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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



December 15, 2016

Jeffrey Weldon
City Manager
City of Brookings
PO Box 270
Brookings SD 57006

RE: SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation

Project: 161205001S – Demolition of Municipal Armory, 221 Main Avenue, Brookings
Location: Brookings County
(COB)

Dear Mr. Weldon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law, 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 undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On December 6, 2016, we received your letter regarding the above referenced project to demolish the existing Municipal Armory/Auditorium Building at 221 Main Avenue in Brookings. As noted in your correspondence, this building is a contributing resource in the Brookings Commercial Historic District. SDCL 1-19A-11.1 outlines a specific process which must be followed prior to any governmental action that may harm any historic property that is included in the National or State Register of Historic Places.

Based on 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. Therefore, the SHPO is requesting a full case report consistent with the “Standards for Case Report” as outlined in ARSD 24:52:07:03. For item #10, please have the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission (BHPC) review and comment on the case report within 180 days of receipt; after the BHPC has reviewed and commented on the case report, please submit the case report along with BHPC comments to the SHPO.



Additionally, our office has received inquiries about the proposed demolition project from several concerned citizens in Brookings. Given the extent of public concern about this project, the SHPO strongly recommends that the city conduct a public hearing on this issue in accordance with SDCL 1-19A-11.1.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kate Nelson at Kate.Nelson@state.sd.us or at (605) 773-6005. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of South Dakota is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Kate Nelson
Restoration Specialist

CC: Shari Thornes, Brookings City Clerk
Leah Brink, BHPC Chair