

Minutes, Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, June 13, 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)

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 Gary Sims
- X David Benner
- X Don Herrold
- X Josh Chrysler
- X Amber Conwell
- Elizabeth Bales
- X Patrick Bustos

Others Present: Lonnie Olson and Charles Bloom, City Planning, Councilman Richard Johnson, Carol McDonald, Bill Lindstrom

2. Approval of Minutes:

April and May minutes were reviewed. Patrick moved to approve; David seconded. All approved

3. Audience Business:

Owner, Carol McDonald, of 1714 East 19th attended and gave a background of the house and the preservation efforts. The board would like to do a celebration / open house at her home for the presentation of the Dubois Award. Carol is welcome to that idea on the 29th of September. Don would take charge of the project. Patrick will assist.

4. Comments/Report from City Council Rep.

Richard reported that city council has approved the budget. Consultant for the RR project is going to give a presentation next week at noon on Tuesday in the finance committee meeting. The board is encouraged to attend as it could be of interest to the board

5. Comments/Report from Urban Planning Office Rep.

The city is continuing to work on the progress of the DDA / Cheyenne Mainstreet. Previously the board had a representative from the board there. The invitation is back if we would like to be involved. Third Thursday of the month at the City building. Amber would like to attend this

meeting as a liaison. There is also the Design Committee that the board is more than welcome to join if we would like.

The grants manager and Lonnie attended the NEPA meeting.

6. Strategic Goals Reports

Cheyenne Homes with History – Gary reported that the committee is still working on finding reasonable costs for sign. Gary has been working diligently to cut costs. The committee is looking at photo etched aluminum and hopeful to have a bid soon. No funds have been allotted yet for the project. Gary moved to approve \$9,500 for this project for this year. Seconded by Amber. Motion approved with 1 no vote. Gary has 3 homes where owners would help with costs. And application process needs to be worked on. Don will take this on.

National Register of Historic Places – Capitol North Extension project is still waiting for review by SHPO but still moving forward. Black history preservation project – Josh is continuing the project and has been speaking with Jim Byrd. Lonnie will be working on the CLG grant towards the end of July. There is a home in Josh's list that the Homes with History could be used to highlight the home and historical factor for the African American community

Airport Fountain Celebration – Have not met yet. Will be setting a meeting today.

Historic Preservation Month – Don let the Board know that the Alliance for Preservation did an excellent job during the month on social media and events. Don also reported on how large the Facebook page has grown with his posts. The Alliance is possibly looking at a national historic designation for the arboretum.

Education of the Youth in Historic Preservation – David has not gotten any response from the schools he has reached out to.

Ornaments – Gary let the board know that the orders are placed and will be here in June. He will bring them in when they are complete to begin selling.

7. Old Business

Pumphouse Update – Charles reported that the City is still working on bids and funds for the demolition of the added structures so that this could be considered a contributing structure. This will make the pumphouse need much more repairs and they are working on what could be needed.

Burlington Northern Sign Update – no update

8. New Business

Art Cheyenne/ Old Airport Terminal – Bill representing Art Cheyenne came to visit about the terminal. There is a lot of work to be done on the terminal and Bill discussed what they envision for the Airport Terminal. They do want to preserve the history not only for the airport history, the terminal but also the community. They would like for this to be considered for a national historic building nomination in the future. The regional airport board appears to be in

support of the project. There could be a steering committee in the future and they would like historic parties on the committee.

Airport Fountain Schedule – Lonnie has been meeting with electrician and plumber to see why the fountain is not functioning properly. There is a strainer that needs to be replaced and will cost around \$7,600 and should have the fountain running. This will be paid out of the planning department budget. Dates and times for the fountain to run should be discussed. Water restrictions could be considered but this is a fountain that recirculates the water and is not using resources. Milward moved to run the fountain from 5-10 every day providing the BPOU is in agreement with water restrictions. Patrick seconded. All approved. Maintenance of the structure will be through the City and City Parks department.

Dubois Award (1714 E 19th) - Event will be the 29th of September at the home.

Demolition by Neglect – Cathie had presented the City revisions to the Board of Realtors along with the current City code and have not heard back from the. The board will put this as a priority to review.

9. Other Business

Patrick requested an update on SHPO office coming to visit the board. Lonnie will reach out again as we have not heard back. Lonnie will see if they can attend the July meeting. Patrick talked about the Big Boy sign in Holiday Park that is in disrepair and he would like to see if the City can take care of the sign as it is an eyesore. City Planning is reaching out to the community recs department to see if this can be taken care of. The board feels that in the interim the sign should be taken down until it can be repaired.

Gary talked about the building by the cemetery (VOA Building) has been torn down as of today. This is unfortunate for historic preservation.

Discussion was had on the Westby Edge project.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned