

Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes, January 13th, 2014

Call to order at 12:05 by Gordon Koch

Members present were Gordon Koch, Don Zeller, Crystal Hanson, Dave Bonde, John Saladay, Eileen Fischer and Betsy DeLoache. Tom Farnsworth attended for Leon Schochenmaier as the city liaison.

Members absent were Marv Paulson

Guests Present was Ted Spencer, State Historical Society

A review minutes of November 4th 2013 meeting minutes was conducted to formally approve. E-mail concurrence was completed in November to authorize motion expenditures. Motion to approve was made by John Salladay and seconded by Don Zeller. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report for the year end 2013 was presented by Don Zeller. All obligations and expenditures have been closed out with the cities of Pierre and Fort Pierre and all vendors. All bills have been paid with exception of a small bill we are still expecting from the city for gravel at the Lindbergh marker location. We will have new allocations from both cities for 2014, \$500 from Pierre and \$250 from Fort Pierre. There is currently \$6500 available from grants to place the pending markers at the Stockgrowers bank and the RR depot.

Building Permit Review: None presented for review

Old Business

- Gravel work for Lindbergh marker parking lot: Expecting a bill from the city for gravel
- Historic Pierre web site and web site statistics: "Hits" on the web site seem to be consistent over the past quarter. December was 1085 page visits. We had hoped an increase would have been noticeable by the Capital Building visitors. Our high viewing will probably always be in the summer tourist months.
- Status of Fort Pierre Stockgrower's Bank Sign: Don and Gordon continue to work on the narrative and will present it to the commission and the Historical Society for approval when complete.
- Status of Fort Pierre Railroad sign: Ready to order and Don will place the order in mid February when he returns.

New Business

- Turtle Effigy fence replacement project was also discussed. It will be a spring project with city support for advice on fence construction. This project will be funded by the State Historical

Society. The labor for construction will be provided by the Commission, the State Historical Society and other volunteers.

- Coming year assignments and focus was discussed. All members were encouraged to seek ways to increase their involvement in projects to get more volunteer hours. These hours are needed for grant submissions. As in the last 2 years Crystal Hanson has agreed to be the grant writer for the commission. This task is unique and her talents are greatly appreciated.
- City auditorium artifacts will be available in the next couple months as the auditorium will be demolished. Tom Farnsworth asked the commission on behalf of the city, to evaluate and possibly retain some of the plaques/signs within the auditorium for possible placement at another location. In view of some commission members being absent for a couple of weeks Ted Spencer volunteered Chris Nelson of his staff to meet with Tom Farnsworth for access to take photos of the facility and the plaques. Chris and Tom will work those details.
- State wide Historical Marker maintenance project was presented by Ted Spencer. He passed out a "Talking Paper" on the Historical Marker program. Of special note was that the Historical Society does NOT own these signs and has no budget for their upkeep and repair. Ted is visiting with all Historical Commissions throughout the state to ask them to take ownership of the signs within their county. The PFPHPC essentially agreed that we could work on this project this year to examine all signs in Hughes and Stanley County for needed maintenance and possibly set up a program to refurbish. Ted will provide a list of all signs in the registry. Gordon will get estimates from local vendors on the refurbish costs.
- Historical marker signs currently at the RR depot in Fort Pierre are in an unreadable state and the commission will work for a possible rehabilitation plan for them before the RR depot is finished and they are moved. This may involve a fundraising appeal for completion.

The next meeting will be February 10, 2014.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Zeller and seconded by John Saladay. Motion passed.