

Date: March 19, 2024

Case No. 240034
Address: 18 Dakota Ave.

Staff Report

The applicant has submitted an application for Project Approval for work at 18 Dakota Ave., a contributing structure located in the Highland Park Planning Unit in the City of Deadwood.

Applicant: Tom Huhnerkoch
Owner: HUHNERKOCH, TOM
Constructed: c 1900

CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROJECT APPROVAL

The Historic Preservation Commission shall use the following criteria in granting or denying the Project Approval:

General Factors:

1. Historic significance of the resource:

This building is a contributing resource in the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District. It is significant for its historic association with the founding and initial period of growth of the town of Deadwood. Spurred by the tremendous mining boom of 1876, Deadwood grew quickly and became the first major urban center of Western South Dakota. This house displays the architectural characteristics common to working-class housing in pre-World War I Deadwood. These small, vernacular cottages, typically of foursquare or T-gable plan, occasionally featured limited Queen Anne detailing. A number of these houses survive today, scattered throughout Deadwood's neighborhoods.

2. Architectural design of the resource and proposed alterations:

The applicant is requesting permission to demolish the partially collapsed structure. Remove materials to include wood, asphalt/metal roofing, glass window remnants, miscellaneous debris and foundation stone/cement down to ground level.

Attachments: Yes

Plans:

Photos: Yes

Staff Opinion:

This property is being sold and the future owners are planning to build on this lot. Unfortunately, this structure has collapsed and would be considered beyond the scopes of restoration. The proposed work and changes does damage or destroy a historic resource and have an adverse effect on the character of the building; however, the loss of this of this resource will not have an adverse effect on the historic character of the State and National Register Historic Districts or the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District.

If this resource is approved for demolition, prior to the issuance of a permit, the applicant should provide archaeological report based on the required investigation. This shall also include photographic recordation of the existing conditions.

Motions available for commission action:

A: If you, as a commissioner, have determined the Project DOES NOT Encroach Upon, Damage or Destroy a historic property then:

Based upon all the evidence presented, I find that this project **DOES NOT** encroach upon, damage, or destroy any historic property included in the national register of historic places or the state register of historic places, and therefore move to grant a project approval.

If you, as a commissioner, have determined the Project will Encroach Upon, Damage or Destroy a historic property then:

B: First Motion:

Based upon all the evidence presented, I move to make a finding that this project **DOES** encroach upon, damage, or destroy any historic property included in the national register of historic places or the state register of historic places. [If this, move on to 2nd Motion and choose an option.]

C: Second Motion:

Option 1: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **NOT ADVERSE** to Deadwood and move to **APPROVE** the project as presented.

OR

Option 2: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **ADVERSE** to Deadwood and move to **DENY** the project as presented.

OR

Option 3: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **ADVERSE** to Deadwood, but the applicant has explored **ALL REASONABLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES**, and so I move to **APPROVE** the project as presented.