

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

December 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

Members present: Scott Sogge, Christine Heidebrink, Kara Hagen, Debra Johnston, Joe Muller, Pat Lyke

Guests: Mayor Bob Nelson, Peggy Sanders, Cal Larive

In order to conduct the meeting, the open positions of Chairman and Secretary were addressed first. Pat Lyke was nominated for Chairman by Joe and seconded by Christine. No further discussion. Motion passed. Christine Heidebrink was nominated for Secretary by Pat and seconded by Joe. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 2ND, as well as the minutes from September 6TH, 2023 by Christine and seconded by Joe. No further discussion. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) **Springs Lodge & Café Additional Storage Structures** – The Springs Lodge & Café contacted Scott seeking approval for 2 storage sheds to replace the horse trailer they had been using. The sheds had already been placed prior to the meeting. Joe made a motion to approve the sheds and Christine seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- 2) **Deadwood Grant Funds** - The current distribution of funds through the Deadwood Grant was reviewed and discussed again, including ideas for additional local revenue, and CLG (Certified Local Government) grants. State representatives Trish Ladner, Dennis Krull, and Julie Frye-Mueller were unable to attend as planned. Ways to educate new buyers and the local REALTORS in regard to historic properties was also discussed and a previously distributed information booklet (approx. 30 years ago) was circulated amongst members for review. It was agreed that something similar would be very beneficial and may be accomplished through a CLG grant. If so, it is likely that we will need to be diligent about keeping track of volunteer hours. Peggy will be going to Pierre tomorrow and will inquire on this topic.
- 3) **River Channel Retaining Barrier Wall** – Debra presented photos provided by new City Administrator, Bob Nelson, of retaining barriers in Deadwood as an option to be considered where needed across from Springs Lodge & Café. The old railing off of the Minnekahta Bridge would also be an option, as was previously recommended, but could hopefully be repurposed in its current capacity instead. Pat made a motion to approve the idea presented, which would be using the the double railing that is removed when

the suspended sidewalk goes in and adding cable inserts to bring it to code. Joe seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) **Deterioration by Neglect Update** - An update was provided by Mayor Bob Nelson on the status of the deterioration by neglect action taken against the owners of the properties located at 243 N River St and 611 N River St. The City of Hot Springs has new legal representation, Husted Law Office, and has been advised that there are more steps to take in this process than what was originally communicated. One of the owners has been notified, but has made no attempt to comply so far. The other owner would not accept the legal notice and the necessary actions are being taken to have it delivered by a process server. All violations need to be identified and documented to continue to move the process forward and begin fining the owners.
- 2) **HSHC Website** – No updates at this time.
- 3) **SOS** – No updates at this time.

Other Discussion:

Pat and Joe's Terms are up for renewal in 2024.

Cal noted that the museum is doing great. There is now an archive room and he is excited about the positive direction things are moving overall.

Adjourn - Christine made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm and Joe seconded.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:00pm.