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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Heritage Designation request: Marquis Downs

Meeting (if known) Planning, Development, Community Services Committee

Comments

Good morning,

I am requesting to speak at the upcoming PDCS meeting regarding pursuing a heritage designation for Marquis Downs race facility (the Grandstand and Race Horse Barns). I will provide a video presentation.

Thank you,
Nicole Hein

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Subject Letter to upcoming PDCS meeting

Meeting (if known) Heritage Designation Request: Marquis Downs

Comments

I am writing this letter to be included with my video presentation at the upcoming Planning, Development, and Community Services Committee meeting on June 14th. I would once again like to stress the importance of seriously considering the designation of the Marquis Downs facility as a heritage site as soon as possible, given the pending demolition permit at 503 Ruth Street W for a "Warehouse" (historically, the term has been used to denote barns).

Originally something to enjoy during the annual summer fair as far back as the late 1880s, horse racing has been a part of Saskatoon since before its inception and has been a constant throughout the ever-changing landscape of the City. Horse racing provides employment to hundreds, supports agribusiness throughout Saskatchewan, furthers important Truth and Reconciliation efforts, generates approximately \$37M for the provincial economy and is a tie to our agricultural heritage.

Marquis Downs is the only SLGA-licensed racetrack in all of Saskatchewan. The current facility was constructed in 1969, and the Grandstand, as well as the Race Horse Barns, are explicitly mentioned in the City's lease agreement with Prairieland Park, along with clauses that require Prairieland Park to keep the barns in good condition and use them as originally intended. Prairieland's unwillingness to maintain the barns as required is in violation of the terms of their lease and should be seen as an affront to both the City of Saskatoon and this irreplaceable aspect of our collective heritage.

All other provinces are home to healthy horse racing industries and experience the widespread positive impact that the

sport has on the municipal and rural communities, agribusiness, and the greater provincial economy while remaining as a testament to each province's agricultural heritage. Alberta alone has five racetracks, all of which are operating successfully - the horse racing community in Saskatchewan is asking that the City of Saskatoon save our one and only racetrack.

Marquis Downs is the heartbeat of the Thoroughbred horse racing industry in Saskatchewan. Without it, the nearly sesquicentennial sport will completely disappear. The heritage and culture of horse racing, along with the employment, TRC efforts, economic impact, and access to agriculture will vanish, along with our historical ties to the agricultural foundation on which this city was built.

There is an entire community of horsemen and women throughout the entire province of Saskatchewan, many of which come from fifth- and sixth-generation horse racing families, who are ready, willing, and able to continue the legacy of horse racing in Saskatoon at Marquis Downs. The horse racing community will reform the Saskatchewan Jockey Club, a governing body that was first established in 1969, and will operate horse racing at Marquis Downs through this non-profit organization (more details on the structure of the SJC will be included during one of the presentations). The organization will be governed by industry stakeholders including the Government of Saskatchewan's Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA). It shall be led by a chair that has decades of experience in successfully operating racetracks throughout Western Canada providing guidance and succession training in management and operation of the racetrack.

Sincerely,
Nicole Hein