



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** February 25, 2022  
**To:** Deadwood City Commission  
**From:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer  
**Re:** Hire Contractor to create Historic Ghost Mural – 633 Main

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The Historic Preservation Commission has entered 633 Main Street, Bullock Hotel, into the Historic Ghost Mural Easement Program. As per the guidelines, the City of Deadwood will be responsible for 100% of the restoration costs, bidding of the project, securing the required building permit and managing the restoration project. The owner of the building will be responsible for maintaining the ghost mural when complete per the easement guidelines.

A quote has been submitted from Erica Merchant, a highly recommended artist, to restore the ghost murals at 70% of the murals on the right side and rear of the building. This is the same artist who completed the "Grain Belt" mural and the "George Henry Cigar" mural. Staff is recommending hiring Erica Merchant to reproduce the ghost mural for a cost not to exceed \$16,371.00.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their February 23, 2022 meeting and recommend hiring Erica Merchant to restore the ghost murals on the Bullock Hotel building located at 633 Main Street at a cost not to exceed \$16,371.00

**Recommend Motion:** *Move to hire Erica Merchant to restore the ghost murals of the Bullock Hotel building located at 633 Main Street for a cost not to exceed \$16,371.00.*