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SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 230608009S – 630 6th Ave Detached Garage
Location: Brookings
COB - City of Brookings

Dear Ryan,

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 effect of the proposed project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On June 8, 2023, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 630 6th Avenue in Brookings, SD. The proposed project involves removing the detached garage and replacing it with a new basic garage structure. The current garage received structural damage in the May 2022 storm and the structure was inspected by a contractor and insurance adjuster. Both parties found the structure to be unsafe. The proposed new garage will be similar in size, footprint, and style. As indicated in the project details, the doors and windows are gone from the current structure and the frame is damaged. The proposed new garage will be stick framed, OSB clad, with architectural shingles and lap siding. On June 13, 2023, SHPO requested additional information. On June 29, 2023, SHPO received additional information that detailed the damage to the garage to be more structural. On June 30, 2023, SHPO received additional photographs of the property. The circa 1930 garage 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 the contributing garage would destroy historic property and the proposed new garage could have the potential to encroach upon the historic district.

Therefore, the SHPO is requesting an abbreviated case report regarding the feasibility of repairing the contributing garage structure, and the proposed height and design of the new garage consisting of items 1, 2, 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,
Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, PhD
Interim State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan Trau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'T'.

Duncan Trau
Historic Preservation Specialist

