

Cherokee City Hall

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To: Tim Greenwood; Janice Woodall; Cindy Wilberding; Megan Stroh Messerole; Jolene Schumacher; Jim Adamson; Barb Busch-Mott; John R. Snapp; Mick Samsel
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Subject: Minutes of CHPC Meeting on January 30, 2018

March 7, 2018

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Historic Cherokee Depot. The minutes are based on notes made by me at the meeting.

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting at Cherokee Depot, Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Commissioners present: Adamson, Busch-Mott, Schumacher, Greenwood, Stroh Messerole, Samsel, Wilberding, and Snapp.

Commissioners absent: Woodall

Guests: Marilyn Samsel

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of November 28, 2017 reviewed and approved on motion by Busch-Mott and second by Stroh Messerole. All ayes.
3. The Commission welcomed Cindy Wilberding as a new member of the Commission replacing Dwight Varce who retired at end of 2017.
4. Adamson, Snapp, and Busch-Mott reported on the sales of the Cherokee Historic and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey Report. As we sold out of the books over the holidays, we are awaiting a reorder of 30 more books. 137 books have been sold to date - 95 spiral bound and 42 perfect bound. The cost of the pending order will be \$1,273.30, all spiral bound, as the price quoted for a reorder of the perfect bound books was deemed too high. Busch-Mott made a motion "that we pay Thomas Mfg. \$1,000.00 toward the loan they gave the Commission to start the project and that we sell the next 30 books at \$40.00 per book to cover costs." Second by Wilberding and all ayes. Samsel suggested that before ordering any additional books that the Commission should vote on the issue. The books are being sold at the Cherokee Area Archives and Cherokee Public Library through the Cherokee Friends of Historic Preservation account.
5. CDBG Facade Project - A brief discussion of the Project status led by Chairman Adamson. Work is considered to be mostly complete - all but three of the outstanding issues have been resolved and those are being addressed.
6. Wilson School - Jim Adamson reported that he had no recent correspondence with Shawn Foutch. General discussion about the City's proposed plans for demolition of the building. John Snapp brought up the fact the City Council has not asked the Commission for our

opinion on demolition or restoration of the building. Commission members were unanimous that Wilson School should be saved rather than demolished. Motion by Busch-Mott "that our Commission recommend to the City Council that Wilson School should be saved rather than demolished and that the City should explore working with Shawn Foutch for restoration of the building for housing." Second by Greenwood. All ayes.

7. Snapp and Busch-Mott reported that the nomination of Wilson School was accepted by Preservation Iowa as a 2018 Most Endangered Property. Samsel had not yet heard the results for the Otto Rudolph/Cookie's Tap building.

8. Lewis Hotel - Adamson updated the Commission on prospective buyers of the building - Mr. Frank Sawatzky and Mr. David Peters. General discussion.

9. Brummer Building - Sam Kooiker is assisting the owner, Lyn Knight, with research and perhaps a perspective purchaser.

10. Balance of CHPC fund at City Hall - \$1,000.00. Balance in Cherokee Friends of Historic Preservation fund - \$3,584.76 which represents funding from R. J. Thomas Co. (\$2,500 loan), Cherokee Area Archives (\$1,000 grant), and private bequests (\$300) to help with start up costs for the Survey Report plus revenue for books sold and payments to the printer. No bills presented for payment.

11. Barb Busch-Mott suggested that perhaps the Sanford Museum would be interested in hosting the "Barn Raisers" documentary. Brief discussion and Snapp mentioned he had seen the film at last year's Preserve Iowa Summit in Ft. Dodge. Busch-Mott also relayed Sandy Siegel's thoughts on how we might bring the public's awareness to the historic resources of Cherokee for Historic Preservation Month in May. Examples were tours of the Sanford Museum, the Joseph Tallman Museum at MHI, and E. T. "Biz" Parker NW Iowa Railroad Museum at the former ICRR Depot. Also suggestion of a scavenger hunt off/for historic places. May 4-6 were mentioned as perspective dates.

12. A reminder to Commissioners that Preserve Iowa Summit and National Alliance of Preservation Commissions biennial Forum will be held in Des Moines, IA from July 18-22, 2018. Commissioners urged to attend if possible

13. Annual Report for our Commission is due at SHPO on February 28, 2018. Snapp, Busch-Mott, and Adamson are currently working on its completion.

14. Tim Greenwood announced that he had signed our Commission up for Chamber of Commerce membership. Thanks were expressed.

15. Other business - Jolene Schumacher spoke briefly about code enforcement in Cherokee.

16. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

17. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m on motion by Snapp, second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary

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