

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Historic Cherokee Depot. The minutes are based on notes made by me at the meeting.

Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting at Cherokee Depot, Tuesday February 5, 2019

Commissioners present: Adamson, Busch-Mott, Samsel, Snapp, Stroh Messerole, McLaren, Greenwood, and Wilberding.

Commissioners absent: None. Guests: Marilyn Samsel

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2018 reviewed and approved on motion by Busch-Mott and second by Greenwood. All ayes.
3. The Commission discussed the applicants for the vacancy on the CHPC. The Commission voted to recommend to the City Council and Mayor Schmidt that Mark Murphy be appointed as our new member. Jim Adamson said he would contact all applicants with a thank you for their interest and advise the City Council and Mayor of our selection.
4. Cherokee Historic & Architectural Reconnaissance Survey Report book sales - no change. 172 books have been sold and approximately 18 left on hand. Balance in the Cherokee Friends of Historic Preservation account is \$1,080.40 after payment of outstanding balance due to R. J. Thomas, Inc. and a donation of \$250 by John Snapp for a presentation he made on Illinois Central history at the Friends of Conservation annual banquet.
5. Megan Stroh Messerole reported on the progress of the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant to update ISIF's & prepare nominations for 4 residential properties and 2 business buildings in Cherokee to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Current buildings in the Project are the Seaman House, the Rodman/Thomas House, the Brummer House, and the Guy M. Gillette House. Richard Carlson, Architectural Historian, University of Iowa is currently working on revisions to the nominations for submission. The nomination of the John Loughlin business buildings at 204 & 206 W. Main to be added as contributing buildings to the Cherokee Downtown Historic District will be delayed until the Fall 2019 review committee account an overabundance of applications before the Committee.
6. First Baptist Church/GAR Hall/Seventh Day Adventist Church - a local couple has looked at the location for their artist business.

Wilson School - the former owner redeemed the building on the tax sale. City and Shawn Foutch working on another option to acquire the building.
7. Regional Joint Heritage Tourism Meeting of the Cherokee, LeMars, and Sioux City Historic Preservation Commissions. Next meeting in Sioux City delayed until March account of weather, etc. Bill Burroughs will co-ordinate the next meeting. Monona County HPC may also attend.
8. Cherokee Community Foundation balance \$7,650.53 (this includes one half the proceeds from the HRDP grant for the 6 properties' nomination to NRHP and the grant matches from the 6 property owners). No bills submitted for payment.
9. Items not on agenda - Jim Adamson reported that Depot Renovation, Inc will again have a booth at the Cherokee County Fair and ask if the CHPC was again interested in sharing the booth. Motion by Greenwood and second by Busch-Mott to do so. All ayes. It was also noted

that Commission member, John Snapp, had recently received an award from the Pilot Rock chapter of the DAR for his work in historical preservation.

10. John Snapp and Barb Busch-Mott are currently working on completing the CHPC's annual report and expect to have it completed for submission to SHPO by the end of February.

11. May - Preservation Month. Plans for May 2019: Chamber Coffee at the depot on April 26 with similar presentation as last year. Megan Stroh Messerole to lead an archaeological tour to Pilot Rock on May 1st at 6:00 p.m. The art wall at the Sanford Museum in May will include a display on the 4 homes and 2 business buildings that we are nominating to the National Register. Bob Spurlock to speak on his book about Martin Treptow on May 4th. Our Commission's historical preservation award this year to the "Lady Next Door" BnB. Also invite Lily of Valley schoolhouse group to participate.

12. Commission goals for 2019: Continue work on preserving the Brummer building, Wilson School building, GAR Hall & the old Post Office. Continue working with Richard Carlson on the HRDP grant nominations in progress. Continue work with LeMars and Sioux City HPC's. Work on developing a walking tour map for the historic downtown and perhaps for residential neighborhoods. Explore creating a webpage for the Commission.

11. Next regular Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m on motion by Stroh Messerole, second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary