

## MINUTES

### Cheney Historic Preservation Commission - Special Meeting May 20, 2004

**Commissioners Attending:** Charles Mutschler, Martin Seedorf, Steve Emerson, Aimee Flinn and Chris Stewart.

**Commissioners Absent:** Nikki Gamon and Bettye Hull.

**Staff Attending:** Glenn Scholten and Susan Beeman.

**Councilpersons Attending:** None.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mutschler called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and noted that the meeting would follow the order of the agenda for the May 6, 2004 meeting, which was not convened for lack of a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner Seedorf, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

**Old Business: Grant Project Progress Report.** Ms. Beeman reported on the status of the database update portion of the project, which is nearing completion. The grant also includes money for adding signage to the Central Cheney Historic District. Discussion followed on what form the signage should take. According to estimates provided by the Public Works Department, we could place monument markers at up to four locations within the historic district with unique descriptive text on each one. Ms. Beeman showed a similar marker will be installed on a basalt pillar has been placed on College Avenue with a plaque identifying donors to the College Avenue Enhancement Project. Ms. Beeman explained that since the concept of four markers is somewhat different than the single marker and street-sign concept that was discussed when we applied for the grant, she wanted Commission input before proceeding with quotations and estimates.

Commissioner Seedorf made a motion to pursue the basalt pillar signage to be located at the four corners of the historic district. Discussion followed. Commissioner Emerson offered to begin selecting suitable text for the markers from the CCHD nomination narrative.

Commissioner Stewart noted that the placement of monument-type markers would be important so they did not impede the opening of car doors, and they should be high enough that they are not covered by heavy snow, or plowed snow piles, or become a tripping hazard. Discussion continued on whether street signs delineating district boundaries would be preferred over monuments with descriptive text. Commissioner Emerson stated that he felt it is important to provide the descriptive text explaining why the area is significant.

Commissioner Seedorf's motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson; motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business: Mooreman House, 308 4<sup>th</sup> Street.** Nothing further to report.

**New Business: OAHF Grant 2004-2005.** Ms. Beeman congratulated the Commission on having been awarded \$3,600 for the 2004-05 grant cycle, to be used for survey work in the west-central portion of Cheney. Chairman Mutschler thanked staff for their efforts.

**New Business: Ceramic Coatings for Historic Buildings.** Ms. Beeman reported on the presentation by Dave Stewart of GSI, Inc. at the May 6 meeting for which the Commission lacked a quorum. Following the presentation, staff was able to do additional research on the product, known as “Rhino Shield,” which is being suggested as an alternative to low-maintenance exterior coating options such as aluminum siding. The product is sprayed on like paint, but due to its elasticity, it does not crack or flake off. The product carries a 25-year warranty. An inquiry was sent to Michael Houser and Steven Mathison at OAHF, and they reported no direct experience with the product in this state, but agreed that is probably a better alternative for historic homes than to cover original siding with aluminum or vinyl treatments.

**New Business: Preserve America Program.** Ms. Beeman described the program which would designate communities that promote heritage tourism or otherwise foster economic vitality as ‘Preserve America Communities.’ The City and Pathways to Progress are very interested in applying to be recognized as a Preserve America Community in order to qualify for grant funds for downtown redevelopment. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to go forward with an application to become a Preserve America Community. Seconded by Commissioner Seedorf; motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Flinn reported that she has completed the CCHD inventory forms that are part of the database update project. Commissioner Emerson reported that he has finished his portion of the survey updates, except for one form which was completely blank. He will finish the research and complete that inventory within the next week. Chairman Mutschler reported that he is continuing to take photographs, as time and weather permit. Commissioner Seedorf reported that he has finished the proofreading of inventory sheets that he was working on, and requested a new timesheet. Ms. Beeman will send new timesheets to all Commissioners for recording their volunteer hours in regards to the grant project.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Commissioner Seedorf made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Mutschler adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Charles Mutschler, Chairman

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Susan Beeman, Secretary