

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting at the Cherokee Depot

Wed. April 17, 2024



Commissioners Present: Adamson, Pingel, Younie, Samsel, Snapp, Caldwell, Busch-Mott, Wilberding, Greenwood

Commissioners Absent:

Guests Present:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:20
2. Minutes of meeting from Mar. 20 reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Busch-Mott, second by Snapp. All in favor.

3. MHI Land Sale Update:

John Snapp: Subcommittee met on April 10th. The land sale will be on the next City Council agenda and they will be voting on it. City is going to negotiate on a lower price than it was appraised for. Part of the negotiation is mowing and the completion of Ash tree removal, which was started but stopped when the sale was announced. John Nitz has put together a 10 point plan with the community doing the fundraising. Some grants and other funding options for the community were discussed.

4. Pillars at 500 Park St. (Fountain House entrance):

Hotel Motel matching grant was written and submitted by Busch-Mott for \$2000 and hoping the rest will be split among Friends of Depot, CHPC, Cherokee Area Archives, and private citizens. Maybe contact Friends of Conservation (Ginger Murphy) to donate as their preservation project for the year. Have not heard back yet on whether we will be awarded the grant or not.

5. Updates on **Wilson Bldg** from Jim Adamson:

They are back to work on the inside but no new information direct from Shawn Foutch.

Updates on **Brummer Bldg** from John Snapp:

False front is down and entry tile is laid. Exterior trim work needing done yet. Still working on plumbing and electrical on the restroom on west side. Terry Phillips (with the window workshop) has been through the Brummer and he says he believes all the windows can be restored. Hoping Terry can come up for about a week or more to show volunteers what to do and then have local help take over. Window restoration would include 16 windows on the front, and 20 on the Hwy 59 side, and 12 windows in the rear all needing repairs.

Updates on **Lewis Bldg**: from Jim Adamson:
6 apartments left to go- each about half done.

6. **Pilot Rock** Update from Pingel, Busch-Mott, Snapp:

Mark Anderson from Sanford Museum would like to do the tour on Friday Sept.27 @1:00. Thomas' have offered 2 4x4's and 4WD trucks that can be used for the tour. They are interested in its eligibility for the NRHP and we will be helping them move forward with that process. We will plan on having Paula Mohr (SHPO) write it up with Mark Anderson as a consultant with Thomas' funding it. Busch-Mott/Snap will talk with Steve T to make sure he's ok on the funding and then contact Paula.

7. History Week September 23-28, 2024

Steele Mansion: Sat.21st mansion open house. We will charge \$20 (as a donation to CHPC?) and will be available for 4 hours likely 11-3. The family has stories to share with those that tour. We will definitely provide shoe booties for visitors to put over shoes. We should block off the driveway for parking because it was built for carriages. We'll have several CHPC stationed throughout the house and think about traffic flow. Maybe a tour group through every 10-15 minutes and some chairs for those to sit on outside while waiting. Snapp: Would they be interested in the house being on the National Registry? We'll provide them information on NRHP.

Chamber Coffee on Fri Sept. 20th at 9:30

Pilot Rock Tour on Fri Sept. 27th at 1:00

Sept.28th Fall Family Festival

Highlight MHI area with tours on golf carts and possible activities to get people out there on the grounds maybe after hours on a weekday if the property belongs to the city at that time.

8. Bills:

Reimbursement from city clerk to Busch-Mott for our Weebly (Now Square) website renewal. Thank you Barb!! All CHPC commissioners have been given the information to sign in to the website and invited us all to check the emails.

9. Balance for CHPC/CCF account \$3602.79

10. Balance CFHP Account \$3021.47

11. Update on plans for Skateboard Park from Cindy Wilberding:

The OC (Orange County) Ramp crew is coming to work soon and will be staying in the Garfield school while they are here. Building will start on Friday 19th and there will be a ground breaking at that time.

12. Other Business:

Maybe let Bill Anderson and Cory Ege know of Cultural and Entertainment District renewal situation for downtown.

Karen Peterson has been in contact with the city regarding some concerns about her building at 2nd and Main. Some bricks have fallen off the belt course of her façade. She had some work done with the facade project but not the portion that was falling apart.

13. Items not on the agenda:

2024 Preserve Iowa Summit in Mt. Pleasant June 6-8

14. Next meeting scheduled for Wed. May 15th at depot at 5:15. Meeting adjourned at 6:50. Motion to adjourn made by Pingel, second by Busch-Mott . All in favor.

Kerisa Pingel, Secretary