

Minutes, Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, February 14, 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
Max B. Carre', Vice Chair
- X Cathie Tabor-Douglas, Secretary (late)
Gary Sims
- X David Benner
Don Herrold
- X Josh Chrysler
- X Amber Conwell
- X Elizabeth Bales
- X Patrick Bustos

Others Present: Lonnie Olson and Charles Blook, City Planning, Richard Johnson, City Councilman,

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes reviewed for the January 10th regular meeting. Moved to approve by Patrick, seconded by David. Approved with changes- Charles Blook to be changed to Charles Bloom. All approved

3. Audience Business:

None

4. Comments/Report from City Council Rep.

Richard gave a report on his time at the Saving Places Conference and briefly on the High Plains Arboretum located just west of the city.

5. Comments/Report from Urban Planning Office Rep.

Lonnie gave an update that the City Clerk's Office wanted all of the signatures for the fountain naming when turning in. The board agreed to collect signatures as a part of their strategic planning meeting. Lonnie asked the board if they knew about the history of Snyder Avenue as an honorary naming request has come into the Planning and Development office about to add

Martin Luther King Avenue. Lonnie told the board that he is planning on contacting an electrician when the weather warms up to figure out the pump issue and that the planning for the celebration will be coming up in a few months. Lonnie also told the board about a CAMP (Commission Assistance Mentorship Program) training event that is taking place in Sydney, Nebraska on April 14 and that he would send it out to the board.

6. Committee Chairs' & Liaisons' Reports

David updated the board that Historic Cheyenne Inc. met, and their main point of discussion was about the status of the pumphouse. David asked for clarification about the contract in the City pertaining to the pumphouse. Charles told David that this would be for the planning of taking off the addition and making sure no structural damage would occur from the removal of the addition. Mothballing the building cost more than the city has available at the moment for the project.

7. Old Business:

Update on 315 E 21st Street- Lonnie gave a staff report on the applicant seeking relief pertaining to the front façade of 315 E 21st street. Amber commented that the applicant proposed rendering drastically changes the look of the building and suggested that the applicant try to fit another window in and use 4X4 posts or something similar to help with the bracing and baring/ Patrick echoed Amber's comments and said that the front façade is the most visually impacting of a historic structure as that is what the public sees. The applicant was not present. The board discussed the possibility of postponing to allow for the exploration of other configurations and so that the applicant would be present. Patrick moved to postpone the decision to the next board meeting and strongly suggested that the applicant be present. Seconded by David. Moved unanimously.

8. New Business:

Masonic Temple Grant Application- Lonnie informed the board that Amber is assisting with this grant application. He seeks to keep the requested amount under \$35,000 to not need City Council approval as it would not be able to make the grant deadline. Lonnie and Amber talked about how they are focusing on the Mason's goal of converting the first floor for more public use, due to the size and funding limit the whole build assessment wouldn't be possible.

Update of 315 E 21st – Lonnie has been in contact with owner. In the drawing the windows were pain on pain and there is a concern for stability of the structure. Owner would like the windows to be 8 over 8 but the 2 in the middle would not be there. The board would like a drawing of what the appearance of the building would be. Lonnie will get this to the board.

Dubois Award Nominations- The board has a discussion on if they have any recommendation for the Dubois Award Nomination. David mentioned that he saw a news segment on a house that he didn't remember the address of. Richard found the news article and it was decided that

this home didn't fit the requirements of the house being actively preserved. Milward told the board to keep thinking of homes that would be applicable. Tabled until March meeting.

Presenters for WCTF Board Meeting- Lonnie informed the board that we were asked to speak at the WCTF Board Meeting on February 24 on the Airport Fountain Temple Restoration. Milward volunteered to help Lonnie make a presentation and present at the board meeting. David suggested that the presentation contain pictures of the fountain during the restoration.

Annual Training by Charles Bloom, AICP, Planning and Development Director- Charles Bloom gave the annual training to the board. David had questions about who can determine condemnation. Charles answered that it is determined by the Chief Building Inspector. Patrick had questions about fundraising and soliciting. Charles answered that this is permitted if it goes to the board's goals or mission. Patrick had a question about conflict of interest

9. Other Business:

Charles informed the board that it became apparent to him at the conference that Plan Cheyenne lacked a historic preservation section and suggested that the board could make this one of their goals for the upcoming year. Charles also let the board know that the DDA will be moving back to the City and will be within the Planning and Development department. Milward expressed that he and other board members have been concerned with the status of the Main Street and excited to see what happens in the future with the DDA within the Planning and Development Department. Patrick expressed his gratitude to the board to be able to attend the conference. He spoke about a presentation on revealed preference analysis. Other board members expressed interest in that presentation and Lonnie offered to reach out to get it.

10. Adjourned: Meeting adjourned.