Minutes of the December 9, 2020
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Members Present: Jenn Johnson, David Williams, Carol Saunders, Jeremy Altman, Emily Calhoun and Brittany Neiles

Members Absent: Pat Roseland

Others Present: Sarah Hanzel, Melissa Karpo, Ritchie Nordstrom - City Council Liaison and Eric Abrahamson – Vantage Point Historical Services

Johnson called the meeting to order at 8: a.m.

Quorum met.

New Business

1. Presentation from Eric Abrahamson on Preservation Plan Phase III Draft Deliverables
   a. Memo to HPC
   b. Faith in New Direction
   c. Indigenous Rapid City

Abrahamson gave a review of the Preservation Plan Phase I and Phase II. He then presented the Phase III Draft Deliverables to the commission. The commission thinks that there was good context provided for the Indigenous community in Rapid City. Williams suggested checking with the Tribal Historic Preservation offices on reservations to offer more unique resources. Hanzel will share draft with the State Historic Office to reach out to those tribal offices.

The commission discussed Workshops various community workshop concepts to work with Native leaders, Leadership Rapid City, Friends of the Parks, Parks & Rec, Developers of Founders Park and other community members. It was discussed the timeline for the workshop would take place late February, early March 2021.

Calhoun asked what could be done to quantify significance of sites. Johnson inquired about including cemeteries as their own standalone essay.

Commission determined that churches, especially First Congregational, should stay on the radar. It was inquired as to how we will give coherence to churches as the change or are no longer. Keeping relationships with the churches would be a great way to stay pro-active. Adding maps showing locations that would highlight the areas associated with Post-War suburban development. May also include floor plans.

The workshops would include clergy and church congregation members to help preserve their archives. Genealogists may be interested in these archives as well. Vantage Point will work with the ministerial association in Rapid City to form steering groups for the workshop. The Journey Museum and Rapid City Public Library would also be invited to give their expertise on the archives and oral histories. This workshop would also be planned for late February, early March 2021.
Vantage Point will complete drafts of other essays and share them with the commission in January.

2. Approval of Minutes

Neiles moved to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.