Minutes of the January 13, 2021
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Sarah Hanzel, Kelly Brennan, Melissa Karpo, Ritchie Nordstrom - City Council Liaison

Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Quorum met.

New Business

1. Discuss 50th Anniversary of the 1972 Flood

Williams discussed project the Archeological Resource Center is working on. GIS Specialist found 1971 aerial photos prior to the flood. They are devising a project for the upcoming 50th anniversary of the 1972 flood using all the photos they can from 1971 until now and geo-referencing those to create maps to show what it looked like prior to and after the flood. This project is also expected to produce an interactive map of neighborhoods and homes for public access.

Williams also suggested pinpointing where the emergency response locations were during the flood. Neiles inquired if this project would also keep in mind any ruins and keeping them protected. Suggested to maybe not include those in the final, public project.

The commission discussed if this map would be hosted online and which format. Williams stated that they looked at using Esri’s ARCGIS Story maps. Also discussed who would vet the information and a possible central hub webpage that would be moderated/monitored and who would be the lead on that, possibly the city.

Hanzel brought up to the commission what kind of role they would look at playing as Rapid City marks the 50th anniversary, and if anyone would like to form a subcommittee to work on reaching out to entities and stakeholders. Neiles and Calhoun will help in this subcommittee with initial steps. Saunders will participate as the plans progress.

Other suggestions from the commission to look at Braeburn Addition being a big focal point in this project as well as to why certain areas that were demolished during the flood were not rebuilt. Williams is looking to highlight a few neighborhoods within this project to focus on. Nordstrom also suggested connecting with the Journey Museum as they have a group already focusing on an event for the 50th anniversary. He also received a letter with a flash drive of pictures to share with the committee.

Hanzel will also share the list of stakeholders with the commission members.

Old Business
Williams moved to approve the December 9, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Saunders and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.