

Minutes of the January 26, 2023
Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Members Present: Brittany Neiles, Jeremy Altman, Carol Saunders and Jenn Johnson

Members Absent: Katie Molnar and Emily Calhoun

Others Present: Sarah Hanzel, Melissa Bloomberg and Stephen Jeremy Briggs – The Seed LLC

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

Quorum was met.

General Public Comment No Public Comment.

New Business

1) Comment on proposed exterior lighting project at 406 5th Street, Aby's Feed and Seed

Hanzel advised the committee on the proposed exterior lighting project at 406 5th Street, Aby's Feed and Seed. The proposed project would place three exterior lights on the roof of Aby's first level to illuminate the tower, and parking lot lights on the lower structure. The lights would be changeable colors and all for solid colors, flashing, fading, and color jumping on the structure. The committee agrees these lights would bring attention to the building. Altman advised that many other historic districts allow lighting, so it would be a good use as long as the lights are not flashing or strobing. The other committee members agreed that the use of colored lights would be effective to draw attention, but flashing or strobing of the lights would be an issue. Fading and changing of colors, they would also support. The only other concern was the mounting of the lights, and want to ensure that how they are mounted would avoid any damage to the historic building. Briggs advised the contractors would use methods to mitigate any damage to the structural elements of the building.

Altman motioned that the Commission recommend approving that the proposed project be permitted. The motion was seconded by Neiles and carried unanimously.

2) 2023-2024 grant application

Hanzel discussed various options to use the 2023-2024 grant funding that the commission can submit including a public education program with Bob Yapp and training at conferences. With the grant being due at the end of March, the commission will discuss further.

Old Business

- 3) Bob Yapp Seminar
- 4) Sub Committees
 - a. Neon Sign
 - b. South Middle School

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Hanzel inquired about the commission's thoughts on the Bob Yapp training, and what the schedule should look like for contractors. Hanzel indicated she will put out some information for feedback from local contractors on their preference with half or full day course before moving forward with definite times.

Hanzel noted that she and Jean Kessloff are meeting with The Monument staff to take pictures and inventory the historic neon signs in storage. Altman advised there are no new updates for the South Middle School Project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.