

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission

July 7, 2005

Commissioners Attending: Bettye Hull, Martin Seedorf, Nikki Gamon and Chris Stewart.

Commissioners Absent: Steve Emerson and Aimee Flinn.

Staff Attending: Susan Beeman.

Councilpersons Attending: None.

Call to Order: Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Seedorf, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as distributed. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: West Cheney Survey Project Progress Report.

Ms. Beeman noted that our draft survey reports were delivered to OAHP in late May, and we have not been asked to make any changes. She distributed copies of the newspaper articles submitted so far. The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the articles. Commissioner Stewart noted that she has also finished an article on the Kennedy House which was not included in the packet of completed articles. Chairman Hull will work on editing the 'overview' articles which were summarized from Commissioner Emerson's survey project report. Commissioner Gamon will contact the Cheney Free Press editor regarding the articles. Ms. Beeman will add contact information, including our web site, to the articles before submitting them to the Free Press.

Chairman Hull will also complete an article on the Lloyd Holladay house, now owned by Darwin Page. Commissioner Stewart offered to prepare an article on 14 4th Street. Commissioner Seedorf will write an article on the Gibb House at 5 W. 6th Street. These are in excess of the number required for the grant, but will allow the Free Press to publish one article each month for the coming year. It was agreed that we should continue to prepare articles like this as part of an ongoing community education effort.

Commissioner Stewart noted that there is a wealth of information on www.ancestry.com to help with research on the people who lived in these homes. Chairman Hull added that her church maintains a subscription to that site, and it is available for people to use when doing geneology research. There is no charge for access through the family history center on Melville Road.

New Business: Rodeo Parade.

Ms. Beeman reported that Mr. Montague is going to affix our 'Historic Cheney' banners to the antique fire truck for the Rodeo Parade next weekend.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Seedorf reported that the Cheney Historical Museum operated by the Tilicum Club is open again, after having been closed last year while they recovered from water damage caused by broken pipes. The displays are more attractive than before, and they are working to obtain some better signage for the exterior of the building.

Commissioner Seedorf asked staff to check on the status of an appointment to the vacancy on the commission.

Commissioner Gamon recommended a web site located at www.blackheritagewa.org as a good resource for research on contributions of African Americans to Washington history.

Commissioner Seedorf suggested that Scott Finney of the African American Studies program at EWU was another resource.

Chairman Hull reported that the National Trust for Historic Preservation 2006 conference will be held in Pittsburg.

Chairman Hull reported on a recent trip to Utah which included a visit to the Golden Spike Historic Site at Promontory, Utah.

Commissioner Stewart noted that the Gibb house is available for rent for the next 2 years. This is the Tudor brick home located at 5 6th Street.

Staff Reports: Ms. Beeman reported that Cheney's population has grown to 10,070, according to the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

She also distributed an invitation to attend the Pathways to Progress annual meeting on July 19.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Seedorf made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gamon. Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Approved:

Bettye Hull, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary