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To the Department of Community Development/ Historic Preservation 11.1 Review

This is to reclarify my brief description of our project at 1015 Columbus St., Rapid City 57701

We would like to replace our old worn out siding on just the west side of our home and having investigated cedar we have decided to replace it with cement board for several reasons. The availability of good cedar is increasingly difficult and must be special ordered according to our contractor Addictive Builders out of Keystone, SD. For us to have cedar installed would run us another \$2000 over the cost of the cement board and that is over our budget at this writing. We would like to go with HardiePlank made by JamesHardie (jameshardiepros.com) which has a 50-year warranty and comes back primed, is fire and weather resistant and holds the paint well. We intend to paint it to match the rest of the house. All original trim and window casements will be left intact. Building supervisor Chandler Bell has offered to replace the upper shakes with cement board shakes however I would like to keep the cedar shakes if possible. The proposal is intending to replace the rotten bottom board on the south west side of the kitchen as shown. All exterior wiring on the side of the house will be put behind the siding which will improve the looks of the house and the bottom sill in the upstairs window will be repaired. All the siding of course will be backed with house wrap and caulked. The rotted sill and bottom board at the back will be replaced with standard wood materials.

I am including the required photos and then some to indicate the severity of the existing siding. The changes we propose will not detract in our opinion from the original in appearance and hopefully add to the safety of the house and reduce future upkeep. The house should also be more energy efficient at least on the west side where most of our inclement weather tends to impact the most.

We hope that this meets with your approval and will not affect the historic nature of our home which we clearly love and want to preserve. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

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