



# Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM

City Hall, 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD 57732

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## 1. Call Meeting to Order

A quorum present, Commission Chair Posey called the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order on October 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

PRESENT

HP Commission Chair Bev Posey  
HP Commission Vice Chair Leo Diede  
HP Commission 2nd Vice Chair Robin Carmody  
HP Commissioner Trevor Santochi  
HP Commissioner Tony Williams  
HP Commissioner Vicki Dar

City Commissioner Charlie Struble

ABSENT

HP Commissioner Jill Weber

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer

Bonny Anfinson, Program Coordinator

Mike Walker, NeighborWorks Director

## 3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve minutes of 10/12/22 Meeting

***It was moved by Commissioner Deide and seconded by Commissioner Santochi to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2022. Voting Yea: Posey, Diede, Santochi, Carmody, Dar, Williams.***

## 4. Voucher Approvals

a. HP Operating Vouchers

***It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Santochi to approve the HP Operating Vouchers in the amount of \$330,756.35. Voting Yea: Posey, Diede, Santochi, Carmody, Dar, Williams.***

b. HP Grant Vouchers

***It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Santochi to approve the HP Grant Vouchers in the amount of \$19,267.07. Voting Yea: Posey, Diede, Santochi, Carmody, Dar, Williams.***

- c. HP Revolving Vouchers

***It was moved by Commissioner Santochi and seconded by Commissioner Dar to approve the HP Revolving Vouchers in the amount of \$65,594.76. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

## **5. HP Programs and Revolving Loan Program**

- a. Historic Preservation Loan Requests

Les Karas - 784 Main St. - Request to Forgive  
Masonic Center - 715 Main St. - Loan Extension Requests  
Cara Potter - 152 Charles - Loan Extension Requests

***It was moved by Commissioner Diede and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Les Karas, 784 Main St., request to forgive; Masonic Center, 715 Main St., loan extension request; Cara Potter, 152 Charles, loan extension request. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

- b. Rapid City Masonic Building Association – Outside of Deadwood Grant - Request for Extension

Mr. Kuchenbecker stated the Rapid City Masonic Temple received a grant in 2021 to replace three non-historic windows on the front elevation of the building with replicas of the original windows. Since then, the company hired to do the work sold and the new owners did not want to take on the work. The applicant did have communication with the HP Office when this happened. In discussion with them, direction was given to try to find another contractor who could fabricate the windows. They have been unable to do so. They are wanting to extend the grant and use the funds for other items. The Projects Committee has reviewed these matters and recommends denying the request. The applicant can reapply in the next funding cycle for their new request or for the restoration of the windows. ***It was moved by Commissioner Diede and seconded by Commissioner Williams to deny the request for an extension and change of scope for the grant. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

- c. Update Application for Historic Preservation Programs and Policy Guidelines

Mrs. Anfinson stated the HP Commission approved adding an application fee to the grant process in September of 2022. The program application needs to be updated to reflect the added fee in the application and policy guidelines. ***It was moved by Commissioner Diede and seconded by Commissioner Santochi to approve the suggested changes to the application and policy guidelines. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

## **6. Old or General Business**

- a. 2022 Deadwood Fire History Project and Contract

Mr. Runge stated the City Archives is requesting permission to enter into a contract with Dr. Peter Brown of the Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research in Fort Collins, Colorado to identify, sample and date historic wood stumps within and just outside the Deadwood city limits. The outcome of this project will be to develop a fire chronology and historic narrative of Deadwood Gulch's fire district. The data extracted from this project will add new historic data on how fire shaped Deadwood's built environment before the gold rush era, pre-1876, and during the settlement of Deadwood Gulch and the northern Black Hills from 1883 to present. This project will also identify and interpret fire behavior patterns, the date the forest within and surrounding Deadwood, and provide detailed analysis of Deadwood's climate variables. ***It was moved by Commissioner Santochi and seconded by Commissioner Dar to recommend to the City Commission to enter a contract with Dr. Peter Brown of the Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research in Fort Collins, Colorado to identify, sample and date historic wood stumps within and just outside the Deadwood city limits and prepare a final report. Funding for this project will not exceed \$12,000.00 and will come out of the 2022 City Archives budget. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

## **7. New Matters Before the Deadwood Historic District Commission**

- a. COA 220170 - Jordan Dahl - 566 Main - Install flat roof on axe throwing structure

Mr. Kuchenbecker stated he recommends continuing this item. After staff review it was determined there are a lot of questions that need to be answered. Originally this was a fenced in ax throwing venue and now they want to make it a structure. ***It was moved by Commissioner Santochi and seconded by Commissioner Diede to continue this item to the November 9, 2022, meeting. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

- b. COA 220171 - First Gold Hotel and Gaming - 270 Main - Construct awning to cover mechanical/electrical equipment

Mr. Kuchenbecker stated he would like to have this item continued. They have an open permit for the parking garage and they are planning on constructing this awning in this location. If they are not going to build the parking garage then they will have to follow through with the reclamation of the hillside. The city has a bond on it. ***It was moved by Commissioner Santochi and seconded by Commission Dar to continue this item to the November 9, 2022, meeting. Voting Yea: Posey, Carmody, Diede, Santochi, Dar, Williams.***

## **8. New Matters Before the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission**

## **9. Items from Citizens not on Agenda**

(Items considered but no action will be taken at this time.)

## **10. Staff Report**

(Items considered but no action will be taken at this time.)

- a. Fassbender Collection Newsletter 2022 Third Quarter

Mr. Kuchenbecker stated in your packet is the third quarter newsletter for Fassbender.

- b. South Dakota Municipal League - Public Meetings and Electronic Communication policies

Mr. Kuchenbecker stated at the South Dakota Municipal League's annual meeting there has been some new rules stating electronic correspondence can be considered an open meeting. We have to e-mail less than a quorum in all e-mails. Staff will now have to break down e-mails in groups of no more than three.

The National Parks Service newsletter featured Deadwood and the Brothel Deadwood. It is a three page article in an eight page newsletter. Staff will e-mail you information.

Mr. Runge brought in some memorabilia from Dan Greene who passed away and the city acquired some of his collection.

MSI and the Commission on Gaming is working on the issue of children in casinos.

Banners are up on the four lane through Deadwood.

**11. Committee Reports**

(Items considered but no action will be taken at this time.)

**12. Adjournment**

The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission

*Minutes by Bonny Anfinson, Program Coordinator*