South Dakota’s Biennial Gathering of CLG’s
March 25 – 27, 2020 | Rapid City

This gathering is an opportunity for the regional preservation community to convene for networking and continuing education. This year’s theme “Planning for Preservation” offers a diverse and interactive program you won’t want to miss. Greg Handburg will share the ArtSpace story, and their expertise on real estate projects in both small and large communities that support historic objectives, affordable housing, economic development, and artists/creatives. Susan Henderson of Placemakers will address zoning and planning approaches to reduce barriers to redeveloping historic properties and neighborhoods. A walking tour and moderated panel discussion will set the stage for a fun design exercise that ties together survey and inventory efforts in Rapid City’s “east of 5th district” with goals for a downtown innovation district. Afterwards, we’ll head to the Journey Museum and Learning Center to geek out on Black Hills history and socialize over appetizers. On Friday, “Eric and Eric” two local historians working with the Rapid City HPC, will describe the current project underway to update the City’s Historic Context Report and Preservation Plan. Learn how this project aims to be inclusive of broad community input, reflect changing ways communities think about their past, and help the HPC be strategic about building a strong sense of identity, beautifying the community, spurring economic development, and attracting visitors. Before concluding, we’ll hear from each other about what CLGs across the state are up to and celebrate each others accomplishments.

This event is made possible with the generous support from our sponsors:

Program Highlights:

Wednesday 3/25
Evening Social at Vertex Lounge, cash bar

Thursday 3/26
Keynote Speakers
• Greg Handburg, Senior Vice President of Properties, ArtSpace
• Susan Henderson, Principal/Town Planner, Placemakers

Historic/Development District Tour
Panel Discussion
Interactive Workshop
Visit to Journey Museum & Learning Center + Appetizer Social

Friday 3/27
“A fresh look at Historic Preservation Documents and Plans” with Eric Abrahamson and Eric Zimmer, Vantage Point Historical Services

CLG Reports
Conclude @ Noon

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been established for this event at the Historic Hotel Alex Johnson for $73/night available 3/25 and 3/26.
Meals: With support from our sponsors, registration of $30 includes breakfast on Thursday and Friday as well as lunch and evening appetizers social on Thursday. Participants will have evenings to explore Downtown Rapid City’s many offerings.