

Cherokee City Hall

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Subject: Minutes of Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on June 11, 2018

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Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Monday, June 11, 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, Monday June 11, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Schumacher, Woodall, Wilberding

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 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. Recently received our latest re-order of 20 books. The Cherokee Friends of Historic Preservation account balance is currently \$2,381.46 with one invoice outstanding yet. It was decided to make another payment to Steve Thomas after paying the invoice for this last order.
4. 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 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.
5. CDBG Facade Project - Close out for this Project expected to be approved at the City Council meeting on Tuesday June 12, 2018. All punch list items have been addressed.
6. Wilson School - On the agenda of the City Council meeting for Tuesday June 12, 2018 for the City to enter into a developmental agreement with Shawn Foutch. Brief discussion.
7. Lewis Hotel - Rehab work has begun to stabilize the building. Work is currently being done to the roof of the building.
8. Cookies Tap - Demolition of the building nearly complete except for the front facade. Rear of the lot to be parking for Loughlin's Loft Apartments and the front of the lot to be developed as an open space event venue with a stage for the Book Vine and community use.
9. Brummer Building - Nothing new to report.

10. Historic Preservation Month - May 2018. The Commission did a general review of events facilitated by us and our friends at Gustafson Realty, Sanford Museum, E. T. "Biz" Parker Northwest Iowa Railroad Depot & Museum, MHI, and Cherokee Trails Committee.

a) Gustafson Realty sponsored a scavenger hunt to highlight historic buildings and landmarks around the City. Thanks to Sandi Siegel for this. Chamber of Commerce coffee was held at the Depot. Historic photos of many Cherokee downtown buildings were displayed in business storefronts. Thanks to Barb Busch-Mott and Mick Samsel for their efforts in this project.

b) Saturday May 5th: E. T. "Biz" Parker Northwest Iowa Railroad Depot & Museum was open with tours and model train operating. MHI Joseph Tallman Museum was open for tours (Beacon Hollow cemetery tour could not be held because of poor road conditions due to the heavy rains) and also the Sanford Museum - showed the "Raising Barns" film and a slide show of barn photos supplied by John Snapp. The Trails Committee had a display on the Fountain House trail system at both the Depot and Sanford Museum.

c) Sunday, May 6th: Sanford Museum Planetarium program.

d) Good attendance at all venues and very well received. One of our best outcomes for May - Historic Preservation Month. Still hoping to have the Beacon Hollow cemetery tour some time in the future.

11. Jim Adamson and Barb Busch-Mott reported on their attendance at the Missouri Valley Historic Preservation Conference to held May 16-18, 2018 in Vermillion, SD. Donovan D. Rypkema, founder & CEO of Place Economics, Washington, D. C. was the keynote speaker. Adamson reported that the LeMars and Sioux City Historic Preservation Commissions have expressed interest in following up with our Commission on a suggestion from the conference to explore ways to achieve mutual goals of historic preservation and economic development in each of our communities by forming a "Heritage Corridor." Mick Samsel suggested speaking with others in our community who might have similar goals. Barb Busch-Mott proposed inviting both Sioux City and LeMars commission members to Cherokee to meet and discuss common goals. Jim Adamson will contact the other two Commissions.

12. Preservation Iowa Summit 2018 & National Alliance Preservation Conference in Des Moines July 2018. Adamson, Snapp, and Stroh Messerole (speaker) indicated they will be attending.

13. Mick Samsel, Busch-Mott, Stroh Messerole and Snapp reported on progress on the Facebook page "Cherokee History" sponsored by our Commission. There has been a good response to it from the public.

14. Bills presented: Jim Adamson - \$143.90 (motel and registration for the Missouri Valley Historic Preservation Conference).

15. The Commission discussed how to manage the balance of \$146.11 remaining in the Cell Phone Tourism fund at the Cherokee Community Foundation. The Commission would like to leave the funds in CCF under a new fund name of Historic Preservation to fund future projects such as proposed nominations of 6 Cherokee houses to the National Register of Historic Places, etc.

16. GAR Hall/Seventh Day Adventist/First Baptist Church - 110 Union Street. Adamson, Snapp, Greenwood, and Busch-Mott reported on the challenges to raise the building, build a handicap ramp, remove asbestos, or relocate the building. It appears that the Trails Committee is not interested in utilizing it as part of their project. Still there is the possibility that it might be suitable for a Guy Gillette and/or Martin Treptow museum. Stroh Messerole suggested seeing if any other churches in town would have an interest in helping save the building.

17. Other items not on the agenda - Megan Stroh Messerole reported on the upcoming Archaeology Field School sponsored by the Sanford Museum. Three new sites will be studied on private property in northern Cherokee County. Eight students expected and perhaps eleven volunteers. Mick Samsel suggested that if we are awarded the grant to prepare the nominations for the 6 homes to the NRHP that we consider displaying signs similar to the "Grand Old Homes" signs at those houses to call attention to the project.

18. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

19. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m on motion by Adamson, second by Stroh Messerole. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary

