

# Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

## Minutes of Meeting at the Cherokee Depot

Wed. Feb. 21, 2024



**Commissioners Present:** Adamson, Pingel, Wilberding, Younie, Samsel, Snapp (via speaker phone)

**Commissioners Absent:** Caldwell, Greenwood, Bush-Mott

**Guests Present:**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:20
2. Minutes of meeting from Jan. 17 reviewed and approved.
3. MHI Land Sale:

In attendance at MHI meeting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>: Dave Wilberding, John Nitz, Bill Anderson, Tom Letsche, Jim Hasselhoff, Linda Burkhart, Mick Samsel, Nick Patterson, Curt Johnson, Ramona Nitz, Mayor Schmidt, Michael Noltner, John Snapp, Dan and Barb Busch-Mott via zoom.

Mick: Dave Wilberding suggested they offer them \$400, 000 and a written 50 year maintenance plan. Council will be going into a closed session meeting. Samsel is still concerned about the actual parcel boundaries near the Dr. Donohoe grave.

Linda B. was very adamant about moving forward and start fundraising. If the public does the fundraising she didn't see that the city should sell ANY parcels out for development.

Mick suggested Plan B could be a compromise which would be selling off pasture land and a few of the lots on Iowa St.

Jim Hasselhoff was interested as a potential bidder in parcel B because he wants that as a buffer between his housing development and MHI grounds. If he owned it, he would be concerned with the trail as a liability so it would need some rerouting. If the city could give him a 50 year agreement of no development of that parcel that would be ok with him too.

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

Mick: No new correspondence with Elite Masonry.

Barb is writing a Hotel Motel matching grant and hoping the rest will be split among Friends of Depot and CHPC. Maybe contact Friends of Conservation (Ginger Murphy) because they donate to a preservation project every year.

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

Tom Letsche did hear back from Shawn Foutsch about 2 weeks ago. Council wanted an update.

Mick: He called Shawn and said they plan to have at least one person working there by the end of Feb. Mick suggested he contact our city administrator soon! Shawn said he had been very busy and wasn't able to return the calls to the administrator.

Cindy: Realtors in Storm Lake said Shawn has started on a new build on the lake in Storm Lake.

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

John has had conversation with Terry Phillips and he is willing to do a window restoration workshop. West store front now has a new back wall. The space behind it can be used as an office or store room. New frame and new windows have been installed in front. Louis Hausman built new front door and it will be going in soon. They have been painting recently so lighting, electrical and HVAC will be next.

Updates on **Lewis Bldg**: from Jim:

Nothing new on Lewis Hotel. Zach Z. has decided not to renovate the Wade and Donohoe buildings for financial reasons.

## 6. History Week Plans

Pilot Rock:

Tours are still planned for History week 2024 (Mark Anderson- Sanford Museum Archaeologist). Thomas' have 2 4x4's and 4WD trucks that can be used. They are interested in its eligibility for the NRHP. We are looking into that process for them.

Steele Mansion:

No new information. We'll leave details up to Martha on the tour of the mansion  
Planning to highlight MHI area with trail tours on golf carts.

## 7. John Snapp is Cherokee's new Citizen of the Year!! Congratulations John!!!

## 8. No bills

## 9. Balance for CHPC/CCF account \$3859.59

Jim has visited with Alyssa Herbold. The Commission is part of the city government. Jim provided her with the communication with Will Cook and how this account started in 2004. We did raise money privately as Friends of Historic Preservation at the suggestion of SHIPO. Alyssa recommends CHPC agree to be a part of city budgeting and at end of each fiscal year where we can ask for a stipend. Maybe have a list of goals for the previous year prepared. Alyssa is saying that the city was looking at the \$1000 that we've been getting each year as a donation, not as part of the city budget.

## 10. Balance CFHP Account \$3021.47

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

They may start building soon if weather remains nice. They just received \$1000 from Central Bank and \$800 from a private citizen. Hazy Daizy is selling their shirts and there is a planned skatepark fundraiser at Godfathers called "Slice of Pie Night" on Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed. Mar. 20 at depot at 5:15. Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Motion to adjourn made by Pingel, Younie second. All in favor.

Kerisa Pingel, Secretary

