Rapid City Historic Commercial District 2018 Amendment Notes

When looking through the amendment, take the following into consideration:

- I used the same numbers for the properties that were used in the 1998 amendment. This simplified tracking changes and will help if a researcher ever needs to refer to the 1998 amendment.
- Because I used the same numbers, they sometimes skip in sequence since some properties were removed from the boundary and at other times two properties were combined into one. For example, #25 (701-707 Main) was removed from the boundary, so #25 is absent in the 2018 inventory. Or, #65 (518 6th Street) is no longer in the inventory as 516 and 518 6th Street were combined into one property (they are taxed as one property).
- I have not completed a map that shows the C and NC properties. This will be done for the final draft. I included the 1998 map which depicts the recommended boundary reductions at the edges of the district.

For the boundary reductions, below is the NR guidance I look at when creating or amending boundaries:

- Select boundaries to encompass, but not to exceed, the full extent of significant resources and land area.
- Area selected should be large enough to include all historic features of the property, but should not include “buffer zones” or acreage not directly contributing to the significance of the property.
- Leave out peripheral areas of the property that no longer retain integrity.
- Consider visual barriers and changes, including new construction or development of a different character; differences in architectural styles, types or periods; and declines in contributing resources.

On drawing a boundary:
- Technology has come a long way since the National Register bulletin was issued in 1997 and the 1998 Rapid City Commercial Historic District Amendment was completed. Programs like ArcMap and Google Earth allow us the ability to easily draw precise boundaries that were difficult to create 20 years ago. These resources allow us to depict a boundary that best fits the NR guidance listed above.
Boundary Reduction Areas

Below are photos of the four areas we are looking at (see maps also enclosed):

Parking lot west of 801 Saint Joseph.
Parking lot at the corner of Sixth Street and Saint Joseph Street
New construction at 701-707 Main Street. (old Sweeney Hardware location)

Noncontributing building at 632 Main Street and a parking lot adjoining it.