

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, April 3, 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, April 3, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Stroh Messerole and Woodall

Guests: Marilyn Samsel

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2018 reviewed and approved on motion by Greenwood and second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.
3. Jim Adamson and John Snapp gave an update on sales of the Cherokee Historic & Architectural Survey Report Book. Approximately 155 books have been sold to date with about 15 books on hand. Tim Greenwood suggested putting three copies of the book at the Chamber of Commerce office.
4. Jim Adamson reported on the Request for Proposal sent to consultants to prepare ISIF's for 6 residential properties in Cherokee as suggested by Marlys Svendsen for future historic and architectural survey work.
5. CDBG Facade Project - A brief discussion of the Project status led by Chairman Adamson. Work is considered to be mostly complete. Nothing new to report other than repairs and adjustments to the window problem have been made to Dwight Varce's building per Mick Samsel.
6. Wilson School - Jim Adamson presented the Commission a copy of the thank you email he had sent to Sam Kooiker thanking him, Mayor Craig Schmidt, Alyssa Herbold, and the City Council for their willingness to move forward with the proposal by Shaun Foutch to renovate the Wilson school building. General discussion followed. It was noted that one of Shaun Foutch's current projects - The Equitable Building in Des Moines - has been nominated for a "Preservation at Its Best" award per Paula Mohr at SHPO.
7. Lewis Hotel - Transfer of ownership is in progress. General discussion.
8. Cookies Tap - tabled to after next City Council meeting. Brief discussion.
9. Brummer Building - no new information.
10. Historic Preservation Month - May 2018. Our Commission will participate in this the first week of May as follows:

a) Gustafson Realty will run a full page ad in The Chronicle Times with a scavenger hunt for historic landmarks around the City. Thanks to Sandi Siegel for this.

b) Barb Busch Mott presented the following timeline and suggested the Cherokee Trails Committee be allowed to set up a presentation at both the forthcoming Chamber Coffee and at the Depot event for Preservation Week:

Friday April 27 at 9:30 Chamber Coffee at the Cherokee Depot sponsored by the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission and Cherokee Area Archives.

c) May 1-6 newspaper features with "Turn Back Time" theme and listing of the scavenger hunts.

d) May 5th: 9:00 - noon Depot museum open with tours and model train operating, also display of Cherokee Trails proposal. 12:30 -3:30 MHI Joseph Tallman Museum open for tours and also (weather permitting) tours of the Beacon Hollow cemetery. 4:00 pm Sanford Museum - showing of Raising Barns film and barn photos supplied by John Snapp.

e) Sunday, May 6th: 4:00 pm Sanford Museum Planetarium program.

11. Preservation Iowa Summit 2018 & National Alliance Preservation Conference in Des Moines July 2018. Adamson and Snapp indicated they will be attending. Other members urged to attend if possible.

12. Preservation Iowa Summit 2020 - Does our Commission want to host? Much discussion. Comments as follows: Snapp - first talk to the City if they would support. Samsel - consider Legacy Fund grant and hotel/motel tax as funding options. Snapp - huge undertaking - if we decide to go forward, all commission members must participate and recruit other community members to assist. Samsel - options for assistance would be Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and Jazz Fest organizers. Jim Adamson will talk to Craig Schmidt and Sam Kooiker to see if the City is willing to participate in such an event.

13. Adamson reported that on April 25 at 3:30 pm Ted Muenster of Vermillion, SD will be in Cherokee to meet with our Commission and others about a Preservation Summit that they will be hosting in that city on May 16-18. Adamson also presented Commission members copies of "The Economics of Historic Preservation - A Community Leader's Guide" by Donovan D. Rypkema who will be the keynote speaker at the conference.

14. Samsel, Busch-Mott, and Snapp reported on progress on the Facebook page "Cherokee History" sponsored by our Commission. Megan Stroh Messerole also assists as an administrator of the site.

15. A brief discussion of what commission members should provide for the Chamber Coffee on April 27, 2018.

16. Current balance in CHPC account at City Hall \$1,000. No bills presented.

17. The Commission's annual report prepared by John Snapp and Barb Busch Mott was presented for review by the Commission - accepted by the SHPO in February 2018.

18. Other items not on the agenda: Chairman Adamson presented the Commission with information on the old post office building he had received from SHPO regarding prior historical documentation and research on the building. Adamson requested approval from the Commission to speak with Curt Johnson, President of Cherokee State Bank (owner of the building) about the bank's future plans for the building.

19. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

20. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m on motion by Wilberding, second by Schumacher. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary

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