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City of Brookings
520 3rd Street
Brookings, SD 57006

SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 260617008S – 901 6th Street Window Replacement

Location: Brookings

COB - City of Brookings

Dear Bailey,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to provide the following comments concerning the effect of the proposed project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On June 17, 2026, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 901 6th Street in Brookings, South Dakota. The proposed project involves replacing six windows on the second story (two on north side, two on west side, and two on the south side) The windows being removed are wood and will be replaced with vinyl windows of the same dimensions. The applicant notes that the existing windows are not original to the house. This property is contributing to the Brookings University Residential Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. SDCL 1-19A-11.1 outlines a specific process that must be followed prior to any governmental action that may harm any historic property that is included in the National or State Registers of Historic Places.

Based upon the information provided, the proposed project has the potential to encroach upon, damage or destroy historic property that is included in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places. Specifically, removing wood windows and replacing them with vinyl windows does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Therefore, the SHPO is requesting an abbreviated case report regarding any feasible and prudent alternatives, and evidence that the windows are not original to the structure consisting of items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10. For item #10, please have the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission review and comment on the abbreviated case report within 180 days of receipt prior to submittal to SHPO.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Duncan Trau at Duncan.Trau@state.sd.us or at (605)773-6005. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Garry Guan
State Historic Preservation Officer



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