Minutes of the March 17, 2021
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

Members Absent: Jenn Johnson and Pat Roseland

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

Neiles called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Quorum met.

General Public Comment No Public Comment.

New Business
1) Review Phase III Preservation Plan Deliverables from Vantage Point Historical Services
   a. Schools
   b. Cemeteries
   c. Residential Architecture

Zimmer reviewed the Cemeteries Essay and how Rapid City has handled its cemeteries that are current as well as those, which are no longer. The commission discussed inquiring about the process that was done to move them. Also discussed the boarding school graves by West Middle School. Locating records and determining the history in this state for cemeteries is a difficult process and the commission agreed that the work put into this is very useful.

Abrahamson reviewed the Residential Architecture essay. We need to define a definitive direction for this essay as a commission. Williams suggested maps to show periods of growth and the development areas throughout the city. This would illustrate the architecture of the 1940s and 1950s. Could also show the history of planning as well as focus on the equity of planning.

Zimmer reviewed the Schools essay and explained the boom in overpopulated schools in the 1950s as well as the trends and architecture changes that you can see in the schools. Neiles suggested adding context on Pre-war schools to frame the pre vs post war school context.

The commission discussed the upcoming church workshop and if we should do a citywide invite and press release. The final public session is on the radar for early May.

Old Business
1) Historic District Mailer
2) Sub-Committee Reports
The commission discussed adding to the mailer on where to locate the checklist for permits on the city website. Will send these out in the spring after changes are made to the website.

Acknowledge 11.1 Reviews: February 4, 2020 – February 25, 2021

1) **Correction from 3/3/21 Agenda**: 817 Saint Cloud is a contributing structure in the West Boulevard Historic district with a contributing secondary structure. Due to poor condition, the applicant proposed to demolish the existing structure and build a new structure with characteristics that are similar to other contributing secondary structures in the alley. City and SHPO determined adverse effect with no feasible and prudent alternatives to demolish the existing structure, and no adverse effect to construct the new structure per the second revision drawings. 21RS001/CJHR21-0001

Calhoun moved to approve the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.