

Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes August 11th, 2014

Call to order by Gordon Koch

Members present were John Sallady, Gordon Koch, Betsey DeLoache, Dave Bonde, Crystal Hansen and Eileen Fischer

Members absent were Marv Paulson, Leon Schochenmaier and Don Zeller

Guests Present: Ted Spencer from the State Historical Society

Review minutes of July 14th, 2014 was conducted. **A motion** to approve was made John Salladay and 2d by Betsey DeLoache. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report was not presented as Don Zeller was absent however Twila from the city Finance Office reported by email that there has been no change since the last report.

Building Permit Review: None

Old Business

- Fort Pierre Stockgrower's Bank Sign Update was presented by Dave Bonde. A date for the placement still has not been determined and there are ongoing negotiations on exactly where and when the sign will be placed. Dave Bonde will contact Mayor Hanson and request her assistance in the placement. He will also ask the Mayor about a schedule for the 2 completed signs that are ready for placement near the railroad depot project.
- A possible Fort Pierre main street walking tour with the Stockgrower's sign event was discussed. Ken Stewart from the state Historical Society has been contacted but could not commit to the walking tour at this time. When a firm date is determined Ken will be contacted again.
- Vigilante Sign update was provided by Gordon. The sign is done, has been picked up and is ready for placement near the American Legion. Gordon will deliver the sign to the city of Pierre Park and Recreation for their action.
- Historical marker #692, Hughes County Courthouse and Historical Marker #134, Old Fort Sully near Farm Island update was provided by Gordon. Both signs have been delivered to Morris for their refurbishment and should be completed in the next few weeks.
- Historical Marker #221, The Oahe Dam and Lake just south of the dam update was provided by Gordon. This sign has not been taken down and moved yet. It is the last one on the rehab list for this year and will be done late fall or winter.
- Cedar Hills Cemetery tour update was provided by Dave. Carl Fischer will again narrate the tour. River City Transit will provide transportation. Ft. Pierre mayor Gloria Hanson plans to include this in their participation of the SD 125 years of statehood celebration. The tentative time frame

will be the week of September 22d. Gordon will report this activity to the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce at their meeting later this week.

New Business

- Gordon reported that he was part of a group who toured the 1902 E. Erskine property and assisted in the discussion on the rehabilitation project for this home. Chris Nelsen and Kate Nelsen from the State Historical Society also participated. A private party is considering purchasing the home but wants to make sure they understand what their obligations are to maintain the property on the National Historical Registry and in its original state.
- A discussion was held on the need for other historical signage in the area. Specifically a bigger sign is need to mark the way to the Verendrye Monument after the visitor turn off of Highway 83. Visitors routinely miss the turn off directing them up the hill and end up in a residential area with limited “turn around” space. The Scotty Phillips Cemetery sign is also missing and needs to be replaced. As funds become available the HPC will pursue these markings. The city of Fort Pierre will be contacted about the Verendrye sign.
- Dave Bonde reported that there have been some ownership changes in the buildings in downtown Fort Pierre. The new owners support the historical significance of the properties and will consider keeping those in mind regarding any new renovations.

The next meeting will be September 8th, 2014.

A motion to adjourn was made by Betsey DeLoache and seconded by John Salladay. Motion passed.