

Minutes of the August 24, 2022  
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

**Members Present:** Brittany Neiles, Jeremy Altman, Carol Saunders, Katie Molnar, Jenn Johnson and Emily Calhoun

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Sarah Hanzel, Melissa Bloomberg, Vicki Fisher, Rod Johnson, Ritchie Nordstrom - City Council Liaison, and Gene Fennell – Fennell Design, Inc. and Stephen Kilber – Albertson Engineering, Inc.

Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Quorum was met.

**General Public Comment** No Public Comment.

**New Business**

- 1) Provide a recommendation on the compatibility of the proposed design with the Downtown Commercial Historic District for the “Block 75 Parking Garage” repair project

Property Owner: City of Rapid City

Project Representative: Albertson Engineering Inc. | Fennell Design Inc. | COOP Architecture

Attachments

- a. Staff memo
- b. Vicinity Map
- c. Project Proposal

Hanzel gave a brief overview of the proposed design for the “block 75 parking garage” repair project. Kilber discussed the areas of disrepair within the Southeast and Southwest stairways that need to be addressed. The repair project proposes that these stairways become enclosed for safety and protection to their investment. Kilber discussed the corrosion of the structural, mechanical and electrical structures. They would emulate the changes made at the Pennington County Parking structure. Fennell added that the areas to be enclosed at the bottom are not glass but opaque mapes panels, and that area would be locked to use for storage. Fisher advised that when this project was brought forth, a walk through the stairwells showed considerable damage even though they were repaired in 2013.

Altman inquired about the stages of the design process and Kilber noted that the project team is in the process of completing the 100% drawings and if approved will go to bid September 10. Altman also inquired about the color of the mapes panels, and Kilber advised they will be medium bronze. Fisher discussed lighting in the stairwells, and how the lighting and glass will minimize loitering in the structures.

Neiles motioned with Altman seconding that the Commission recommend to approve the design changes, as they are compatible within the Historic District.

**Old Business**

2) South Middle School Project

**Hanzel and Altman met with Darren Schmidt, principal of South Middle School and waiting to hear back on setting up meetings with the Social Studies teachers. There is one year to complete the project prior to demolition.**

**The commission discussed doing a possible outreach to the West Boulevard district for technical assistance and an education component on the district. Altman also advised that the East of Fifth Study found potential listings, and can be located on the Commission's website.**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes

**Neiles moved to approve the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Saunders and carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.**