



Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting at the Cherokee Depot

Wed. June 19, 2024

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

Commissioners Absent: Younie

Guests Present: Marilyn Samsel

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:20
2. Minutes of meeting from May 15, 2024 reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Busch-Mott, second by Snapp. All ayes.
3. MHI Land Sale Update:
John Nitz talked with the State of Iowa's representative Paul Carlson. They have received the city's proposal for MHI land of \$200,000 and mentioned the City of Cherokee is the only interested buyer. Tree removal and maintenance were included and we have a good starting point for negotiations. No definitive deadline. The state will respond in a letter in 10-14 days. No response from state yet.
4. Pillars at 500 Park St. (Fountain House entrance):
Barb has already reapplied for the grant. Grant committee meets again in July.
5. Updates on **Wilson Bldg**

Email correspondence from Foutch to Administrator Letsche summary:

June- Focus on outside cleanup, painting and some steel framing inside.

July- Complete sidewalks and new roof covering installed

August-Nov.- Interior framing, electrical, plumbing, HVAC rough in, all utility connections, install parking area subgrade gravels.

Winter 2024/2025- Final interior utilities, drywall, replacement windows

Spring 2025- Finish drywall, painting, interior finishes, cabinets, flooring. Parking lot paving.

Summer 2025- Final construction, cleanup, leasing.

Adamson (text received from Foutch): Water infiltration has not affected anything significant. Site plan has been sent for review and waiting for approval from city.

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

Snapp: West storefront is done, electrical work is done. West storefront needs some minor trim work and some cleaning. 99% done. Terry Phillips has started on 3 sets of windows on 2nd floor Main St

side. He took windows home to Washington, Iowa to work on restoration. When he brings them back he will take a few more back with him again.

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

Zach Zoul now has the Lewis Hotel apartments 100% complete! He is asking \$850 for a one bedroom.

6. Pilot Rock National Registry Update from Busch-Mott, Snapp:

Snapp: A preliminary request has been sent to SHPO. They will review it and will get back in touch within 30 days. Snapp has gone to Auditors Office and has all prior ownership records for Pilot Rock ground (and Steele Mansion).

Busch-Mott: Abby Wallinga suggested Tall Grass Prairie Archaeology or Bear Creek Archaeology to assist with the registry nomination.

7. History Week September 23-28, 2024

Steele Mansion: Sat. 21st mansion open house. We think we will charge \$20 and be available for 4 hours possibly 11-3? Cindy has already purchased booties. Some may prefer to use stocking feet if they'd rather. Commission still hoping to get a walk thru ahead of time.

John Caldwell: His daughter who is a theater student at Dorcht, is offering to have fellow students in period costume to offer live history as a service project.

Snapp: Have people call in for a reserved time slot for the tour after we know how long a tour might take. We are planning on having a handout available on the history of the house. Pingel will be making advertising posters for the Steele house tour.

Sanford Museum: Planning to do a Guy Gillette Exhibit this fall during History Week. They have recently acquired some Gillette items with the help of Snapp and others.

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

Pilot Rock Tour by Sanford Museum Archaeologist Mark Anderson, on **Tuesday Sept. 24th @ 5:30**

Sept. 28th Fall Family Festival

Family Night/ Community Night to Highlight MHI area with tours on golf carts and possible activities to get people out there on the grounds.

8. Bills: none

9. CHPC incoming and outgoing money will now be run through the city's books and approved by City Council instead of the Community Foundation so our funds of \$3602.79 have been moved to a city account. Accounts for CHPC/CCF have been closed.

10. Balance CFHP Account \$3021.47

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

The Skatepark crew informed they need another \$20, 000 because of the heavy debris (foundations from old homes) they have come across and the need for heavy equipment. The crew will be going home for 2 weeks starting Friday 21st of June.

12. New requests for information on our Cherokee History website:

One request this month from a person looking for a relative at MHI

13. Other Business:

Samsel:

Russ Harvey has been contacted and they will be getting up on the roof of the Cardsmart building to take a look at water infiltration problem. The city code pertaining to “dangerous buildings” has been dropped.

14. Items not on the agenda:

15. Next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 5:15 in Depot

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 made by Pingel, second by Greenwood. All in favor.

Kerisa Pingel, Secretary