



## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 27, 2021  
**To:** Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission  
**From:** Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer  
**Re:** Hire Contractor to create Historic Ghost Mural – 664 Main Street

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The Historic Preservation Commission has entered 664 Main Street, "George Henry Cigar" Mural 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 reproduce the ghost mural at 65 to 70% of the "Henry George Cigars" mural located on the top right side of the building. This is the same artist who completed the "Grain Belt" mural two years ago. Staff is recommending hiring Erica Merchant to reproduce the ghost mural for a cost not to exceed \$14,988.47.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their May 26, 2021 meeting and recommend hiring Erica Merchant to reproduce the ghost mural of the "George Henry Cigar" mural on the building located at 665 Main Street for a cost not to exceed \$14,988.47.

**Recommend Motion:** *Move to hire Erica Merchant to reproduce the ghost mural of the "George Henry Cigar" mural on the building located at 664 Main Street for a cost not to exceed \$14,988.47.*