

## Justin Johnson

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Justin Johnson  
**Cc:** Spencer, Ted; Almlie, Liz; Neil Putnam  
**Subject:** 301 N Main St Timeline  
**Attachments:** 170801001S\_Putnam.pdf

Justin,

Thank you for calling this afternoon to discuss the nuisance abatement project at 301 N. Main in Mitchell. Below is a timeline showing how the SDCL 1-19A-11.1 review process has progressed to date.

August 1, 2017: Neil Putnam (City of Mitchell) notified the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the storm damage that resulted in a partial collapse of the south wall. Information included a July 11, 2017, letter from L.L. Jirsa with his field inspection notes. Tim McGannon (Mitchell Director of Public Works) noted that Mr. Jirsa's letter was to assist the City and was not intended as advice for the building owner. SHPO sent the attached letter to the City of Mitchell due to the emergency nature of the situation.

May 15, 2018: SHPO was contacted by David Finnell stating that the city was going to demolish his building. SHPO contacted Neil Putnam and Justin Johnson (City Attorney) for an update on the situation. Justin Johnson noted that the City Council was planning to meet on May 21 to discuss the building and come up with a game plan for moving forward. SHPO asked to be notified as the project progressed.

June 18, 2018: Justin Johnson contacted SHPO to say that the city had recently filed a lawsuit to abate the nuisance conditions at the property.

June 19, 2018: SHPO requested a case report consistent with ARSD 24:52:07:03. SHPO noted that several case report items had already been submitted and asked for further information on item #3, #7, #9, #10, and #11. Johnson submitted the requested information except for item #10, which is comment by the Mitchell Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Johnson noted that it may take time to arrange schedules and have a quorum at an HPC meeting.

June 20, 2018: Neil Putnam notified SHPO that he would work on scheduling an HPC meeting and would compile past HPC minutes where the building was discussed.

June 22, 2018: SHPO received the past HPC meeting minutes but noted that they did not discuss whether the HPC thought the demolition would be an adverse effect or whether alternatives had been considered, per ARSD 24:52:07:03. Neil Putnam noted that HPC chairman Jeff Logan would be back in town the following week and they would try to schedule an HPC meeting after that.

October 30, 2018: SHPO received the unapproved minutes of the August 29, 2018, HPC meeting from Justin Johnson.

Now that we have received the minutes from the August 29 HPC meeting, we will review the information in its entirety and provide our comments in accordance with SDCL 1-19A-11.1.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

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