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SHPO News

Ground Breaking Ceremony held on November 23 for Heritage Center Expansion

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held November 23 for the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion project. The \$52 million project will nearly double the size of the current facility with the addition of 97,000 square feet.

Among those participating in today's groundbreaking ceremonies were Governor John Hoeven, former Governors William Guy, Allen Olson and Ed Schafer, former First Lady Grace Link, SHSND Director Merl Paaverud, State Historical Board President Chester E. Nelson, Jr., SHSND Foundation Executive Director Virginia Nelsen, and SHSND Foundation President Jon McMillan. Greetings and congratulations were sent by former Governor George Sinner, who was unable to attend the event. Many other officials also attended the program and groundbreaking. Due to the inclement weather, the event was held in the Heritage Center's Russell Reid Auditorium, with soil overturned by officials to symbolically represent an actual groundbreaking event.

"Today is a historic day in North Dakota, not only for the North Dakota Heritage Center, but for the future generations that will benefit from the preservation and chronicling of our state's rich heritage," said Governor Hoeven. "This groundbreaking marks the culmination of years of hard work and planning by many people, and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in telling the story of our great state."

http://www.history.nd.gov/pressroom/expansiongroundbreaking_10.html

Updated NPS Preservation Brief

Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service, is pleased to announce publication of the expanded and revised Preservation Brief 14: New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings: Preservation Concerns. The revised Brief features all new illustrations and contains expanded and updated design guidance on the subject of new additions that has been developed by Technical Preservation Services since the original publication of the Brief in 1986. Originally written by Kay D. Weeks, the Brief has been revised and expanded by Anne E. Grimmer, Senior Architectural Historian, Technical Preservation Services. Please send an e-mail to nps_hps-info@nps.gov to request a print copy.

Grants

Heritage Training Scholarship

We still have money available for the 2009-2011 biennium. As part of the Cultural Heritage Grant Program the SHSND offers Heritage Training Scholarship Program. Heritage Training Scholarships are available for local and county historical society staff members, Historic Preservation Commission members and other staff of history related organizations to participate in training opportunities.

Applications need to be turned in at least a week prior to the event. Link to the application form: www.history.nd.gov/hp/PDFinfo/HTS%20Application%202009-2011.pdf

Coordinator's Corner

Greetings,

When I was in Austin, Texas for the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Conference in October I had the opportunity to attend Preservation Commission training offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). Although this training was designed to train Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members, I found much of the information quite useful in my position as well. As I learn more about the process and procedure necessary to maintain a successful HPC it becomes clear that a good foundation is vital to achieving our goals.

The first step to ensuring the success of a local preservation program is the development of a plan for the future. According to the NAPC, a preservation plan is a roadmap for a government's future preservation activities, but is also a public outreach tool for the preservation commission. While the plan provides a guide for the HPC to use when determining the direction to take in preservation efforts, the process of developing the plan also gives property owners and residents the opportunity to help shape the community's future. The more aware the public is of the history of their community, the more enthusiastic and supportive of preservation efforts they will become.

In order to be successful, a preservation plan must have four key attributes. It should be: **Future oriented** (in looking to the future, the preservation plan establishes the goals and objectives that will be achieved over time) **Continuous** (to be effective and relevant it must be periodically reevaluated and amended to adjust to changes in the needs of the community) **Realistic** (the plan will not be successful if it does not acknowledge challenges and conditions it will face...if it is not realistic the outcomes will remain a dream. and **Comprehensive**.

The first element of a truly comprehensive plan is a statement of goals and the purpose of the preservation plan. This provides direction by establishing the community's program and the philosophy underlying the other elements. The goals must reflect the vision for the future and the needs of the community it will serve. It is with this idea in mind that I have asked all of the GLC coordinators to provide me with a "mission statement" or "statement of purpose" for each CLG. If we do not know what our goals and missions are, we will be unable to take proactive steps to meeting them! I encourage each of you as members of the HPC to take some time to think about what it is that you are trying to accomplish. What are the goals of your preservation program? What do the citizens of your community want to preserve? How can you help to reach these goals?

In future issues of the newsletter I will discuss additional elements of a comprehensive plan.

As always, communication is key to the partnership between the HPCs and the SHPO, so PLEASE call, write, or stop by if there is any way that we can be of assistance. WE are here to support YOU!

Happy Holidays!

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Preservation Web Links

- **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)** - www.aaslh.org/
- **State Historical Society of North Dakota** – News Releases - www.history.nd.gov/pressroom/index.html
- **Cultural Resource Management** webzine – National Park Service - www.nps.gov/history/crm/
- **2010 National Historic Landmark Photo contest** - www.flickr.com/groups/2010nhlphotocontest/
- **Feel their pane: Help Save the Windows** – www.helpsavethewindows.org
- **ND Tourism Newsletter archive** - www.ndtourism.com/smartmail/travel-updates/archive.asp

Upcoming Training Opportunities & Events

- December 10 – State Historic Preservation Board Meeting – Heritage Center, Bismarck
www.history.nd.gov/pressroom/preservationboard_10.html
- February 8 & 15 - **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)** – Board Development Webinar – www.aaslh.org/BoardDevelopment.htm
- March 7-9, 2011 – **Advocacy Day and NCSHPO Annual Meeting** – Washington DC
- May 2011 – **Historic Preservation Month**
- May 17 & 24 - **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)** – Board Development Webinar – www.aaslh.org/BoardDevelopment.htm
- May 31 – June 5, 2011 – **Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference** – Falmouth, Jamaica
www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org
- October 17-21, 2011 – **Mountain Plains Museum Association Annual Conference** – Helena, MT
www.mpma.net
- October 18-22, 2011 – **National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference** – Buffalo, NY
www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/
- July 19-22, 2012 – **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Annual Forum** – Norfolk, VA
www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/forum.htm