

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission

February 5, 2004

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

Commissioners Absent: Steve Emerson. (One position vacant.)

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.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Seedorf, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2003 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as distributed. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: Local Register Application – E. R. “Rubey” Kelly House, 202 D Street. Ms. Beeman reported that City Council has approved the resolution placing the Kelly House on the local register.

Old Business: Grant Project Progress Report. Chairman Mutschler reported that the photography is about half done, and he is waiting for clearer weather to continue. Ms. Beeman reported that Commissioner Emerson is about half done with the survey updates. Commissioner Gamon reported on the database training session provided by OAHP.

Old Business: Commission Vacancy. Discussion was held on suggestions for filling the vacancy on the commission. Commissioner Stewart suggested that the student population of Cheney may be under-represented on the Commission. It might also be desirable to have another commissioner with construction experience.

New Business: OAHP Grant 2004-2005. Discussion was held on possible grant projects for next year. Suggestions included development of a possible campus-area residential historic district, incorporating the area near Sutton Park. There is also a need to continue inventory work in the original town site. Ms. Beeman will send a map identifying inventoried properties, and a sample grant application for earlier survey work for consideration.

Election of Officers: Commissioner Seedorf made a motion to nominate Commissioner Mutschler as Chairman and Commissioner Hull as Vice-Chairman by acclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Gamon; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Seedorf announced that there will be a slide show on February 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Patterson #153 on local history research. Dr. Rita Seedorf will be presenting a program entitled “Doing History Where You Are,” which is open to the public.

Commissioner Seedorf noted that David McCullough will be speaking at Reese Course/Special Events Pavilion on Thursday, February 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Hull reported that she has a new email address.

Commissioner Stewart reported on the flood at the Tilicum Museum. Volunteer assistance is being accepted to clean up and restore various exhibits, and donations are welcome.

Staff Reports: Mr. Scholten reported that the Mooreman House, 308 4th Street, has been sold to a buyer who is interested in removing it from its present location in order to construct higher density rental housing on its 10,000 sq.ft. lot. The house, built in 1880, is a local register property, and the exterior is in good condition, although the interior needs quite a bit of work. Discussion followed on potential uses for the building. Mr. Scholten said that the new owner has indicated a willingness to cooperate with efforts to see the building moved and preserved.

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 6:10 p.m.

Approved:

Charles Mutschler, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary