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SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 221216002S – 715 6th Street - Window Replacements

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 December 16, 2022, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 715 6th Street in Brookings, SD. The proposed project involves replacing the northern and eastern bedroom windows on the second floor of the home. On January 5, 2023, SHPO requested additional information. On January 18, 2023, SHPO received information that stated that the eastside windows will be one three lite slider after removing the center mullion between the two existing windows. The north rear windows will remove single sliders. The new replacement windows will be white and clear, but will not have grid patterns within the panes. Currently the windows have grid patterns. On February 16, 2023, SHPO requested information as to whether the current windows were historic and original. On March 3, 2023, SHPO received information that described the current windows as wood and glass. The owner was unsure as to whether the current windows were historic and original. 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 does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Specifically, the new windows will not match the old in design and materiality. Upon review of the information submitted, it is the final opinion of the SHPO that this project will encroach upon historic property and that alternatives to this project have not been adequately considered and should be further explored.

Please note that, pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1, if the City of Brookings proceeds with the project, ten days notice by certified mail is required prior to proceeding with the project. Such notice must include a written determination, based on the consideration of all relevant factors, that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposal and that all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic property has been considered. A complete record of factors considered shall be included with such notice.



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,
Ted M. Spencer
State Historic Preservation Officer

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