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Bailey Maca
City of Brookings
520 3rd Street
Brookings, SD 57006

SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 260421006S – Detached Garage Demolition

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 April 21, 2026, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 616 8th Street in Brookings, South Dakota. The proposed undertaking involves removing a garage/barn that is located in the backyard. In the submitted material, it is reported that this structure is in poor repair. 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, the removal of a contributing building would destroy historic property..

Therefore, the SHPO is requesting an abbreviated case report regarding any feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed project and consisting of items 1, 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



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan Trau". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Duncan Trau
Historic Preservation Specialist

