



RAPID CITY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Annual Report

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What is the Historic Planning Commission?

Mission:

“The Historic Preservation Commission enhances quality of life in Rapid City by engaging in activities that protect historic structures and sites and cultivate a shared understanding of the community’s history and culture.”

7 Members:

- Brittany Neiles
- Carol Evan Saunders
- Jenn Johnson
- Emily Calhoun
- Jeremy Altman
- Katherine Molnar
- Vacant

Rapid City's Preservation Plan 2021-2031

Priorities

- Develop the HPC as a community resource and diversify the Commission
- Strengthen community engagement and cultivate Rapid City's identity
- Improve legal and administrative reporting
- Help Promote and strengthen protection for historic and cultural resources
- Expand education programs and digital outreach
- Engage in advocacy

Overview of Grant Program

- Certified Local Governments are eligible for grant funding
- Match (In-kind donation of staff and commissioner time)
- 2021/2022 grant:
 - Expended \$23,300.65 in funds
 - Match required: \$19,000; Match accumulated: \$20,212.15

2021/2022 Projects

2021 Postwar Schools Survey Project

- Building on efforts with a time capsule project with South Middle School

Hosted CLG Conference in Rapid City

2022/2023 Projects


- Bob Yapp Preservation Training Course
 - Contractors (Window Repair)
 - Homeowner's (20 year paint job)
 - Commissioner
 - 2023/2023 = Part 2 of Bob Yapp Training Course

Other community education efforts

- Website
- Walking Tours
- Preservation Forum with WBNA
- Realtor's Breakfast
- Preservation Awards (re-launching)

Historic Review Process

- Comes from State Law and RC Ordinance
- Number of Historic Reviews
 - 14 Residential
 - 7 Commercial



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sometimes use
new buildings.
New ideas must
use old buildings,”

- Jane Jacobs

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