

Cherokee City Hall

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Subject: Minutes of Meeting CHPC May 1, 2018

June 4, 2018

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, May 1, 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, May 1, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Schumacher & Greenwood

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2018 reviewed and approved on motion by Stroh Messerole and second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.
3. Jim Adamson provided the Commissioners a copy of the Feb. 7, 2018 Chronicle Times with an article about the founding and history of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.
4. Jim Adamson and John Snapp gave an update on sales of the Cherokee Historic & Architectural Survey Report Book. 160 books have been sold to date with 3 books on hand, 20 more on order. The Cherokee Friends of Historic Preservation account balance is currently \$2,106.46. It was decided to make another payment to Steve Thomas after paying the invoice for our last order.
5. Megan Stroh Messerole & Jim Adamson reported on the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant application submitted online by Megan requesting funds to prepare ISIF's & nominations for 6 residential properties in Cherokee to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The total project cost is estimated at \$11,614.00. The grant request is for \$7,742.00. The local cash match requirement is \$2,203.00 (expected to be raised local and owner donations). The "in kind" match is \$1,669.00 (work performed by Commission in research, photography, etc.) Two home owners have agreed to contribute \$400 each and three others have agreed to contribute \$200 each so \$1400 of the cash match has been committed. The Commission will learn if the grant is approved in July 2018. If so, Richard Carlson, Architectural Historian, University of Iowa will be hired to update the ISIF's and prepare the nominations.
6. CDBG Facade Project - A brief discussion of the Project status led by Chairman Adamson. Work is considered to be complete except for one outstanding issue. Adamson provided Commissioners with the April 18, 2018 issue of Chronicle Times containing a news story regarding the nearing completion of the Project.
7. Wilson School - Jim Adamson presented the Commission with copies of the City Council minutes for the April 24, 2018 meeting which had a lengthy discussion on Shawn Foutch's plan for the old Wilson School building which explains the agreement to be reached between the Swains and Foutch and the Tax Sale Agreement that is progress.
8. Lewis Hotel - no update.

9. Cookies Tap - Sale of the building to John P. Loughlin by the Cook family appears about to happen as the City has okayed paying for the asbestos removal.
10. Brummer Building - a brief discussion on the condition of the building and perspective buyers.
11. Historic Preservation Month - May 2018. Adamson made comments about the success of the Chamber of Commerce coffee hosted by CHPC at the Depot on Friday April 27, 2018. Our Commission will participate in the first week of May as follows:
- a) Gustafson Realty will sponsor a scavenger hunt to highlight historic buildings and landmarks around the City beginning May 1st. Thanks to Sandi Siegel for this.
 - b) Saturday May 5th: 9:00 am - noon E. T. "Biz" Parker Northwest Iowa Railroad Depot & Museum open with tours and model train operating. 12:30 -3:30 pm MHI Joseph Tallman Museum open for tours and also (weather permitting) tours of the Beacon Hollow cemetery. 4:00 - 6:00 pm Sanford Museum - showing of the "Raising Barns" film and slide show of barn photos supplied by John Snapp. The Trails Committee to have display on the Fountain House trail system at both the Depot and Sanford Museum.
 - c) Sunday, May 6th: 4:00 pm Sanford Museum Planetarium program.
12. Preservation Iowa Summit 2018 & National Alliance Preservation Conference in Des Moines July 2018. Adamson, Snapp, and Stroh Messerole indicated they will be attending. Other members urged to attend if possible.
13. Preservation Iowa Summit 2020 - the Commission discussed our decision to decline the opportunity to host the Preservation Iowa Summit in Cherokee in 2020 and instead seek consideration for that honor in a later year when we are better prepared. With the coming completion of the CDBG Facade Project, the Neighborhood Survey Report book sales, and the pending NRHP nominations for six residential properties the Commission determined it was too soon to take on additional responsibilities.
14. Adamson provided the Agenda for the Missouri Valley Historic Preservation Conference to be held May 16-18, 2018 in Vermillion, SD. Donovan D. Rypkema, founder & CEO of Place Economics, Washington, D. C. will be the keynote speaker at the conference. Adamson and Busch-Mott indicated they will attend.
15. Mick Samsel, Busch-Mott, Stroh Messerole and Snapp reported on progress on the Facebook page "Cherokee History" sponsored by our Commission.
16. Current balance in CHPC account at City Hall \$1,000. No bills presented.
17. GAR Hall, Seventh Day Adventist, First Baptists Church - 110 Union Street. Adamson described the meeting between Sam Kooiker, Adamson, Snapp, and Connie Hankens, owner of the building, to discuss her plans for the building since with the pending demolition of Cookie's Tap it will most likely be Cherokee's oldest surviving structure. Adamson and Snapp also spoke about their recent inspection of the building. A brief discussion ensued on whether the Commission has the time and resources to pursue a project to save the building. Comments were that it should be a community project, the perhaps the Trails Committee would be interested in utilizing it as part of their project, or if it would be a suitable for a Guy Gillette and/or Martin Treptow museum. It was suggested that Armond Rider and Duane Mummert should look at the building to determine structural integrity.
18. Other items not on the agenda: A brief discussion about the old Cherokee Bowl building conversion to the Little Sioux Event Center which is under way.
19. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.
20. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m on motion by Samsel, second by Snapp. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary

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