



Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting at the Cherokee Depot

Wed. Mar.20, 2024

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

Commissioners Absent: Wilberding, Samsel

Guests Present:

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

3. MHI Land Sale:

John Snapp: Committee met on Mar. 12th. Discussion of options continues.

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

Barb is writing Hotel Motel matching grant (due April 15th) 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.

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:

Plumbing is done in bathrooms. New junction boxes are needed so new wiring to the furnaces, etc. Master circuit board has been back ordered. New lighting needed on west storefront. Tiling needed yet in the front. 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 to show others what to do and then have local help take over.

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

Zach Zoul has said 15 of the 26 apartments are complete. Hoping to be finished with all completely in 60 days. Plumbing has slowed the project some.

6. History Week Plans:

Pilot Rock:

Mark Anderson from Sanford Museum is still planning on tours for History week 2024. Thomas' are doing some cleanup of the property doing some tree/junk removal and plan to have a mowed path to the north of the rock. They have offered 2 4x4's and 4WD trucks that can be used for the tour. They are interested in its eligibility for the NRHP. Possibly hire and Architectural Historian do the nomination? We are looking into that process for them.

Steele Mansion: Sat.21st mansion open house. We think we will charge maybe \$10 or \$20 and available for 4 hours possibly 11-3? We should provide shoe booties for visitors to put over shoes.

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

Sept.28th Fall Family Festival

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

7. No bills

8. Balance for CHPC/CCF account \$3859.59

9. Balance CFHP Account \$3021.47

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

The project still needs \$15,000. They did receive \$1000 from Central Bank, \$800 from a private citizen, and recently \$1500 from Sanitary Services. The Hazy Daizy is selling skate shirts and there is a planned fundraiser for the skatepark at Godfathers – "Slice of Pie Night" on Mar. 28th.

11. A big THANK YOU to John Snapp and Barb Busch-Mott for completing the Annual Report!!

12. Items not on the agenda:

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

CHPC Website- Our website has expired and is now operated by Square, not Weebly so we were having issues accessing our site. Barb will work on talking to live support for Square. Discussions of having CHPC subscriptions on every monthly agenda so payments/services don't get overlooked.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed. April 17 at depot at 5:15. Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Motion to adjourn made by Snapp, second by Younie. All in favor.

Kerisa Pingel, Secretary