

Minutes, Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: February 11, 2025, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Zoom and Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

	X	Milward Simpson, Chair
	X	Amber Conwell, Vice Chair
Absent		Cathie Tabor-Douglas, Secretary
Absent		Gary Sims
	X	David Benner
	X	Don Herrold
	X	Josh Chrysler
Absent		Elisabeth DeGrenier
	X	Patrick Bustos

2. Approval of Minutes from: January 14, 2025

The Board voted and the minutes were approved.

4. Disclosures

Nothing to report.

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

- David Palacios, the owner of 315 E. 21st Street, provided an update on his ongoing restoration.
- Exterior work is scheduled for completion by end of March, weather permitting.
- Chimney restoration is in progress.
- Heavy equipment on-site (excavator) will be removed once repaired.
- Board discussed city inspections and recommended photo updates to monitor compliance with approved plans.

6. Comments/Report from City Council Rep.

- 2025 Goals:
 1. Explore new revenue streams.
 2. Address traffic safety and noise violations.
 3. Identify development opportunities at Belvoir Ranch East.
 4. Develop 6th Penny project list for 2026 election.
- Updates on:
 - 15th Street Master Plan
 - Thunder Plains Raceway project

7. Comments/Report from Urban Planning Office Rep.

- Contracts for:
 - Airport Terminal nomination to National Register.
 - African-American Historic Context Study.
- Delays due to new city attorney onboarding.

- Capital North Historic District signage still on track, with funding allocated.
- Burlington Northern Historic Sign will be installed at Depot Plaza.
- Board's financial balance: ~\$198,000 total.
 - ~\$155,000 is restricted for Airport Fountain project.

Training & Education

- Board members attended the Saving Places Conference.
- Takeaways:
 - Importance of intangible cultural heritage.
 - Emotional and physiological benefits of historic places.
 - Engaging communities through hands-on planning.
 - Storefront restoration best practices.
 - Collaboration with Fort Collins for Black History project.

8. Strategic Goals Report

Cheyenne Homes with History –

- New historic home signs are being finalized and expected for installation in May 2025.

National Register of Historic Places –

- Still awaiting contract approvals for:
 - Cheyenne Airport Terminal.
 - African-American Historic Context Study.

Oral Histories Project-

- The former Laramie County Librarian identified as first interviewee.
- The board discussed using official city letterhead for releases and correspondence.

Historic Preservation Month-

- Plans for a mini tour of downtown, focusing on:
 - Capitol to Pioneer Avenue.
 - 16th to 17th Streets.
 - Buildings like Knights of Pythias and others.
- Board will seek partnerships with DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and Visit Cheyenne.

Airport Fountain Planning-

- Discussion on plans for interpretive signage and possibly a statue.
- Goal: Balance spending between interpretation, beautification, and long-term maintenance.

9. Old Business

Strategic Planning Retreat

- Tentatively scheduled for **March 1, 2025**, pending confirmation with host.

10. New Business

Legislative & Policy Updates

- State legislation to designate the High Plains Arboretum as a historic site failed again.
- Proposed legislation for stronger protection of petroglyphs was highlighted.

11. Other Business

- Potential National Register nomination for the Pump House, now deemed eligible.
- Collaboration with Alliance for Historic Wyoming discussed, including inviting Executive Director Megan Stanford to a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm