

Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes – October 7th, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by Gordon Koch

Members present were: Don Zeller, John Saladay, Gordon Koch, Dave Bonde and Marv Paulson

Members absent were: Eileen Fischer, Betsey DeLoache, Crystal Hansen and Leon Schochenmaier

Guests Present: Ted Spencer, South Dakota State Historical Society

Review minutes of September 9th, 2013 was conducted. A motion was made by John Saladay and seconded by Dave Bonde to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Don Zeller. He reminded the Commission that the Pierre and Fort Pierre budgeted money of \$750 has to be spent by the end of the year. There are some on-going projects that should insure that is done. Grant money to date is \$3400 from the Historical Society and \$3000 from the Community Foundation. There is still \$390 left in the Lindbergh fund from private donations. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dave Bonde and seconded by John Saladay. Motion passed.

Building Permit Review: None presented for review/approval.

Old Business

- Gravel work for parking lot – Leon reported this is still to be completed. It may be delayed until spring but we will keep it on the schedule
- QR Code sign placement project update – Eileen Fischer was not in attendance but Don Zeller reported he is ready to deliver additional poles to Eileen for placement. Don also reported that he has contacted the appropriate officials at the Capital building about placing the Capital building stickers on the back of the self guided tours brochure of the Capital. The Capital staff will place the stickers when provided by the PFPHPC. When the brochures are republished the QR code will be prominent on the back page. Don reported that the stickers will cost about \$83 for 1,000. It is anticipated that 2,000 may be needed. A motion was made by John Saladay and seconded by Marv Paulson for Don to procure the appropriate number of stickers to complete the project. Motion passed.
- Historic Pierre web site and web site statistics – Don Zeller reported that there has been no significantly increased activity on the web site. This can be expected as the tourist season has finished. It is anticipated with the QR code stickers on the Capital brochures over the holidays more activity can be expected.
- Status of Fort Pierre Stockgrowers' Bank Sign – Dave Bonde reported that the sign verbiage was being reviewed and finalized by Ken Stewart at the Historical Society. It should be completed in the next several days.

New Business

- Scotty Phillips statue – Gordon reported that he met with Darby Nutter about a fundraising effort to procure a statue of Scotty Phillips for Fort Pierre much like the Trail of Governors in Pierre. After discussion the commission did not feel that we had adequate staff or time to undertake such a large effort. Gordon will ask Rick Jensen (Trail of Governors) to contact Darby about specific information for Darby to move forward on this project with some other lead.
- Sign for the RR building – Gordon was contacted by Gary Grittner regarding assistance in procuring and placing a sign at the RR station project in Fort Pierre. Gary initially was not sure whether his group would like an outdoor stand alone sign or an indoor plaque to list donors. A 30" by 40" outdoor sign with 1800 characters would cost about \$1200. After discussion Gary thought that would be the best option. Placement would be late next spring or summer after the outside landscaping is complete. Gary is working on the narrative for the sign. This signage expense will comply with the conditions of the Community Foundation grant.
- Verendrye Museum Tour – Don and Betsy went on this tour with the intent of seeing if there were any small projects that the PFPHPC could help fund. Connie Grittner outlined two needs; a current business leader picture frame to match the 100 year old one and framing needed for Trail Maps of the Deadwood Trail. No action was taken at this time but the PFPHPC may be able to help fund these items at the end of the year. Don asked Connie to author some narrative on the museum history for inclusion on the website. Connie also agreed to have one of the QR codes placed on the museum door.
- Ted Spencer from the Historical Society provided the following updates:
 - Nine interpretive signs have been rebuilt and are ready for placement in both the Pierre and Fort Pierre communities. While this replacement was the initiative of the Historical Society, since Pierre is a Preserve America designated city the responsibility would be better aligned under the PFPHPC as it is in other cities.
 - The Huron and Brookings HPCs are considering taking the lead in having a conference of HPCs in the spring to discuss consistency in building renovation approval and historical correctness. This conference, if held will invite all CLG cities' representatives and will be funded by the Historical Society and held in the spring of 2014.
 - The fencing at the Turtle Effigy historical monument north of Pierre is in need of repair to preserve the site from cattle overrun. This approximate 24 X 30 foot site has sections of fence that need replaced. Repair does not seem to be an option. The Historical Society has agreed to pay for the materials for this project and supply some labor. The PFPHPC will also provide labor as needed. Gordon will contact local fencing companies and ask for assistance in design of the fence and their lead in the oversight of the project. No one in the current group has the background or expertise to complete the project.
- Year end reporting- Gordon will schedule with Twila for presentation to the City Commission for December. He will also schedule a presentation for the Fort Pierre City Council.

Next and last meeting of the year will be on November 4th since the 11th is a holiday.