

Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board

Minutes from July 13, 2021 Meeting

Gary Moved, Cathie seconded to approve minutes as amended during discussion.

Motion carried unanimously

Audience Business:

None

City Council Representative Report (Richard Johnson):

Richard reported that the Capitol North District was approved on consent agenda yesterday

Three ordinance changes on 3rd reading last night pertaining to the city's collection of liens. All three were all postponed indefinitely – Councilman Laybourn brought up Demo by Neglect during the discussion.

Richard wrote to Mayor today asking if anyone on CHPB would be interested in being on the Stakeholder's Committee for the Lien Process. Would be good for the board to be aware of How the city is going to approach its liens on blighted properties.

Cathie volunteered to be the CHPB's liaison, CJ agreed.

Max moved, Josh seconded to approve Cathie as the liaison to the Stakeholder Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

City Planning Dept. Update – Sam:

Revolving loan fund has been meeting (Hitching Post purchase).

BOPU and the city have spoken preliminarily about xeriscaping some public islands in the city as a water conservation measure. Would the board be interested in the airport fountain grounds being included?

After discussion regarding the need to ensure that the fountain remains visible with any xeriscaping, CJ indicated that the board's direction to Sam was that it was favorable to the idea.

Cathie asked about the possibility of integrating solar electricity for the fountain. Sam will look into the possibility and cost and report back to the board

DDA Liaison Report:

No Report as Don was out of town for the DDA's last meeting.

Richard shared that the DDA and Visit Cheyenne merger is being approached as a six-month pilot project with a dual board.

Historic Cheyenne Inc. :

Mr. Benner indicated that HCI has a contract with Westedge Collective to come up with a Pump House Logo and some PR materials.

Also trying to set up another inspection of the Pump House itself. Concern that it's deteriorating fast. The roof is bad and may not make it past the next couple of winters. Amber reported that TDSI has just submitted a proposal for a demo and mothball plan. They're setting up a meeting with Stephanie Lower and HCI next week to go over the plan.

DDA Design Committee:

No new news given the transition with the merger with Visit Cheyenne

Historic Places Committee:

No report

Marketing Committee:

Met on June 22. Although there are other local events on that date, the committee wanted to see if the board would be ok with having it on 9/11. Milward reported that, with the DDA merger, they indicated they would still want to support the Open Door concept. Discussion ensued regarding event conflicts during September.

Milward recommended reaching out to the one of the bars located in historic buildings to get their opinion. They include BlackTooth, the Crown, Dilingers, and Danielsmark.

Fundraising:

No report

Old Business:

Capitol North District Expansion. The expansion was approved by the city during the July 12 meeting. Sam thanked Richard for sponsoring it and indicated that she believed the city pays for the signs with input from the board.

Airport Fountain – Sam asked if the board wanted to dedicate any available funds for the maintenance of the fountain. The city has a grant matching account and the Humanities Council

has a round of America Recover Plan (ARP) funding available. Discussion ensued regarding how to secure maintenance for the fountain long-term, who should be responsible and what funding sources are available.

Gary stated for the record that the city should take care of the maintenance. Otherwise becomes a property management organization. If not, it could fall into disrepair again and the board shouldn't have to have it be something it has to constantly raise funds for.

Gary gave an update on the ornaments project and showed the board his ornament design and process for 2021.

Logo:

Milward moved, Max seconded that the logo with the key become the logo of the Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board. After discussion a friendly amendment was proposed that the board have an opportunity to see a colorized version on letterhead prior to final approval. Milward and Max accepted the amendment.

Motion passed with two nays (Don and Gary).

New Business:

Max provided an update on the Aug. 7 Cruise Night fundraiser.

Gary reported on some ideas for historic designation plaques for homes that he got from having visited historic districts in Kalispell, MT. The plaques will be added as a new business item for next meeting.

Concern was expressed for the deteriorating health of Bill Dubois. Milward gave a testimonial to Mr. Dubois' seminal influence on behalf of historic preservation in Cheyenne and in the state.

Gary raised concern about the deterioration of the airport terminal building. It is one of only two examples of the parabolic terminal building structure left extant in the country.

After discussion, it was decided to bring it up in future meetings for consideration regarding how to be a good advocate on behalf of preserving the building.

Richard J. brought up Mary Guthrie as someone with a lot of colorful stories about Cheyenne. CJ recommended that someone reach out to Mary to see if she'd be willing to be interviewed as part of the State Archives Oral History program. Milward said he'd reach out to her.

Josh brought up the Hitching Post sign and the possibilities of advocating with the developer on behalf of its preservation. CJ recommended keeping the issue on our watch list.

Max moved to adjourn, David seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.