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Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission May 2022 Minutes

May 17, 2022 meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:01pm.

In Attendance

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

Pierre City Representative: Matt Elberson

Guests: Doug Mortenson, Ken Stewart

Meeting work documents referred to and reviewed during the meeting were distributed and noted including a detailed Publications Inventory by title and location of materials and a screen shot of a website featuring the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The April 19, 2022, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. Additional corrections were noted as follows: Page 2, Old Business, Cedar Hill Cemetery, Line 5, change "cemetary" to "cemetery;" Page 3, New Business, Ft. Pierre Historic Homes/Businesses, Line 3, delete "prepared." There being no further additions or corrections, Sunny Hannum moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that the PFPHPC April 19, 2022, Minutes be approved and distributed as amended. Motion passed.

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 May 2022 Financial Document dated May 13, 2022, was supported by a detailed update narrative accompanying the Financial Document and additional information provided prior to the meeting. The accumulated details clearly show the expenditure history, current funds status by category and pending obligations. No issues are anticipated as the end of the Commission's fiscal year approaches. Commission discussion included: a review for clarification of a specific expenditures category to date; review of the status and scope of activities allowed under a Lewis & Clark Foundation grant; review of the remaining pending obligations; and, information confirming the amount of anticipated grant funds for the coming year.

Old Business : Cedar Hill Cemetery

Commission Member Sunny Hannum provided an update of continuing efforts on the development of the Cedar Hill Cemetery booklet. Mr. Doug Mortenson provided additional information on his continuing efforts

with Commission Member Kelli Buscher to complete the mapping/overlays that will be incorporated into the planned Cedar Hill booklet. He further indicated that the entire cemetery needed to be re-surveyed to confirm collected information to date. He shared that the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board, the appointed body that was given the authority and responsibility to refurbish and maintain the cemetery, will discuss the re-survey effort at its next meeting. The time for completion of the re-survey will be dependent on availability of funds and qualified personnel to do the work. Mr. Ken Stewart updated the Commission regarding his involvement in the Cedar Hill Cemetery effort to date and shared examples of the work he has completed and material nearing completion. He also shared regarding the challenges of doing the exacting and detailed archival research of going through the paper and microfiche records that is necessary to successfully complete projects such as the Cedar Hill Cemetery effort. He is nearing completion of his research on Cedar Hill Cemetery and will soon share a document on "75 notables" with Commission Members for comment. Mr. Stewart offered Commission Members an invitation to accompany him during an archival visit to experience the tasks and challenges of research into historic records. He further shared information on other material he has accumulated regarding Ft. Pierre including its historic buildings, homes, and interesting personalities of Ft. Pierre's formative years. He will share the information with the Commission for future consideration when updating the Ft. Pierre historic homes/buildings booklet and creating new or refurbishing existing signs in the Ft. Pierre community. Mr. Stewart will provide additional updates at future Commission meetings.

State and Tribal Grant Review

No information to report at this time.

SHPO Grant Discussion

The South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grant for the next grant period is estimated to be \$16,500. The funds will be available in June. An award letter is expected at any time confirming the details.

SD State Historic Conference

Commission Members Sunny Hannum and Don Zeller reported on their attending the SD State Historic Conference in Pierre on April 23-24. Their report included the following observations: the Conference sessions predominately dealt with exploring aspects of World War II; Joe Foss, a South Dakota Marine Corps fighter pilot was featured; the contributions of minority groups to the war effort were described; and, the media played a critical role in influencing and directing a varied public opinion towards the enemy.

Order Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings Booklet

The Commission by consensus agreed that, in light of current end of fiscal year budget considerations and not having secured additional sufficient funds to cover the costs of printing, the re-printing of the Ft. Pierre Historic Homes and Buildings booklet will be moved to the next budget cycle beginning in June.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path

Commission Member Robert Kean provided an update of the effort to have a bike path painted onto Ft. Chouteau Road in Ft. Pierre from the point where the existing paved bike path crosses Ft. Chouteau Road to the Chouteau Bastion. Kean sent a letter on behalf of the Commission to Ft. Pierre Mayor Gloria Hanson and the Ft. Pierre City Commission requesting Ft. Pierre to consider painting a bike path onto Ft. Chouteau Road to the Chouteau Bastion. A meeting was held on May 9, 2022, with Kean, Mayor Hanson and Rick Hahn,

Director of Ft. Pierre City Public Works Administration to discuss the letter. The consensus of Mayor Hanson and Mr. Hahn is that the project could proceed within the current work plan for city streets. A follow-up meeting between Kean and Hahn took place on May 17, 2022, to begin outlining the work design, determining the sequence of what needs to be done, when and by whom. Kean will update the Commission until the effort is completed.

Janet Ricketts Request for Information Display

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that Janet Ricketts shared information concerning Ft. Pierre pioneer, Louisa Ricketts and several buildings, businesses, and property sites she was associated with. Ms. Ricketts requested that the information be used in develop signs to appropriately display the historic information. By consensus, the Commission agreed to retain the information provided by Ms. Ricketts and use it when considering additional signage in the Ft. Pierre community.

HPC Vacancy

There is no updated information on the Pierre vacancy to the Commission

New Business : Commission Member Hannum Appointed

Commission Member Sunny Hannum informed the Commission of her appointment to the board that directs the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Experience program throughout the United States. The program is a geotourism stewardship coalition partnering with the National Park Service, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc. to promote a range of educational and tourism related themes and activities along the trail. The appointment recognizes Commission Member Hannum's many efforts to promote sites of interest along the Lewis and Clark trail in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area. More information on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Experience program is located at: lewisandclark.travel.

Lewis and Clark Speaker

Commission Members Don Zeller and Sunny Hannum shared that, at the SD State Historic Conference, they gathered information on a potential Lewis and Clark speaker for upcoming events such as the Ft. Pierre Trader Days event held in early August at Fisher Lily Park in Ft. Pierre. Mr. Brad Tennant teaches at Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD. He is a member of the SD Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. After discussion Commission Members by consensus agreed that the SD Humanities Council be contacted to review the process to engage a Bureau speaker, inquire if Mr. Tennant would be available for the Ft. Pierre Trader Days event in August, and explore anticipated costs to the Commission to cover his attending. Commission Member Deb Gates agreed to contact the SD Humanities Council to get the information and report back to the Commission.

Meeting Adjourned

President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD.