

Pierre / Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission
Pierre City Hall in conference room
Minutes, February 8, 2016

Call to order at noon

Members present: Don Z, Betsey D, Eileen F, Leon S, David R; Members absent: John S, Dave B, Deb S, Kathy A; Guest: Mayor Gloria Hanson

Members recorded volunteer hours as expected

Review minutes of January 11 meeting, quorum not present so no votes, approval pending

Treasurer's report: Don explained grants existing and need to spend or obligate funds by May 31, 2016, and need for new grant from SHPO to be submitted by March 31, 2016

Building permit review – none at this time

Old Business

- Fort Pierre Historical sign update, two refurbished signs near RR Depot, new sign for RR Depot, new sign for Stockgrowers bank – waiting to install. Dennis Face indicated that street signs should have 4" reflective lettering.
- Sansarc school sign has been ordered.
- Turtle Effigy (on highway 1804) signs to direct foot traffic, has been ordered; plaque replaced under warranty
- Grant options might include new marker, refurbish old historical markers, signs. Discussion with Mayor Hanson regarding what our commission has already done with historical markers.

New Business

- Ft. Pierre Mayor Gloria Hanson described the bicentennial event being planned, including the logo being designed by John Moisan. See separate sheet. The PFPHPC discussed possible projects to assist. David Reiss will review the terms of the grant concerning the types of projects we can consider as defined by the HPC.
- Don reminded the members that our term limit ends on September 30, rather than the end of the calendar year.
- Betsey described the Ft. Pierre Chouteau Management Plan highlights and proposed that a tall gazebo type structure, shade, benches, bike racks and historical information, as well as the loop outlined in the plan, be developed at the site to attract visitors and share historical information. She and Don will pursue estimates from Loren at Brosz Engineering and sources from Chris Nelson and Ted Spencer. Maintenance will be handled by the city with funds we direct.
- Don requested members to provide additions to Historic Places web site, civil war memorial (Kathy), hospital, first school (Betsey), legion cabin, and governor's mansion, etc.
- Mayor Hanson will update list of sites in Ft Pierre for addition to website
- David Reiss suggested providing a plaque for National Guard personnel who served from the Pierre-Ft Pierre area. He will provide more details about this to the HPC at next meeting.
- Discuss at next meeting: Google Field Trip app for "location aware" to find historic homes on our web site.

Next meeting is Monday March 14, 2016

Meeting adjourned 1:15 pm.

2/8/16 Ft Pierre Bicentennial Plans to date as per Mayor Gloria Hanson

Dates can be chosen, does not have to be exact, so it will coincide with the Dakota western Heritage Festival (DWHF) on Friday through Sunday, September 22-24, 2017.

Historians think Ft Pierre is the most historical place in South Dakota. The first recorded evidence of white explorer is 1743 signified by the Verendrye plate.

Organizations approached include Tourism, Media, Cultural Heritage Center, local schools. The committee has requested that the schools not schedule out of town activities so people can attend.

Volunteer Committee is growing and there is a structure for subcommittees.

Friday events proposed:

- Parade that includes the Wagon Train (DWHF) in addition to local entries with historic theme
- Official event proclaiming the Bicentennial with Go Daugaard and Delegation
- Community Dinner that may include tailgate party at a football game
- Street Dance (Ft Pierre tradition)

Saturday events proposed:

- 5K race starting at Expo Center or Lilly Park – two areas central to most events that will keep the visitors connected to the days' activities.
- Arts Festival – artists, vendors, food
- Concert at Fairgrounds

John Moisan developing and designing logo

Used for signs, banners, bronze plaques, commemorative coins

Commemorative rifle i.e. Sharps Buffalo rifle: a proof and 5 rifles to be sold, auctioned, etc.

Request to decorate the State Christmas tree in the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre

Media contacted include Bernie Hunhoff, SD Magazine; Capitol Journal – weekly column with updates on the bicentennial plans and events

More to come...