

Meeting Minutes: Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Item 1: Roll Call

Amber Cromwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

X	Milward Simpson
X	Amber Conwell, Chair
X	Gary Sims
X	David Benner, Secretary
Absent	Don Herrold
X	Josh Chrysler, Vice Chair
X	Elisabeth DeGrenier
X	Patrick Bustos
X	Kelly Sevier
Absent	Patrick Vann
X	John Burdick
Absent	Ken Esquibel, City Council Representative

There was a quorum with two members absent.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes:

January 13, 2026, minutes – motion made by Milward Simpson, seconded by Patrick Bustos.

Item 3: Disclosures

No disclosures to report.

Item 4: Audience Business: Public Input - 5 Minute Limit

Item 5: City Council Representative Reports

There was no City Council report.

Item 6: Planning & Development Reports

Erin Fagan gave the Planning & Development report.

Item 7: Strategic Goals Report

a) National Register of Historic Places:

- Elisabeth DeGrenier gave a report that she was still in the research process for the context study and the National Register Nomination package. Elisabeth asked about payment for her

work with the National Register Nominations. Erin Fagan explained that Charles Bloom was working with the Finance Department to arrange the payment.

b) Oral Histories Project:

- Josh Chrysler has resumed oral histories interviews.

c) Historic Preservation Month:

- There was discussion about who was going to chair the Historic Preservation month. Further discussion was pushed to the Strategic Meeting that will be happening at the end of February.

d) Education of the Public – Historic Preservation & Marketing Committee:

- David mentioned that the board could help publicize the school projects that get placed at the Laramie County Library.
- Patrick Bustos brought up a promotional that Kansas City Historical Preservation Board does in connection with Black History month. He suggested that something like that could be done Cheyenne.

e) Ornaments:

- No updates on Ornaments.

f) Airport Fountain Planning:

- Kelly reached out with someone at Pacific Coast Conservation about the fountain. Milward filled in the details regarding what was needed for Pacific Coast Conservation in order place a bid for restoration of the Airport Fountain. The main issue that has come to the surface is that the damage is from the fountain being fully operation and insufficient waterproofing.

g) Pumphouse

- No updates on the Pumphouse.

h) Watch List Items:

I. Governor's Masion Historic District

- No updates on the Governor's Mansion Historic District.

II. Tour of Schools Closing

- No updates on the Tour of Schools Closing.

III. Van Tassel Carriage House

- No updates on the Van Tassel Carriage House.

Item 8: New Business

a. Saving Places Conference

- There was discussion about details regarding the Saving Places Conference.

Item 9: Old Business

a. Louisa Swain Building – covenants/easement

- The Federal Government wished to place covenants on the Lousia Swain building in order to maintain the historical pieces of the building during sale of the building. Erin Fagan had reached individuals more familiar with historical covenants/easements and was recommended to draft an historical easement to submit to the Federal Government to include with the sale of the property.

Item 10: Other Business

a. Milward Simpson’s last meeting

- Milward Simpson’s gave final comments to the board.

b. Capital Improvement Grant – Atlas Theater

- The Atlas Theater had requested a Capital Improvement Grant in order to repair their windows damaged in the hailstorm. There was discussion about potential DDA and Historical Preservation Board.

Item 11: Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM

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