



BOARD OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Promoting the use and conservation of historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the citizens of Sioux Falls

Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on July 13, 2011

Members Present:

Elizabeth Barry
Austin Buhta
Jeff Dunn
Sean Ervin
Dixie Hieb
Mildred Roesch
Keith Thompson

Members Absent:

Kevin Gansz
Anita Kealey
Adam Nyhaug

Public in Attendance:

Mary Glenski
Cathy Hofer
Kristi Putnam
Sam Putnam
Cheryl Rath

Staff Present:

Debra Gaikowski, Planner

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Vice-chair Sean Ervin.

1. Approval of the June 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Austin Buhta made a motion to accept the June 8, 2011, Sioux Falls Board of Historic Preservation (BOHP) meeting minutes as written. Dixie Hieb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearing – 106/108 S. Summit Ave. Demolition Permit

Sean Ervin opened the Public Hearing at 4:05 p.m. and provided procedural guidance to the audience. Two comments were received in favor of the demolition or removal of the existing building and no comments were received opposed to it. Comments in favor of the demolition or removal included, 1) the district would prefer not to have rental units, and 2) there is a lack of green space within the district so removing this structure would add to that. There was no action required by the Board at this time. Sean closed the hearing at 4:21 p.m.

3. Public Input on non-agenda items

Sean Ervin welcomed a local boy scout to the meeting. The boy attended the meeting to obtain his Communication badge.

Keith Thompson provided a handout for the members which listed several educational sessions he can take at the upcoming 2011 National Preservation Conference in Buffalo, New York. He requested their input on sessions they would like to see him take. The Board members encouraged him to use his judgment to select a variety of topics, as his narrowing of the initial extensive list seemed very appropriate.

4. **Old Business:**

a. **Historic district name change request**

This topic was brought before the Board a second time after being tabled at the May 11 meeting. At that time, Mildred Roesch had made a motion to change the primary name "Sioux Falls Historic District" to the "Cathedral District" and the current name to the secondary name. Debra Gaikowski shared information she received from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the process to change an historic district name. She stated that SHPO would like to see a Statement of Support from the BOHP if they are in favor of it. This would be included with the name change application. Debra read a proposed Statement of Support to the Board. Debra also shared that the request will need to be certified by Jay Vogt, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and approved by the National Park Service. After some discussion by the Board members, they voted on the motion as initially presented. Motion passed with five votes in favor of the change and one vote by Dixie Hieb against it.

5. **New business:**

a. **Activity Book update:**

The BOHP members received a draft copy of the Activity Guide in their board packets. Review comments and questions were taken and fielded by Jeff Dunn. Dixie Hieb made a motion to approve the Activity Guide document, with the suggested changes. Liz Barry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Reports:**

a. **Home Show Subcommittee Report**

Debra stated that the Home Show Subcommittee met again. The group, with the assistance of graphic designer, Kathy Rustwick, focused on the design and color of each of the displays. Debra also told the members that anyone else could participate in the group if they chose to do so.

7. **Other Business:**

Mary Glenski announced an upcoming home tour to be held on July 21 which is sponsored by the Siouxland Heritage Museum Alliance.

Debra shared information on a training opportunity by SHPO for the Board members regarding meeting protocol and procedures.

Adjourn

Dixie Hieb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Motion was seconded by Keith Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.