Minutes of the June 8, 2016
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Members Present: Ali DeMersseman, Clancy Kingsbury, John Riker and Alternate Tim Smith

Members Absent: Eric Monroe, Nate Nelson, Ken Orrock and Alternates Aaron Sanders and Chris Wehrle

Others Present: Sarah Hanzel, Patsy Horton, Jeanne Nicholson and Ritchie Nordstrom, City Council Liaison

Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda
Nordstrom requested to add an information item to discuss historic signs. Hanzel requested to add the Sioux San Indian Hospital Adverse Effect Mitigation Plan under New Business.

DeMersseman moved to approve the agenda with the two additions. The motion was seconded by Riker and carried unanimously.

New Business

Draft Downtown Architectural Survey RFP
Hanzel advised that we have available funding of $12,000 to contract an architectural survey of the downtown area. She provided a copy of a map identifying commercial structures that were built prior to 1966. She reviewed the draft of the RFP and noted that there is not adequate funding to do the entire downtown area. She requested input from the Commission regarding their ideas for the proposed study boundaries. A brief discussion followed.

In response to a question from Riker, Hanzel reviewed the proposed scope of the project. Horton advised that a consultant will fill out the inventory forms using the State’s database. Hanzel commented that the State has an Architectural Survey Manual that must be followed during the resurvey process.

In response to a question from Riker, Hanzel stated that there were two community meetings held when the West Boulevard Resurvey was done to provide information and receive feedback. She added that she hoped that more historical content and/or history of the commercial structures could be obtained during the survey.

A brief discussion followed regarding the period of significance for the structures, overlay districts, tax credits and downtown revitalization.

Horton stated that Pennington County Equalization has a database that identifies the types of commercial structures that were built downtown prior to 1966. She reviewed the different types of structures that were constructed.

Discussion followed regarding the commercial structures that are on the National Register, the timeline, proposed tasks and the RFP approval process.
The Commission discussed a survey boundary that would be generally bound Omaha on the north, Fifth Street on the west and Saint Joseph Street on the south, also including a series of structures north of the alley between Quincy and Kansas City.

Hanzel advised that Sylvia Christen is the government agency liaison for the East of 5th Street Revitalization Group. She noted that members of the Commission may wish to attend their meetings and that the Commission should invite them to attend our meetings.

Committee Reports
Kingsbury advised that the Commercial Design and Review Committee has met and that they are interested in moving forward with establishing the Façade Easement Program. He added that available funding sources for the program need to be determined. A brief discussion followed.

Historic Signs
Nordstrom explained that the City Council has been approached by Historic Rapid City about providing funds to store several historic signs. He noted that Historic Rapid City’s lease has expired at its current location and that they need financial assistance in professionally moving the signs to a different location. He noted that Historic Rapid City has some private funds available but not enough to cover the moving costs. Nordstrom advised that one possible location to display the signs would be the Civic Center. Additional discussion followed.

Sioux San Indian Hospital adverse Effect Mitigation Plan
Hanzel briefly reviewed the proposed modifications to the Sioux San Indian Hospital and noted that a federal review is required. She added that the Department of Health & Human Services has extended an invitation to the Historic Preservation Commission to see if the Commission would be interested in the development of the Memorandum of Agreement and the Mitigation Plan. She advised that the Commission needs to respond by June 17, 2016 about whether the Commission is interested in participating. A brief discussion followed.

DeMersseman moved to respond that the Historic Preservation Commission would be interested in participating in the Section 106 process. The motion was seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report through May 31, 2016
Hanzel informed the Commission that the 2015-2016 CLG Grant is now closed and noted the remaining balance is identified in the Treasurer’s Report. She added that the 2016-2017 CLG Grant is now in effect and briefly reviewed the grant amount.

Approval of Minutes
Riker moved to approve the April 27, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by DeMersseman and carried unanimously.

Riker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. The motion was seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.