Mortensen, a member of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board is also continuing to work on the booklet effort.

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### CLG Conference Report

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Commission Members Don Zeller and Sunny Hannum reported on their attendance and presentation events at the state CLG conference held in Rapid City, SD March 30 – April 1. The consensus was that the event was informative and provided a range of ideas, perhaps some of which to consider for projects for future Commission consideration. Items of particular interest included: the Artspace concept where a non-profit develops affordable live/work artist housing and art studios for arts and cultural organizations; Deadwood’s efforts to conserve and rehabilitate its weathered and faded “ghost signs” throughout its historic districts; discussion of a tension between competing regulations pitting safety rules for inhabited housing with historical designation requirements against buildings alterations; and, a discussion of the range and description of the many house styles that are recognized as distinct. Tours of the Rapid City community were also popular with the attendees including the Alex Johnson Hotel and historic West Boulevard.

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### State and Tribal Grant Opportunities

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Commission Member Kelli Buscher updated the Commission on her review of information received from a variety of sources regarding grant opportunities. She expanded on one source of funds from the National Park Service that provided resources to focus on underserved/under recognized populations giving an example of a project. Commission discussion followed exploring examples of cultural outposts in the state including the Chinese community in Deadwood. It was noted that during its early years, Pierre had a Chinese community centered in the Missouri Avenue area. Buscher will further explore the details of the National Park Service grant for underserved populations.

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### Grant Application Review

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President Don Zeller noted that the CLG annual grant application was completed and submitted. He anticipates an acceptance response to be received by May 1, 2022.

Please see above at the Financial Planning Document Review section of the Minutes for details of this item. Commission Members, by motion, decided to sponsor the registration costs of sending two Commission Members to the SD State Historical Society Annual History Conference meeting in Pierre on April 22-23, 2022.

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Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bastion and Bike Path

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Commission Member Robert Kean updated the Commission on efforts to determine the need to conduct maintenance on the wood elements of the Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bastion and exploring painting a designated bike trail onto Ft. Chouteau Road from the point where the current bike trail crosses Ft. Chouteau Road to the Bastion.

**Bastion Maintenance:** In conversations with Ted Spencer from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and after a physical visit to the site and inspection of the wood elements of the Bastion, it was determined that maintenance at this time was not needed. The wood elements have not degraded to the point where a preservative or other effort is required. It was suggested that the Bastion be monitored and physically reviewed periodically.

**Painting a Bike Path:** In conversations with Rick Hahn, Director of Public Works for the City of Ft. Pierre and after physically visiting the Ft. Chouteau Road, an initial review indicates that it is feasible to paint a bike path onto Ft. Chouteau Road from the current bike path where it crosses Ft. Chouteau Road to the Bastion. The details of the project including costs will need to be determined once city authorization is given to proceed. It was recommended that a letter from the Commission requesting the bike trail painting be presented to the Ft. Pierre City Commission for consideration and action. It was further suggested that any assistance that could be provided by Commission members to assist with the actual painting would be appreciated.

**MOTION:** Sunny Hannum moved, Kelli Buscher seconded that, Robert Kean prepare a letter to the City of Ft. Pierre on behalf of the Commission requesting that a bike path be painted onto Ft. Chouteau Road from where the current bike path crosses Ft. Chouteau Road to the Bastion. The letter will be offered for review by the Commission prior to submitting to the City of Ft. Pierre. Motion passed.

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HPC Vacancy

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Commission Member Sunny Hannum shared that she placed an article about the PFPHPC in the weekly Ft. Pierre newsletter setting out the Commission's organizational information, membership, goals, contact information, examples of the Commission's past, current and future efforts, and, inviting interested persons to consider applying to become members.

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**New Business :** Ft. Pierre Historic Homes/Businesses

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Commission Members discussed ordering an additional printing of the Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Businesses booklet. Commission Member Sunny Hannum noted that it is very popular and she has a limited number of booklets remaining in stock. She also noted that she has changes to the booklet. Discussion on how best to facilitate a timely printing included reviewing the limited unobligated resources available in the current Commission budget expense category used for printing, the potential for seeking additional funds, and/or utilizing other budget expense categories.

MOTION: Sunny Hannum moved, Kelli Buscher seconded, that up to \$2,500.00 be expended for the printing of the Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Business booklet subject to successfully identifying funds within the current Commission budget or securing additional sufficient funds for printing this funding cycle. If funds are not successfully identified and secured this funding cycle, printing will be delayed until the next funding cycle. Merriman printing will be notified of the Commission's intent to publish the booklet and asked to be prepared to expedite the printing once authorized. MOTION passed.

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#### Louisa Ricketts Information

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President Don Zeller and Commission Member Sunny Hannum shared information from Janet Ricketts concerning her great grandmother, Louisa Ricketts that may be appropriate for future consideration when additions or renovations are done to specific historic signs in downtown Ft. Pierre. Louisa Ricketts was an early pioneer in Ft. Pierre, has a compelling story being a widow and mother and a property owner of sites now commemorated by historic signs. Sunny Hannum will pursue further information on Louisa Ricketts for items of historic significance and report back to the Commission.

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#### Ft. Pierre Maintenance Contract for Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau

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Commission Members reviewed an invoice (#2209) from the City of Ft. Pierre, dated April 6, 2022, in the amount of \$7,000.00. The invoice is for the maintenance of the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau sites to be conducted by the City of Ft. Pierre personnel for the year 2022. No subject changes were offered with this year's invoice and the previously agreed-to schedules of maintenance and inspection responsibilities will remain in effect for 2022.

MOTION: Kelli Buscher moved, Deb Gates seconded, that funds be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to pay the City of Ft. Pierre invoice (#2209), dated April 6, 2022, for the maintenance of the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau by the City of Ft. Pierre in accordance with previously agreed-to schedules of maintenance and inspections. Motion passed.

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#### Lewis & Clark Presentations

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Commission Members discussed the availability of Lewis & Clark speakers who may be interested and available during the upcoming summer months to present to anticipated groups of visitors to the Ft. Pierre/Pierre communities. Activities in this effort were reviewed and several possible names identified. Commission Members Don Zeller and Sunny Hannum will explore presenters and attendees at the history conference later in April for possible additional persons of interest.

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#### Meeting Adjourned

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President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.