

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

April 3, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Members present: Pat Lyke, Brian Crawford, Scott Sogge, Christine Heidebrink, Debra Johnston, Carl Hall

Guests: Andrea Powers, Vicki Mohr

Minutes: A motion was made by Christine to approve the minutes from January 4TH, 2024. Carl seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) **Historic Property Owner's Guide** – The Design Guide and Historic Property Owner's Guide have not yet been reviewed by Carl and Christine. Debra also provided a copy of information regarding grants, preservation funds, and tax incentives to be reviewed and / or included as well.
- 2) **Deadwood Grant Funds Opportunity for the City of Hot Springs** -There was discussion regarding the Deadwood Grant Funds and whether or not we wanted to continue pressing for legislative changes to the fund program. A request was made to see if we could obtain the original legislative bill for the funding. Also, the possibility of approaching Deadwood directly first with a request to change the fund distribution. Several other options were discussed including rotating funds across the state and a traveling lottery. Andrea also noted that News Watch will be doing a piece covering primary problems in towns / cities across the state and will be including Hot Springs. We need to be considering what issues we would like them to present.

Old Business:

- 1) **CLG (Certified Local Government) Grant Project Options** - Project ideas were discussed with the foremost being a revised Historic Preservation Packet to provide to owners and potential buyers. Carl and Christine will be working on reviewing information for such a packet. Pat stressed the importance of keeping accurate In-Kind forms for funds to be applied toward different projects.
- 2) **7 Sister Mountain Range Designation as Point of Interest** - The committee was approached regarding making the 7 Sister Mountain Range a designated point of interest. Debra was unable to obtain much information to date on how the range acquired its name, but will continue searching.
- 3) **Springs Lodge & Café Additional Storage Structures** – There have been no communications or updates as of the date of the meeting.

- 4) **River Channel Retaining Barrier Wall** – Debra reached out to American Metal, but has not gotten any information back yet. This item is still pending.
- 5) **Deterioration by Neglect Update** – No update was available 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, and no contact has been made yet regarding the structure at 143 S Chicago St.
- 6) **HSHC Website Update** – No updates at this time.

Other Discussion:

Debra presented some photos of old hidden tunnels under River Street that were exposed and documented during construction.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1ST, 2024 at 5:00pm.