Minutes of the February 10, 2021
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

Members Absent: Carol Saunders and Pat Roseland

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

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

Quorum met.

New Business

1) Discuss Phase 3 of Preservation Plan Update and next steps

Abrahamson described a potential format for a workshop about post war tourist cabins and motel courts in Rapid City.

The group discussed an architectural review during this workshop and showing how the buildings are used in modern times. The Commission also discussed a more thorough document, or context report, as a follow up essay as a long-term goal.

The Commission discussed potential workshop partners including Visit Rapid City, Elevate Rapid City, and property owners, etc. The workshop would also be open to the community. The Commission discussed inviting current owners to the workshops to get them involved. It was mentioned to also reach out to Leadership Rapid City for projects to test interest now and in the future. Neiles with help to organize potential partners.

The commission discussed neon signs and if this is a topic/project to pursue. Neiles suggested that the commission should look at what it would cost to rehab vintage neon signs. Hanzel will each out to start the process of getting costs lined up. Nordstrom suggested looking into grants for restoration. Also, talk to the Civic Center board and the Historic Rapid City group. Commission does have an inventory of signs.

Zimmer gave a workshop overview of Post war Architecture and Archives.

After reaching out to churches and state of their archives, it was found that many are not well organized. The workshop would be to talk about what is important and what to keep for archival purposes. There would also be an overview of this era and looking at holding the workshop the last weeks of March.

Zimmer gave feedback on the spring wrap up. A book could be a jump off point to expand into other avenues.

Old Business
1) Discuss 50th Anniversary of 1972 Flood

Commission had no new updates.

Neiles inquired if there were any updates on Buell building. Hanzel has documents from Attorney’s on code violations and trying to reach out to property owners. Group will meet individually to discuss.

Williams moved to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Neiles and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.