



May 30, 2023

Jonathan Howard
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 230526003S – 1209 Clark St- Shed Demolition
Location: Pennington
CORC - City of Rapid City

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. SDCL 1-19A-11.1 outlines a specific process that must be followed prior to any governmental action, including the issuance of permits, that may harm any historic property that is included in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. 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 May 26, 2023, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 1209 Clark St in Rapid City, SD. The proposed project involves demolishing a contributing shed that is in poor condition. The distance between the home and the shed is a fire code violation as there must be eight feet of separation between the structures. The roof is caved in and the foundation is recessed. The applicant attempted to repair the foundation but it was not in a salvageable state. This property is contributing to 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 upon the information provided, the shed does not have a solid foundation and is not up to code, repairs are infeasible for the applicant, and the city acknowledges the condition of the shed as a potential safety issue. Therefore, SHPO has made the following determination that the proposal will encroach upon, damage, or destroy a historic property which is included in the National and State Registers of Historic Places. However, it appears that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposal and that the proposal includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic resource.

Please note that, pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1, if the City of Rapid City proceeds with the project, ten days notice by certified mail is required prior to proceeding with the project. Such notice must include a written determination, based on the consideration of all relevant factors, that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposal and that all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic property has been considered. A complete record of factors considered shall be included with such notice.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Duncan Trau at Duncan.Trau@state.sd.us or at (605)773-6005. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.





Sincerely,
Ted M. Spencer
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan Trau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'T'.

Duncan Trau
Historic Preservation Specialist

