



Engineering Department

DATE: June 25, 2024

FROM: Gabe Schell, City Engineer

ITEM: HC 128 - Release of Historical Artifacts

REQUEST:

Release of historical artifacts collected on HC 128 to the State Historical Society.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the street rehabilitation project in Downtown Bismarck under project HC 128, the ND Dept of Transportation (NDDOT) required the City of Bismarck to perform archeological monitoring during construction activities. The City consulted with Metcalf Archeology to perform the construction monitoring services. At the end of the project, 85 artifacts were collected and turned over to the City. On April 23, 2024, the City consulted with the Historic Preservation Commission, NDDOT, and State Historical Society on the final storage of the artifacts. The direction of NDDOT is to have an agreement in place between NDDOT, SHSND-SHPO, and the City of Bismarck to define the details of artifact ownership and curation. NDDOT does not want to own or curate the artifacts, but NDDOT does need an agreement to comply with state and federal laws. The State Historical Society has agreed to accept and store the artifacts in its facilities. The artifacts will still be able to be utilized by the City.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Approval of the release of historical artifact to the State Historical Society

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ATTACHMENTS:

None