



May 5, 2021

Sarah Hanzel
City of Rapid City
Community Planning & Development Services
300 6th St
Rapid City SD 57701-5035

RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 210401001S –916 Saint Charles Street – Garage Demolition
Location: Pennington County
(CORC)

Dear Ms. Hanzel:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to provide the following comments concerning effect of the proposed project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On April 1, 2021, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project to demolish the detached garage at 916 Saint Charles Street in Rapid City. On April 28, 2021 we received notification that the plan to demolish the garage was revised, and the property owners instead propose to reside the existing garage, extend the roofline, and relocate the overhead door. The garage at 916 Saint Charles is contributing resource in the West Boulevard Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. SDCL 1-19A-11.1 outlines a specific process that must be followed prior to any governmental action that may harm any historic property that is included in the National or State Registers of Historic Places.

Based on the information provided, the SHPO has made the following determination. The alterations to the siding, roof, and overhead doors of the contributing garage will encroach upon, damage, or destroy a historic property which is included in the National and State Registers of Historic Places; however, the new proposal is favorable to demolition and will minimize harm to the historic district.

As you take these comments into consideration, please remember that under State law our office only provides comments and recommendations pertaining to preservation standards, and the City of Rapid City will determine whether to issue the necessary permits for this project. Their decision is based on consideration of all feasible and prudent alternatives, including economic practicability, and whether the proposal contains planning to minimize harm to the historic property. If the City proceeds with the issuance of the permits, then ten days' notice to our office by certified mail is required along with a record of factors considered in making this decision for our files.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Heather Mulliner at (605) 773-6005.

Sincerely,

Ted M. Spencer
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Mulliner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Heather Mulliner
Historic Preservation Specialist