



April 20, 2019

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 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 March 19, 2019

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

Commissioners absent: McLaren. Guests: Mayor Craig Schmidt

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2019 reviewed and approved on motion by Stroh Messerole and second by Greenwood. All ayes.
3. Commissioners welcomed Mark Murphy to his first meeting as our new Commission member.
4. Cherokee Historic & Architectural Reconnaissance Survey Report book sales. 173 books have been sold and approximately 17 left on hand.
5. Wilson School - the owner of the building, Guts Goodnight, paid the back taxes due and redeemed the building from the tax sale. The City and Shawn Foutch are still looking at options for Foutch to acquire the building so that the Wilson Apartments project can proceed. General discussion with comments by Mayor Schmidt. Brummer building - nothing new to report. First Baptist Church/GAR Hall/Seventh Day Adventist Church - a local couple has looked at the location for their artist business.
6. 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 has submitted the nominations to SHPO for their review. 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. Both Richard Carlson and SHPO have reservations that the Rodman/Thomas House may not be individually eligible for nomination. The review committee for the submissions meets on June 12, 2019.
7. Regional Joint Heritage Tourism Meeting of the Cherokee, LeMars, and Sioux City Historic Preservation Commissions. Next meeting in Sioux City delayed until April or May. Bill Burroughs will co-ordinate the next meeting. Monona County HPC may also attend.



8. Jim Adamson proposed having Cherokee become a Main Street Iowa community. He stated that Main Street Iowa is a good mesh with historic preservation and also a good source for grants. He welcomed other commissioners to attend an upcoming meeting with Mary Reynolds in LeMars, IA to learn more and also an IEDA supported workshop in Manning, IA on April 4, 2019 from 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
9. Cherokee Community Foundation balance (CHPC) \$8,000.53 (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). Friends of Historic Preservation balance - \$1,085.46. Bills submitted for payment - John Snapp \$50.59 for printer ink, paper, & postage for preparing minutes, annual report, etc. Chairman Adamson reported that our Chamber of Commerce annual membership was due. Tim Greenwood had paid them last year. Snapp made a motion to pay the dues (\$158.00) from our CCF account, second by Busch-Mott, all ayes.
10. John Snapp and Barb Busch-Mott presented for review a copy of the CHPC's annual report they had completed and submitted to SHPO at the end of February.
11. May - Preservation Month. Review of plans for May 2019 led by Barb Busch-Mott: Chamber Coffee at the depot on April 26 at 9:30 A.M. with a similar historic photo slide show presentation as last year. Also before and after photos of the buildings in the Downtown Facade Project. Greenwood to arrange coffee and Busch-Mott items from the new bakery. 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 Mick Samsel will invite Lily of Valley schoolhouse group to participate. Gustafson Realty to again sponsor a scavenger hunt with historical theme. Attendance by Richard Carlson to speak on the HRDP properties nominations to be determined yet. Mayor Schmidt offered to present a proclamation declaring the month of May as Historic Preservation Month in Cherokee.
12. Items not on the Agenda: Tim Greenwood indicated that the new owners of the Lewis Hotel would like any historical information or photographs that we could provide. Snapp and Busch-Mott thought this had been done at an earlier date but would review.

Stroh Messerole gave the Commission some pricing options from different webpage hosting business ranging from \$8 - \$14 per month if we decide to proceed with another webpage.

Mayor Schmidt informed the Commission that there were three candidates remaining for the new City Administrator to replace Sam Kooiker.
13. Next regular Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.
14. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m on motion by Snapp, second by Stroh Messerole. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary