

Minutes, Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2023– 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Zoom and Council Chambers

Attendees: Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board

Ex-Officio City Council Representative (invited)

Urban Planning Office Representative (invited)

1. Roll Call

X Milward Simpson, Chair
X Max B. Carre', Vice Chair
Cathie Tabor-Douglas, Secretary
X Gary Sims
X David Benner
Don Herrold
X Josh Chrysler
Amber Conwell
X Elizabeth Bales
X Patrick Bustos

2. Approval of Minutes from:

September 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Josh moved to approve; David seconded. All approved.

3. Audience Business: Comments from the Audience (Each limited to 5 minutes, please)

None

4. Comments/Report from City Council Rep.

Richard discussed the annexation of the air force base. He did do a search and found no other active military base that has been annexed into a city. From a Historic Board we would not have any say over demolition of buildings on the base if this were to happen. This would run through SHPO.

Tourism board had a meeting regarding the High Plains Arboretum. Chair recommended this go to a working committee to draft a bill. State parks, state forestry, City of Cheyenne, BOPU and several other stakeholders had discussion on the structures on the site as well as many other topics on preserving the arboretum. Get in touch with Representative Bob Nicholas if any of the board are interested in this project.

Ordinance on single family / multi family homes did pass for the reimbursement program on historic structures. His recommendation for the board is to help with advertising if we hear historic homeowners doing work on their homes to let them know about this.

5. Comments/Report from Urban Planning Office Rep.

Lonnie reported that the City of Cheyenne has started their parks and rec master plan update. The planning staff are working through Article 5 which is for housing accessibility. They are hiring 2 new planner 1's. Board applied for the Visit Cheyenne grant and this was approved for \$3,000 for homes with history. Capitol North is being heard by the National Register of historic places for Wyoming next Thursday.

City staff was made aware of some construction going on at a property within the Historic Governors Mansion District. The work did not have a building permit so it has been red tagged. And there is likely going to be an after the fact certificate of appropriateness coming before the board. The property is at 2016 House Avenue.

Charles discussed the DDA special election being held on October 18th and they are looking for one more person to be an election judge. This is to increase the mil levy of the properties in DDA district.

6. Strategic Goals Report

Cheyenne Homes with History Gary reported the sign project is going forward. He received a check from a homeowner for \$200 and the sign is in construction. He should have a completed sign at the next meeting. Don is putting together a flyer to be mailed to the historic homeowners.

National Register of Historic Places Josh re-discussed the that Capitol North expansion is going forward. The black historic district is being worked on by Josh and Lonnie. Lonnie is putting together a draft for the CLG grant and should be ready to submit shortly. Deadline is November 15th. A cultural resource survey runs about \$15,000 and we would need to do a 40% match for this. Some of this can be in kind match and we would need about \$3,000 in a cash match.

Education of the Youth in Historic Preservation David talked with the head of American Institute of Architects. At this time, they just have a power point but it does not focus on historic preservation. The local school district is not doing anything on historic preservation so this is something the board might want to discuss in strategic planning for next year.

Ornaments Gary sold another \$2600 in ornaments.

7. Old Business

Burlington Northern Sign Update no update at this time.

8. New Business

SHPO Grants Lonnie reported we have 2 grants drafted. One for cultural resource survey and we are asking for \$12,000. If we focus on \$5,000 in kind match and \$3,000 of cash match. The second grant is for the board and staff training.

Board Terms Discussion Lonnie had sent an email out showing everyone's terms so we can all be reminded on our current terms and election dates. Next election will be at our first meeting of the year. Max, David and Amber all have terms ending this year. Please let Milward and Lonnie know if you are interested in staying on.

9. Other Business

Gary discussed a goat statue that he had seen that is a vacuum. Kids go around the square and love to do clean up to feed the goat. This might be something we could do downtown. He also talked about a grant that Deadwood got to get history from our elderly. We focus on buildings but maybe next year we can do something with oral history from our elderly. Gary knows who stole the weather vane from the Governor's carriage house back in 1970. He has decided that with him getting older he would like to give it back to be put where it came from. Gary is working to see if he can get this done.

Patrick requested that the airport project be added to the agenda so we can get updated on this as we go forward

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