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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 23, 2024
To: Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Bonny Anfinson, Program Coordinator
Re: Retaining Walls at 45 & 47 Forest Avenue

In 2007 and 2009 retaining walls were constructed in the back and front locations of 45 and 47 Forest Avenue. The owner has expressed concerns regarding the retaining walls over the past 15 years. Recently, the owner requested a site visit by staff and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Staff, along with Historic Preservation Commissioners Leo Diede, Trevor Santochi and Vicki Dar, conducted a site visit on August 22, 2024. The retaining wall in the back of the structure was constructed and the hillside above the back retaining wall has been coated with shotcrete to address the erosion from a storm water drain on Selbie Street. Upon review it does appear there has been some fracturing of the shotcrete and minor under mining of the lower portions but could be considered maintenance and normal changes.

The owner feels the front retaining wall was not constructed properly as it does not look like the retaining wall right next to it, rocks have come loose and there is no concrete cap. As per the design specifications this project did not call for a concrete cap. It does appear some of the cap stones may be missing.

Members of the Commission in attendance felt it should report back to the full commission and take possible action.