

Minutes, Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 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)

Meeting called to order by Milward

1. Roll Call

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

Others Present: Lonnie Olson and Charles Bloom, City Planning and Richard Johnson, City Council

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes reviewed for the July 12th meeting. Moved to approve by John, 2nd by Don. All approved.

3. Audience Business:

Angela Wolf from the Laramie County Library spoke that it had been a long time since we had a liaison from them, and she would be happy to be of assistance with this. She has a master's in Cultural Preservation and Digitalization. Board would like to have a liaison and would appreciate her time and willingness to be a resource to the Board.

4. Comments/Report from City Council Rep.

Richard discussed that he is co-sponsoring a resolution regarding racial covenants to try and assist in getting these deleted. No new information on the old tunnel and the pump station. Some work sessions and town hall meetings on the 15th street rail project. One of the conversations was with the Railroad was to relocate Big Boy to the 15th street rail project. Richard and Eric Fountain have been discussing a possible zoom call to discuss the Demo by Neglect that we had presented. As soon as they get done with compliance it will go to Charles

and his team at planning and development. Hoping to have this meet our plan of December of 2022.

Gary posed a question regarding the Airport Fountain Park and what was posted on social media on him not willing to support one that is not named after a women. He did state that unless another park is named after a female first, he would not be vote in favor of the name.

5. Comments/Report from Urban Planning Office Rep.

Lonnie reported the mason has started working on the fountain. Fountain is without power currently and they are working on getting this resolved. This should be completed for our airport event, and we should continue with planning. He will keep us posted on this repair.

He was updating the website and noticed a discrepancy in the Capitol North expansion. The city code and bylaws do not align with the state or national process. The expansion is a local historic ordinance. Upon talking with State SHPO we would have to re-do the survey to align with the process needed. Charles Bloom has a meeting scheduled with Bryan Weeks to get a better understanding of what was missed. They hope to have more information at our next meeting. Milward would like to be involved in that meeting.

Lonnie is working with the DDA as they updated their grant program to see how our architectural assistance will align with that. Amber spoke from DDA – design committee has been dissolved so no information on that from their perspective. We have not had a liaison with DDA for a while. The position was generally dissolved, but Milward felt if we requested a position we would not be declined. Board felt the position was valuable and we should pursue. Moved to reach out to the DDA for a liaison position by Don, 2nd by David. All in favor. Milward will reach out to Dominic.

6. Committee Chairs' & Liaisons' Reports

None

7. Old Business:

Airport Fountain naming resolution: Gary turned in 105 signatures on the petition. 18 more were turned in from John. 39 from Max were turned in. This would put us close to the goal. Please turn in signatures to Lonnie so we can get a count. Josh has some and will turn them in after being sick. Lonnie will get us a total afterward.

Board does have some concerns that our City Counsel Rep will introduce the resolution, but not support it. It would have a stronger chance of passing if we had a Rep that can introduce and support the name. The board would like to continue the way we are going and possibly find another sponsor.

Airport Fountain phase II update: Lonnie repeated that the masons are working and hope to have the power issue resolved. The grant has been completed. The work must be done by August 31st and this is in line for that timing.

Review of 2022 Strategic Plan: Milward reported that he feels like we have lost steam on our plan, partially due to other issues going on and COVID. He would like to review and see if our plan is still able to be done, or we need to revisit it.

Gary spoke and talked about 500 ornaments to sell and planning the event for the fountain. He feels that this is enough to keep us busy for the rest of the year. He feels that it would be good to make a smaller list and focus on that, and then add on if we can.

Amber talked about design guidelines and their committee is working on reviewing them to modify. They are making progress; it will just take time to complete.

Remainder of the year we will focus on guidelines, fountain and ornaments and we can revisit a plan for next year.

8. New Business:

Airport Fountain Celebration: Don discussed naming the event. Ideas included Fountain Celebration, Festival of the Fountain, and Fountain Festivity. It was decided to go with Festival of the Fountain.

Plans include Milward to present history; Don will discuss Historic Preservation; Gary will talk about all the fundraising done to make this happen; PA system will be taken care of by Don; Don will bring a podium; Cathie will take care of water & sheet cake; special invites will be sent to former board, City Council and Mayor. We will need volunteers for the clean up crew to clean prior to the event and after the event to be sure the area is neat and clean.

Gary discussed advertising in the newspaper and a contact would be Will Carpenter. He also feels that we should see about blocking off the street for the event.

Gary discussed that we could market the opportunity to make a wish on the fountain with a coin to keep it going in the future. And let everyone know that all funds thrown into the fountain would be used for ongoing maintenance.

Saving Places and Marketing Committee will take it from there and reach out to the other Board members if needed. Committees will have a work session so we can get this done and still be in line with a quorum. This will be held the 16th at 6:00 pm at TownSquare Title and Lonnie will take care of posting for the public.

9. Other Business:

2022 Ornaments: Ornaments have been ordered and there will be 500. These will be sold for \$22.00 apiece. Gary has presold 106 already.

Historic Governor's Mansion Protected District – there is a house across the street undergoing construction with no permits after checking with Lonnie. This will fall inline with compliance for the area. Amber and Josh do recall the owner did come to the Board to ask for some recommendations on the property to be in line with the guidelines and we have not heard back. City planning will check into this in the following days and let the Board know about the process. Lonnie did let the Board know that this would go through compliance and Lonnie will notify them of a possibly violation so that they could look into it.

We will need to change the next 2 meetings as Lonnie will be out of town for a conference and training. He will check with the scheduler and let us know other times that could be available. Or he can see if Charles is able to sub for him.

10. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned