

# AGENDA

## Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, February 4, 2010  
City Hall Council Chambers  
5:15 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes (January 7, 2010 Regular Meeting)
3. Citizen Participation
4. Old Business:
  - a. Landscape Workshop Planning
  - b.
5. New Business:
  - a. Certificate of Appropriateness: Garage at the Frost House, 628 I Street
  - b. Removal from the Cheney Historic Register - Process
  - c. Potential Local Register Nomination:  
606 G Street (Robert Schanwecker House)
6. Commissioner Reports:
7. Staff Reports:
8. Election of Officers
9. Adjournment

- **REMINDER:** *If you will be unable to attend, please call Susan at 498-9240, no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Thank you!*

## **MINUTES**

### **Cheney Historic Preservation Commission January 7, 2010**

**Commissioners Attending:** Bettye Hull, Scott Wilbanks, Fred Lauritsen Vance Youmans, Charlie Mutschler and Chris Stewart.

**Commissioners Absent:** None (one position vacant).

**Staff Attending:** Susan Beeman.

**Councilpersons Attending:** None.

**Guests:** Ann Heehn & Becky Thomas.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

#### **Old Business: 2009 Certified Local Government Report.**

Ms. Beeman reviewed the 2009 annual report which was submitted to the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation last month. This report summarizes our preservation activities as a 'certified local government.'

#### **New Business – Commission Vacancy.**

Ms. Beeman announced the arrival of Commissioner Nechanicky's daughter, Helena Sophia, earlier this week, and reported that Commissioner Nechanicky has opted not to accept a reappointment to the Commission in 2010. Discussion followed on possible names to suggest for a replacement.

#### **New Business: Potential Local Register Application – 217 B Street.**

Ms. Beeman reported that we have been contacted by the owner of the house at 217 B Street, which was Ms. Heehn's childhood home. The owner is interested in the local register, and the Special Valuation program. He has recently made significant repairs to the building after damage was caused by renters. Although the house is not architecturally significant, its association with the Fisher family makes it eligible for register listing. George Fisher was a teacher and principal at the Cheney High School for many years, and served as Mayor and a member of City Council. The Cheney School District Administration Building is known as the

Fisher Building, in his honor. Ms. Heehn, Mr. Fisher's daughter, has offered to provide information for the local register application.

**New Business: 2010 Grant Project: Landscape Workshop.**

Ms. Beeman explained that we have received a grant of \$2,535 from the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) for a grant to host a workshop on landscaping for historic buildings. She report that LaVerle McCandless is willing to present one workshop session on her research for the landscape portion of the Sterling-Moorman House. Discussion followed on other possible workshop topics and format, including possible dates. Ms. Beeman will check into possible locations on the EWU campus and follow up with the suggested presenters, and will report back by email.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Stewart shared copies of an article from the EWU newsletter entitled 'Seeking Digital Life for Local History.' She asked if the Mayor will be changing Council assignments for 2010; it would be great to have active Council representation with the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioner Hull shared photos of bad window replacements from the National Trust magazine.

Commissioner Lauritsen reported that he does not think the Sutton Park neighborhood is going to form a historic district. He said that the Historic Downtown Cheney Partnership is still meeting, although he has not attended the last couple of meetings as the emailed meeting announcements are coming a day late.

Commissioner Wilbanks attended the IWW rally in downtown Spokane.

**Staff Reports:**

Ms. Beeman reported that construction is continuing at the Utility Building, with a likely move-in date of mid-April. The comprehensive plan process is underway, and there will be another opportunity to participate in a public workshop in February.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Bettye Hull, Chairman

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Susan Beeman, Secretary

**Historic Property Inventory Report for**

Robert Schanwecker House

at 606 G St, Cheney, WA 99004

**LOCATION SECTION**

Field Site No. H-31 OAHF No.: 32-2613

Historic Name: Robert Schanwecker House

Common Name: Don Randolph House

Property Address: 606 G St, Cheney, WA 99004

Comments:

County Spokane Township/Range/EW Section T23R41E 13 NW NE 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle CHENEY

UTM Reference Zone: 11 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: Unknown  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 456280 Northing: 5259420

Tax No./Parcel No. 13132.6107

Plat/Block/Lot Cheney Addn. block 66, lot 6 & 17 ft of lot 7

Supplemental Map(s) -1 Acreage -1

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

Survey Name:

Field Recorder: Marvann Rader

Date Recorded: 5/1/1991

Owner's Name: Don Randolph

City/State/Zip: Cheney, WA 99004

Classification: Building

Resource Status Survey/Inventory

Comments

Within a District?

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:



View of

taken 5/1/1991

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments:

Form/Type

Single Family

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 2.5

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Style Queen Anne

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):

**Historic Property  
Inventory Report for**

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at 606 G St, Cheney, WA 99004

**Cladding**

Wood

**Foundation**

Stone

**Roof Material**

Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type**

Gable  
Pyramidal

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

**Study Unit**

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

**Other**

**Date Of Construction:** 1904

**Architect:**

**Builder:** Robert Schanwecker

**Engineer:**

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:** Yes

**Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local):** Yes

**Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):** Yes

**Statement of  
Significance**

One of the oldest and most elegant homes in Cheney this house is one of the few intact Queen Anne style houses left in town. The integrity of the property is excellent. By May 1904, Robert Schanwecker had gained title to the property and held the property until December 1905, when he sold it to C.A. and Louise A. Ratcliffe, a well known business couple in Cheney. The Ratcliffes held the property until November 1911, when they sold it to Mrs. Julia A. Edwards. If the date of construction provided on the appraisal sheet is accurate, the house was built while Schanwecker owned the property.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

This two and one half story, front gabled, Queen Anne style property is capped by a steeply pitched hip roof with a chimney stack in the crown and composition material roofing. The siding is horizontal wooden drop simple. The foundation is uncut stone. The fenestration is original, with colored glass panels in the top twelve inches of the large windows in the living room and library. The unclosed front porch is a L-shaped wrap around supported by square pillars with a triangular pediment at the entry. The second story turret has double hung wood sash windows. The outside doors may not be original but are old none the less. The interior has been remodeled in the kitchen, bath and downstairs bedroom. The entry hall, library, living room and dining room are still intact. The fireplace is in the dining room and still has the original metal and ornamentation on it. A built-in China hutch is also original. The owners are in the process of restoring the home.

2004 Update: Restoration was completed in 1991. An excellent job was done, retaining historic appearance and materials.

Reviewed and updated in June of 2004 by Stephen Emerson

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

Sanborn Insurance Maps 1905, 1916  
Cheney Free Press 1904  
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Randolph  
First American Title Company of Spokane

**Additional Photos for: Robert Schanwecker House**

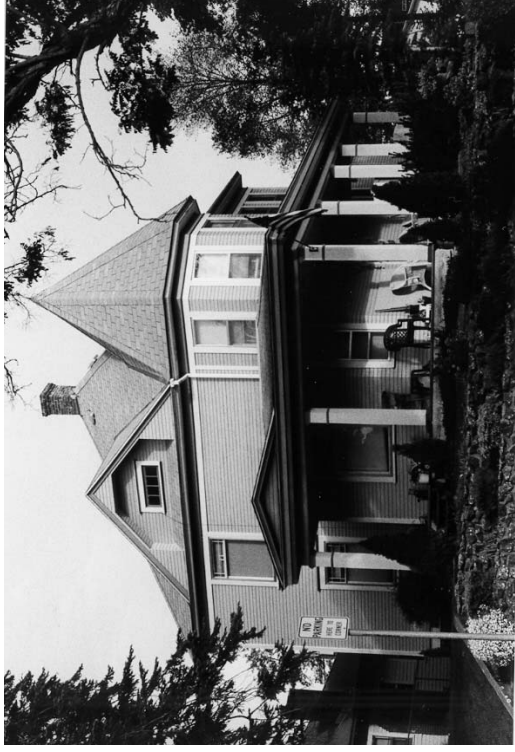
**at 606 G St. Cheney, WA 99004**



**View of** 6/15/2004 **taken**

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**Comments:** 2004 Survey Update Project -- Photo by Charles Mutschler.



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