

February 24, 2021

Greetings members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission,

Following are the minutes of our virtual meeting via Zoom held on February 23, 2021. The minutes are based upon notes made by me at the meeting.

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting (due to Covid-19) on February 23, 2021

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

Commissioners absent: None

Guest present: None

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

1. Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Busch-Mott and second by Wilberding. All ayes.
2. Chairman Adamson asked for any questions or comments regarding the completion of the grant projects: the *Cherokee Commercial Historic District Amendment*, the *Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) Grant*, the *Donated Labor Time Sheet for the REAP/HRDP Grant*, and the *Final Report of the HRDP Grant Number 201905-051*. These items were listed as items 2, 3, 4, and 5 in previous CHPC minutes.
3. CHPC website update – Story will continue to administer the site and upload pictures. He stated that any commissioners with ideas, changes to, or questions regarding the site can contact him.
4. Wilson School Apartments – Nothing new to report.
Brummer Building — A 5013C has been created to purchase the building. Negotiations with the owner are ongoing.
5. 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.
6. Cherokee Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report for 2020. The report was completed by Busch-Mott and Snapp with input from all commissioners. Snapp sent the report to Mayor Schmidt for review, approval, and signature. It is to be presented to the Cherokee City Council during their Tuesday, February 23, 2021 meeting. Chairman Adamson would like to thank Busch-Mott and Snapp for their work on the report and those commissioners that contributed to the report. Included in the report is a CHPC Work Plan for 2021. The plan has been included at the end of this report.

7. Chamber of Commerce Coffee is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2021 and will be hosted jointly by CHPC and Depot Renovation, Inc. Greenwood will provide refreshments. CHPC History Week and Depot Renovation, Inc. Fall Family Festival will be promoted at the coffee.
The Fall Family Festival will take place on September 25 & 26. History Week will coincide with the Fall Family Festival. Activity plans are on-going. CHPC has approved splitting the cost of hosting Bob Spurlock, author of a book about Martin Treptow and two people from the Historic Graffiti Society (train depot graffiti) with Depot Renovation Inc.
8. Bills to present to the city: Chamber Dues of \$175 are due. A motion to approve the payment was made by Greenwood, second by Snapp. All ayes.
9. Cherokee Community Foundation balance (CHPC) \$2,969.74
10. Friends of Historic Preservation balance \$2302.09
11. Items not on the agenda: Chairman Adamson was given a plaque that was found in an antique store in Carroll, Iowa. Research has found that it was on display in the original Cherokee Courthouse and is in recognition of veterans from the Cleaves Regiment of the Civil War.
12. Next regular Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:15 to take place via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 on motion by McLaren, second by Greenwood. All ayes.

Julie McLaren, Secretary

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission Work Plan for 2021

1. Plan and coordinate History Week (possibly a week in September 2021).
2. Continue to work with the Sioux City and Le Mars Historic Preservation Commissions in the development of a Northwest Iowa Heritage Corridor.
3. Continue to promote saving Cherokee's endangered buildings including the Brummer Building and the Wilson School.
4. Work on additional driving/walking tour maps and cell phone tourism for the both the Cherokee Commercial Historic District and the historic residential districts of Cherokee.
5. Continue to assist with the development of signage highlighting the historic sites along the new walking and bike trail in Cherokee.
6. Continue to update the Cherokee Historic Preservation Facebook page and add additional photos and historical information to our website.
7. Award a plaque to highlight the work of a local property owner to honor their work in the preservation of their building or home for our annual history week event.
8. Discuss applying for a grant to nominate/create a historic residential district near the new Magnetic Park trail system which is under construction.
9. Create a brochure and map of our twelve buildings and homes that are on the National Register of Historic Places.
10. Host in partnership with the Sanford Museum and Depot Renovation, Inc. a presentation by Bob Spurlock, author of a new book on Martin Treptow, a former Cherokee barber, who lost his life in WWI. This hopefully will be in conjunction with history week in September which will also be the 125 th anniversary of the renovated depot. This to celebrate and note the importance of the Railroad to our town's establishment and prosperity over the years. Also, to recognize the thirty years of preservation practices in renovation and maintenance of the Depot and grounds by the volunteers of Depot Renovation, Inc.