

October 13, 2019

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday September 17, 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 Sept. 17, 2019**

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

Commissioners absent: Wilberding.

Guests: Mayor Craig Schmidt

1.Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m. Chairman Adamson also thanked and welcomed Cherokee Mayor Craig Schmidt for his attendance at the meeting.

2.Minutes of the meeting of July 29, 2019 reviewed and approved on motion by Stroh Messerole and second by Busch-Mott. All ayes.

3.Chairman Adamson introduced and the Commission welcomed Nathaniel Story as a new member of our Commission.

4.John Snapp reported on the Loughlin properties at 204 & 206 W. Main St. that are being nominated as contributing buildings to the Cherokee Commercial Historic District. Snapp spoke of his recent conversations with John Loughlin and Richard Carlson regarding the buildings. It appears that Richard Carlson will recommend that only the nomination for 206 W. Main should go forward but that both properties would be included in the nomination presented to the State Review Board on October 11, 2019. The Commission then discussed the correspondence received from Laura Sadowsky, State Historical and National Register Coordinator, asking for our Commission's review and comments on the nomination of the properties at 204 & 206 W. Main as contributing buildings to the Cherokee Commercial Historic District. The Commission voted separately on each building and voted to recommend that both buildings be listed on the National Register as contributing buildings. The vote was 5-3 for 204 W. Main and 8-0 for 206 W. Main.

5.Cherokee Historic & Architectural Reconnaissance Survey Report book sales. 177 books have been sold and approximately 12 left on hand.

6.Regional Joint Heritage Tourism Meeting of the Cherokee, LeMars, and Sioux City Historic Preservation Commissions. Next meeting in Sioux City not scheduled yet.

7.Wilson School - Mayor Schmidt reported that the City has approved a new Agreement with Shawn Foutch at \$410,000 for development of the Wilson School Apartments. Foutch's acquisition of the building is nearly complete. Brummer building - nothing new to report. McDonald building - remodeling work is progressing. The Loughlin lot (formerly Cookies Tap) - lot has been seeded to grass and border fence and gate with gas lanterns and historical sign (Pleazol Cigar) now installed. Herbold Law Firm, 427 W. Main - this historical building being completely renovated and will have the law office on the ground floor with two apartments above.

8. Cherokee Community Foundation balance (CHPC) \$7,325.44 (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 - \$2,383.46 which includes donations from the Ann Wilberding family and from the Mark Murphy family as memorials in their names.

9. Other items not on the Agenda: Adamson spoke briefly about the response to Section 106 letter he sent to the FCC regarding the tower the CN Railroad proposes to construct just north of Elm Street on railroad property. Busch-Mott presented to the Commission for review first drafts of brochures Julie McLaren is developing for a Cherokee Downtown Walking Tour and a new brochure for the Cherokee Area Archives. Busch-Mott suggested that our next project would be to complete an Intensive Level Historic and Architectural Survey for the residential neighborhood surrounding Bailey Court, Roosevelt and Sumner Streets. General approval with the comment "after our current projects are completed." Suggestion made to discuss progress on our webpage and its funding at our next meeting.

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

11. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m on motion by Greenwood, second by Adamson. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary