

August 26, 2021

Greetings members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission,

Following are the minutes of meeting held on August 24, 2021. The minutes are based upon notes made by me at the meeting.

### **Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission**

#### **Minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting**

Commissioners present Adamson, Busch-Mott, Greenwood, McLaren, Pingel, Samsel, Snapp, Wilberding

Commissioners absent: Story

Guest present: Mayor Craig Schmidt

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.

1. Minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Snapp and second by Wilberding. All ayes.
2. Follow up regarding payment for ad to be published in the Chronicle Times to promote Cherokee History Week, and where the ad will be placed. Commissioner Wilberding arranged for payment of the ad by Filmore Gustafson of Gustafson Realty. The ad will be created by commissioner Samsel. It will be a half page ad placed in the Chronicle Times Shopper. Wilberding passed a thank you card to be sent to Mr. Gustafson for his generosity.
3. The Preserve Iowa Summit was presented online June 3-5, 2021. Commissioner Snapp has forwarded the website link to view presentations from the Summit.
4. Cherokee History Week – September 17-26, 2021 – ideas and plans. The Cherokee Public Library, Sanford Museum Association, Depot Renovation, Inc., and Cherokee Trails Committee will collaborate with the CHPC. The Brummer Building will also be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and may have some activities (perhaps tours) during the week.
  - **Kickoff for Cherokee History Week will be September 17, 2021** hosting the Chamber Coffee at the Depot and will publicize History Week's upcoming events. The commission thanks Greenwood for volunteering to provide coffee and treats.
  - **Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 11 am and 2 pm**, Kerisa Pingel, Sanford Museum Association Educator, will lead tours of the Oak Hill Cemetery. Sign up will be requested. Rain date will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021. More tours may be added based up sign ups.
  - **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6 pm**, Sanford Museum Association Archeologist Quinn Black will present his research of the White Mill area/Phipps cabin/farm areas on the Little Sioux River. There may also be photo slides provided by Trails Committee members, John Snapp, Barb Busch-Mott, and Laura Jones presenting 12-13 historical markers/signs being created for the new Magnetic/Fountain House Trail. Quinn will discuss these historical areas.

- **Thursday, September 23, 2021**, Cherokee Trails Committee will host walking tours of the new Magnetic/Fountain House Trail and display of signage at the barn. Hotdogs and soda will be provided by Hy-Vee and ice cream provided by DQ.
- Depot Renovation, Inc. will be celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cherokee Depot and hosting their annual Fall Family Festival at the depot on **Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be a clown, a steam whistle and engine display/demonstration, along with various other activities. Food will be served.
- **Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** - Sanford Museum will host author Bob Spurlock to speak regarding a book he has written about Martin Treptow. Martin Treptow died in combat in France during WWI. The American Legion Posts in Cherokee and in Bloomer, WI are named after Treptow. Lodging for Mr. Spurlock will be provided by commissioner Greenwood's family. (Treptow's grandnephew Marty Treptow, his daughter, and two grandsons were in town July 16, 2021. Six CHPC members along with Mayor Schmidt, Ron Honsbruch (Commander of Treptow Post 230, American Legion), Bob Wittrock (Adjutant of Treptow Post 230, American Legion) and other interested citizens greeted them at the Cherokee Depot where Martin Treptow first arrived in Cherokee in 1916.
- **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 2-3 p.m.** - The Depot Renovation, Inc. will be hosting father and son hobo graffiti consultants, Mike and Charlie Wray, at the Depot to explain the history of hobo graffiti in the Cherokee Depot. CHPC and Depot Renovation, Inc. will share the cost (approx. \$170) to host the graffiti consultants at The Morning Glory B & B. (Approved by all on motion from Snapp and second by Greenwood at the July 27, 2021 meeting.)
- **Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 1-4 pm**, Sanford Museum and Quinn Black will host Archaeology Day with activities for children and adults.
- **Throughout the week:**
  - Sanford Museum will provide an informational display about the painter, Helen Johnson Hinrichsen, and her painting "Prairie Pioneer" which hangs in the Cherokee Courthouse. Hinrichsen is best known for her association with Stone City Art Colony and Grant Wood as well as her work as teacher at the School of Art Institute in Chicago. A replica of the painting will be hung in the museum. Ms. Hinrichsen's grand-daughter, Lynn Bermeister, will provide the museum additional insight to Ms. Hinrichsen and her life.
  - The Cherokee Depot will present a display of artist Wendell Mohr's watercolors of depots and trains in Iowa. Wendell Mohr's daughter Paula will provide a biography of Mr. Mohr which will be on display, as well.
  - CHPC will facilitate self-guided walking tours of the historic downtown area of Cherokee as well as driving tour maps of the National Register of Historic Places sites. Maps of the historic buildings in Cherokee and the National Register of Historic Places sites have been created by commissioner Story.
  - Cherokee Public Library will have children's activities and featured books on Johnny Appleseed.

5. Wilson School Apartments – Nothing new to report.

Brummer Building – The Brummer Building Foundation now owns the property and has been granted non-profit status.

6. NW Iowa Regional Heritage Tourism (Cherokee, LeMars, Sioux City) - Chairman Adamson asked that we continue to think about tourism ideas in preparation for in-person meetings with the committee once it is safe to do so. Items to consider: 1) developing a calendar for Cherokee similar to one created for LeMars by Richard Zietlow; 2) developing a Northwest Iowa Heritage Tourism map highlighting historic sites, districts, features, and buildings in LeMars, Cherokee, and Sioux City.

7. Window Repair and Restoration Workshop in LeMars was held May 14 and 15, 2021. Terry Phillips, Historic Window Rehabilitation Specialist from Washington, Iowa was the presenter. Commissioners Snapp, Samsel, and Adamson along with Marilyn Samsel attended the workshop. The commission presented the idea of hosting a window workshop in Cherokee at a future date.

8. Bills to turn in by commissioners: none

9. Cherokee Community Foundation balance (CHPC) \$3,814.40

10. Friends of Historic Preservation balance \$2317.09

11. Follow up regarding the possible demolition of the shed located at the Magnetic Park Trail and Barn area. It has been confirmed by the prior owners that it was constructed using wood from the demolished historical Fountain House. Sanford Museum Association archaeologist Quinn Black and commission members have looked at and documented the building. CHPC will request a meeting with Parks & Rec, Cherokee Trails Committee, Quinn Black, and CHPC at the site.

12. Chairman Adamson requested members view the emails he sent regarding National Association of Preservation Commission (NAPC) and registration for NAPC Summer Short Course.

13. Items not on the Agenda - none

14. Next regular CHPC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:15 at the historic Cherokee Depot.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 on motion by Wilberding, second by McLaren. All ayes.

Julie McLaren, Secretary

