

🚩 2018 BROOKINGS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OVERVIEW

Promote inspiration and enrichment of Brookings’ citizens through identification, preservation, promotion and development of the city’s historic resources.

Key Projects

	Description	Status
1	Conducted 11.1 Case Report Reviews for the SHPO on the Brookings County Jail Expansion;	100%
2	SDSU Foundation request to remove bungalows at 907 and 911 8 th Street	100%
3	Request for addition to 420/422 Main Street	100%

Successes

- Kicked off Historic Preservation Month in May through events in April, Green Drinks and Historic Sites and Bikes tour
- Attended the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC) FORUM 2018, Des Moines, IA (7/18 - 7/22)
 - Received NAPC Commission Excellence Award for Best Practices in Public Education and Advocacy
 - Participation by four BHPC Members with City and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff
- Provided historic district walking tours during the August Brookings Bonanza event (8/25)
- Recognized six property owners at the City of Brookings Mayors Awards in August (8/30)
- Hosted guided horse drawn trolley tours of the Central Historic District during the Brookings Annual Festival of Lights in November (11/29)
- Contributed to the development of the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan to include committee participation by two BHPC members and review and comment on the draft plan.
- Developed and sent the annual BHPC spring informational mailing to historic district property owners and licensed contractors.
- Participated in the City Council study session on the Armory.
- Maintained a Facebook page to educate public on historic resources in Brookings, Brookings County, South Dakota, and across the United States, as well as provide information on news, grant opportunities, and happenings.
- Partnered with the Public Arts Commission and Downtown Brookings Committee with cross membership participation.



Photo: Commissioners & Staff with NAPC Award

Challenges

- Transition to Community Development Department
- Community education & awareness of 11.1 review process

Looking Ahead

- Begin work on our new City of Brookings preservation plan created for adoption & use during 2020-2040.
- Finish out our grant program with the installation of bronze plaques in the University District.
- Continue assisting city staff with the transition of BHPC to its new home in the Community Development Department.
- Create a clearer map through the 11.1 review process to be included in building permit informational packets.
- Public education activities including walking tours, historical trolley tour and other events as resources allow.