

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission

June 2, 2005

Commissioners Attending: Bettye Hull, Nikki Gamon, Steve Emerson, Aimee Flinn and Chris Stewart.

Commissioners Absent: Martin Seedorf.

Staff Attending: Glenn Scholten and Susan Beeman.

Councilpersons Attending: None.

Call to Order: Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Emerson, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as distributed. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: West Cheney Survey Project Progress Report.

Chairman Hull reminded the Commission that part of the deliverables for the grant are 10 newspaper articles relating to the houses or people within our survey area. Ms. Beeman noted that only 4 or 5 houses within the present survey list are potentially eligible for the National Register. There are a number of others which were previously surveyed which are also NR eligible, which are located in close proximity to our survey area. Discussion followed on whether the 10 articles must be on houses inventoried this spring, or whether to focus on some of the more interesting houses with better integrity.

Commissioner Stewart offered to write about the Condon Kennedy house, and the house at 113 6th Street which is owned by Tom Showalter. Commissioner Gamon offered to research and write the article on the Red Reese house and the Wilfred Gamon house. Chairman Hull offered to cover the Elsie & Chris Betz house, and the Sperry/Darwin Page house. Ms. Beeman will contact Commissioner Seedorf and ask him to prepare an article on his house. Ms. Beeman offered to contact John Frost, the son of Guyle & Ella Frost, and Steve Gibson, son of Jack & Evelyn Gibson. She suggested that at least two articles could be excerpted from the survey report to give an overview of Cheney's growth and development. If additional research is needed, the Planning Department intern is available to help. Draft news articles should be sent on to Ms. Beeman by the end of the month.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Stewart distributed copies of a brochure on the Heritage Center (Jore School) on the EWU Campus. She also had copies made of the photo of the Historic Preservation banner on the Freedom Freightliner truck in last year's Rodeo Parade.

Discussion on how to display the historic Cheney banners in this year's parade. Ms. Beeman will check with the Fire Department to see if they could be displayed on the antique fire truck this year.

Commissioner Flinn reported that she has written an article on John Petts which will be published in Nostalgia Magazine, and two of her articles on Nettleton's Addition were printed this week in the Spokesman-Review. She announced that she will miss the July meeting as she will be in Belgium at a NATO conference with the Navy.

Commissioner Emerson noted that while the survey report on the West Cheney project has been submitted, there were some things which were inadvertently left out of that draft. There is more information which will be added before the final submission.

Chairman Hull reported on the telephone conference with the Grants Advisory Committee, and Ms. Beeman thanked her for assuming the responsibility for that. She noted that our grant application was fully funded for 2006.

Commissioner Gamon reported that she begins a new job on June 13 with the Washington State Court of Appeals, doing case management. She also mentioned that her daughter is the State AAA champion in the 200 & 400 meters.

Chairman Hull reminded the Commission about the National Trust conference in Portland, Oregon, which begins on September 27, 2005.

Staff Reports: Ms. Beeman reported that we have had an inquiry from Terry & Diane Sanchez about local register listing for 624 2nd Street, across the street from City Hall. It is located within the Central Cheney Historic District.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Bettye Hull, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary