

~Historic Preservation Commission-City of Hot Springs~

February 1, 2022

- Opening
- Call to Order
- aa. Called at 5.
- Members Present
  - bb. Steve Wynia, Scott Sogge, Debra Johnston, Mike Sommer, Kara Hagen, Joe Muller, Pat Lyke
- Guests Present
- cc. Sarah Bechtold
- Consent Agenda
- Approval of last meeting's minutes
  - aa. Motion by Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion passed.
- New Business
- Debra, as the City liaison to the HPC board, has given support for applications for Deadwood Grants to 3 building owners. History on each property was provided to the owners who will have to complete the grant application. The buildings and the reason for the application are as follows.
- Castle Manor-Roof
- Harlou Building-Roof <sup>of</sup> and a room off the rear of building.
- Red Rock River Resort-Windows
- Continuing issues of Deterioration by Neglect.
- 243 N River: Fowler Crum Perdue Building
- 611 N River: Bodega Building
  - The first letter inquiring about progress at 611 N River, was sent 2 years ago. This lackadaisical response by the owner is not sufficient. Some progress has been made by way of filling in the low spots below grade within the building footprint, but there has been no progress by way of installing a roof. There are walls on adjacent buildings that were never exposed to the elements, and now are, as well as drainage issues to the Minnekahta Block building, also known as the Red Rock River Resort. The Commission was informed that Scott, our city building inspector, has spoken with the owner about fines being imposed due to the open roof.
  - The Commission chair, Steve, has penned a letter to the Mayor outlining the lack of care at both properties by their owners, and how the fines outlined in the City Ordinances need to be implemented. The enforcement can be tied to the deterioration by neglect and the vacancy of unoccupied buildings sections of our ordinances. This letter received a motion by Joe, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kara, voted on and passed, to be sent to Mayor Nelson and acted upon by city council.
- Old Business
- Historic District Signage
- The Commission was informed that signage is on the way. The Commission is eagerly awaiting delivery.
- Window Dressing Project:
  - Sarah updated the Commission with the following:
  - 611 N River-Bodega: Display cases to be done mid-February. There will be displays from the Pioneer Museum coming to fill them.
  - 243 N River-Fowler Crum Perdue: There is now a third artist who has been contacted for the panel artwork to be installed in the window openings on the second floor.
  - XXX Chicago-Petty: The windows and part of the building space to be used to sell items from the owner's partner.
- Discussion Items

- **HPC Website link from City Website.**  
There ~~has~~ <sup>will</sup> been communication with Zoe from the Chamber, who also works on the City website, to add links pertaining to historical history of Hot Springs from the Helen McGee historical collection at the library. A list has been populated pertaining to several topics.
- There was discussion on adding the continuation of properties from the stopping point in the Helen McGee collection, such as the demise of the Wesch-Oak building, change of ownership in buildings as well as businesses that have occupied them.
- We also discussed the input from the folks from the State Historical Department in Pierre. We, as a Commission, do have options for applying for and receiving grant monies for projects related to historical preservation, and discussed some small options that could be moved forward, such as plaques for historical buildings that do not have them, window replacement on the Depot, repairs, and paint for the Kidney Springs Gazebo.
- The Commission also needs to keep track of everyone's hours pertaining to any item relating to historical preservation. As volunteers, our time can be counted towards the matching amount in a grant situation.
- February is the month when the Commission elects officers for a two year term. As of now we have the positions of Chair and Secretary.
- A motion was made to re-elect Steve as the Chair by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat and motion carried.
- A motion was made to re-elect Mike as Secretary by Kara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe and motion carried.
- Adjourn Meeting
- Motion to adjourn made at 6:25 by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kara, motion carried.

*Next Meeting = March 1, 1700, MCC*

*P&Z <sup>Wed.</sup> Feb 15, 1800 @ City Hall*