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Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission September 2022 Minutes

September 20, 2022, meeting at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre, SD called to Order by President Zeller at 12:02pm.

In Attendance

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

Guests:

Meeting working documents were referred to and reviewed during the meeting were distributed and noted including the completed Cedar Hill Cemetery booklet entitled, "Soldiers, Cowboys, Outlaws – Cedar Hill Cemetery Fort Pierre, SD."

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were reviewed and recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The August 16, 2022, Revised Draft Commission Minutes were reviewed. An additional clarification to the Minutes was noted and added as follows: Page 3, New Business, Tales on the River Venue for Humanities Speakers, Line 2, delete "periodically" and insert "every Thursday June through August." There being no further additions or corrections, Deb Gates moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that the PFPHPC August 2022 Minutes be approved and distributed as amended. 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 material sent out August 13, 2022, with the Financial Planning Document included further comments of Treasurer activities since the last meeting and a review of the detailed explanatory notations added to the current Financial Planning Document. In addition, the material included: a detailed analysis and review of remaining account balances available for continuation of current efforts; further budget expenditure considerations regarding reprinting publications; and, potential resources for new projects considerations.

Old Business : Cedar Hill Cemetery Committee

Commission Members reviewed the Commission's newly published booklet entitled, "Soldiers, Cowboys, Outlaws – Cedar Hill Cemetery Fort Pierre, SD." The booklet material was originally collected and assembled by Betsey DeLoache and with her permission updated, revised, and added to by Commission Members. The Commission additions to the publication include pictures, an expanded list of notables located in the cemetery

and a centerfold map identifying locations of many burial sites. The booklet will be added to the Commission's library of publications for distribution.

State and Tribal Grant Opportunities

Commission Member Kelli Buscher monitors grant opportunities through state and tribal sources. There was nothing germane to the Commission's goals and objectives to act or comment upon since her last month's report.

Booklet Orders: Agenda Items Number 3,4,5.

Commission Members discussed the dwindling numbers of selected Commission booklets and their reprinting. The discussion included the number of booklets currently available for distribution, their storage location in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities and how many additional copies of each booklet to reprint. Action by the Commission was as follows:

Sansarc School Book: Five hundred (500) copies of the Sansarc School booklet, "Readin', Ritin', 'Rithmetic" were last printed in February 2020. Commission Member Sunny Hannum shared the booklet is popular and expects to hand out the remaining copies of the booklet by the end of the year. It is estimated that a reprinting of 250 copies at the current distribution rate should last through 2023.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Sunny Hannum seconded, that up to \$900.00 be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to reprint 250 copies of the Sansarc School booklet. Sunny Hannum will consult with Deb Schiefelbein regarding updates, additions, and, corrections to the booklet prior to printing and will coordinate the reprinting details with the printer. Motion passed.

Lewis & Clark Schuler Book: Four thousand (4,000) copies of the Lewis & Clark booklet by Harold Schuler, "Lewis & Clark in the Pierre and Fort Pierre Area," were last printed in April 2019. This booklet remains a very popular introduction to the many Lewis and Clark sites in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities and surrounding areas and is widely distributed through many outlets.

MOTION: Deb Gates moved, Sunny Hannum seconded, that up to \$2,500 be expended from Budget Expense Category #439 to reprint 2,000 copies of the Lewis & Clark Schuler booklet. Sunny Hannum will coordinate the reprinting details with the printer. Motion passed.

Ft. Pierre Chouteau Bike Path

Commission Member Robert Kean updated the Commission on the status of the proposed painting of a bike path route onto the Ft. Pierre Chouteau Road from the existing bike path that runs parallel to Highway 1806 to the Ft. Pierre Chouteau site. After discussions with the City of Ft. Pierre Public Works Administration staff, Kean reported the painting is expected to be completed this fall as the weather cools and several critical projects that had priority status are finished.

HPC Vacancy

Commission Members discussed likely candidates to be contacted regarding joining the Commission.

Dr. Brad Tennant Speaking Engagement

Commission Member Sunny Hannum reported that the Short Grass Arts Council responded favorably to her query seeing information on proposing speakers for its summer speaking program at the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre. She will contact Dr. Brad Tennant regarding a speaking date in June 2023. She further mentioned that Mr. Lonis Wendt who is very knowledgeable of the history of the area could be a possible additional speaker at the Moose Lodge venue.

Verendrye Monument/Ft. Pierre Chouteau Monitoring Visit

Commission Member Robert Kean reported that the third and final Verendrye Monument/Ft. Pierre Chouteau monitoring visit required in accordance with the terms of the Commission's 2022 contract with the City of Ft. Pierre was completed on August 18, 2022. At the time of the inspection, a couple of items at the Verendrye Monument had yet to be addressed, moving the informational signage posts to locations next to the sidewalk for better visibility and access and correcting a concrete sidewalk heaving issue. The deteriorating condition of the informational signage at the Ft. Pierre Chouteau was also noted. President Zeller reported that after the August 18 monitoring visit, the signposts at Verendrye were moved and replacement informational signs were completed and installed. The City of Ft. Pierre is seeking bids to correct the concrete sidewalk heaving issue. Kean further reported that a final report will be prepared and presented to the City of Ft. Pierre.

Exhibit Booths

Commission Members Zeller and Hannum reported on their experience at the First Thursday event September 1, 2022, at Lilly Park sponsored by Fort Pierre Tourism. They shared that it was a good opportunity to share information about the Commission with the many participants at the event. They agreed that the Commission should participate in similar events in the future to generate interest in and share information about the many efforts and publications of the Commission. The Commission further discussed creating an organizational banner for future events and its format (see New Business below).

New Business : First Thursday in Fischer Lily Park

Commission Members discussed future participation at First Thursday and similar events in 2023. The consensus is that the Commission should and will participate.

Fisher Lilly Park, Lewis & Clark, Native American Tribe Flags

Commission Members discussed an initiative suggested by Ft. Pierre Mayor Gloria Hansen to place relevant flags and other informational items in Lilly Park to point out its unique geographical significance in the Lewis & Clark story and subsequent history of the area. Commission Members shared information on the challenges in getting Native American Tribal flags and discussed what could be used in lieu of flags such as plaques and other forms of informational signage to present a narrative. The consensus of the Commission is that the discussion item of working with the City of Ft. Pierre at Lilly Park will be continued at future meetings.

PFPHPC Banner

Commission Members further discussed details of cost, size, purpose in purchasing, and opportunities for use of a banner with the Commission's name and logo on it for public events. The Commission's consensus is that

a banner would be used in a sufficient variety of ways to justify the cost of purchase. It was agreed to carry this item forward for further review and discussion during the next funding cycle.

Other: Van Metre Bridge

Commission Member Sunny Hannum suggested a visit to the Van Metre bridge which is located on the bike path next to Highway 1806 near Waldron Street and Dakota Avenue in Ft. Pierre. The bridge has historic significance and developing information and creating signage may be of interest to the Commission. A visit to the bridge on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 4pm was planned.

Meeting Adjourned

President Zeller adjourned the meeting at 12:56pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 12pm, noon at the Log Cabin, Ft. Pierre SD