

Cherokee City Hall

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Subject: Minutes of CHPC Meeting held March 13, 2018

April 1, 2018

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, March 13, 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, March 13, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Stroh Messerole

Guests: Paula Mohr via telephone, Rich Cook, & Marilyn Samsel

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2018 reviewed and approved on motion by Greenwood and second by Samsel. All ayes.
3. Paula Mohr, CLG Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office spoke to the Commission via telephone about the possibility of Cherokee hosting the statewide Preserve Iowa Summit in 2020. Paula said that if we were willing to host the event that we should expect around 300 attendees. Recent Summit attendance was 400 at Davenport, 350 at Fort Dodge, and 300 at Winterset. This year's Summit will be in Des Moines and in 2019 it will be in Newton.
 - a) The City of Cherokee would apply for the CLG grant. Typically \$10,000 - \$12,000. Grant period opens in early June, deadline is Aug. 31, 2018.
 - b) When the award is made planning begins. Speakers, programs, and content selected. Paula Mohr would take the lead on organization. A local committee (CHPC & others) organizes sites, meeting halls, caters, etc.
 - c) Secure sponsorship (Fort Dodge raised \$5,000). The registration fee for the Summit underwrites the food and drinks.
 - d) Paula indicated she would send us information on the Newton and Fort Dodge grant applications.

e) Graphics for the event would be printed by the Department of Cultural Affairs in Des Moines. We would need to set up a Conference webpage. Paula suggested "reg on line". Paula will also forward information on this.

f) Schedule: Typically the keynote address is first thing Thursday afternoon. Then breakout sessions with a reception on Thursday evening. Friday & Saturday all day breakout sessions with the possibility of another reception or event on Friday evening.

g) Paula said she has a keynote speaker in mind who would talk about the Buffalo, New York Insane Asylum now known as the Richardson Olmsted Campus and Hotel Henry Urban Resort & Conference Center. This institute was named a National Historic Landmark in 1986. It was landscaped when originally built by Frederick Law Olmsted and is built on the Kirkbride plan as was the Cherokee Mental Health Institute.

h) Paula Mohr would like an answer by mid April if Cherokee will be able to host the Summit.

4. Cookie's Tap - Rich Cook attended our meeting and gave the Commission an update on the physical condition and proposed sale of the building to John Loughlin. He indicated that the sale would not go thru unless the City contributes to the asbestos removal. He said they have no plans for the building if the sale to Loughlin does not go thru. They would like to sell it to someone for historic preservation or to have a new building erected. He said that the Cook's had nearly \$60,000 invested in the building and demolition costs would be \$30,000 besides the cost of asbestos removal.

5. CDBG Facade Project - A brief discussion of the Project status led by Chairman Adamson. Work is considered to be mostly complete.

6. Adamson and Snapp reported on sales of the Survey Report book. 109 spiral bound and 43 perfect bound books have been sold. Approximately 20 books on hand. Balance in the Friends of Historic Preservation account is \$1,701.46. Suggestion by Schumacher & Wilberding to let reunion organizers know about the availability of the books.

7. Wilson School - Jim Adamson reported on recent correspondence and conversations he had with Shawn Foutch, Sam Kooiker, and the Swain family concerning the school. General discussion about the City's proposed plans for demolition of the building. John Snapp presented a letter he had prepared for the City Council on behalf of the Commission recommending that Wilson School should be saved rather than demolished. A couple of edits were suggested.

8. Lewis Hotel - Samsel reported on conversations with Jim Tometich about proposed renovations to the building. General discussion.

9. At this time Chairman Adamson had to leave to chair another meeting. The Commission finished its current discussion and tabled the remaining items on the agenda to the next meeting.

10. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m on motion by Snapp, second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary

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