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SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 250502002S – 911 7th Street - Siding Replacement

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

On May 2, 2025, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 911 7th Street in Brookings, South Dakota. The proposed project involves replacing the wood siding with 4" vinyl siding. 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 replacement of historic siding with vinyl siding does not meet Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Therefore, the SHPO is requesting an abbreviated case report regarding the siding project consisting of items 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10. SHPO also requests if any feasible and prudent alternatives to the project were considered. 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

