

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission October 7, 2004

Commissioners Attending: Martin Seedorf, Nikki Gamon, Bettye Hull, Steve Emerson and Aimee Flinn.

Commissioners Absent: Charles Mutschler and Chris Stewart.

Staff Attending: Glenn Scholten and Susan Beeman.

Councilpersons Attending: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Emerson, seconded by Commissioner Seedorf, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as distributed. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: Grant Project Progress Report. Ms. Beeman reported on the database & survey update project, and reviewed the completion report that was sent to OAHP. The maps accompanying the report show current locations of inventoried properties, and were created on the City's GIS system. Ms. Beeman explained that during the final month of data verification, we found a house that had been placed on the local register in 1994, but which had never been noted in the official notebooks. The Building Permit records and GIS maps which are used to answer zoning inquiries have now been updated so we can inform callers of potential historic value.

Ms. Beeman thanked members of the Commission for the hours they put in to complete this project.

Old Business: Cronk's Hill Resolution. Ms. Beeman asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

New Business: 2004-05 West Cheney Survey Project. Ms. Beeman reviewed the proposal to hire a consultant to inventory 30 properties in the area located between 3rd and 7th Streets, and from F to J or K Street. The City's match for this grant will be accomplished by Commissioners' donated hours to interview older Cheney residents for some of the human-interest details. We will then provide at least 10 articles to the Free Press about historic property and significant people associated with this area.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Emerson recommended that we select 30 properties which have never been surveyed, since we have just updated all our existing survey records and there would be no real benefit to looking again at properties for which survey records already exist. He said that it should be no problem to identify 30 properties with good integrity within this area, and he expected that this could result in a district nomination. The Commission began to brainstorm about members

of the community who could be interviewed. The list included: Norma Smith, Ted Ham, Ellen Proctor, Margaret Fisher, Marge Paulsen, Dick Langdon, and Nikki's father and aunt. Chairman Hull asked that each member of the Commission take time to walk through the survey area before the next meeting and identify the properties they think are most likely to be suitable for the survey project. Commissioner Gamon asked for copies of the statements of significance on the already-surveyed properties in this area. Ms. Beeman will prepare a draft of the Request for Proposals based on the last similar project we hired a consultant to prepare, and distribute those prior to next month's meeting. She asked the Commission members to begin keeping track of time spent on the new project, and she will provide timesheets for recording donated hours in November.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Flinn reported that she continues to work at the historic preservation office in Spokane, on the district nomination of 1000 properties in the West Central neighborhood. Since they are to the point of drafting the statements of significance, she hopes they can finish by the end of the year.

Commissioner Emerson asked if there was any news on the Cheney Historical Museum and how the cleanup was going after last spring's flood. Discussion followed. Chairman Hull suggested that we extend an invitation to Mary Jane Booth to attend a future meeting to report on the museum, and to discuss how the Commission and the Tilicum Club might cooperate to further mutual goals.

Commissioner Gamon reported that she had won a 1st place ribbon at the Washington State Quilter's Association show for the quilted wall hanging she showed last month. She has 5 small 'journal' projects on their way to a traveling exhibit in Houston, which will be displayed for the next year across the country.

Commissioner Hull said that she had attended the Showcase of Homes recently, and noticed a vendor who is doing colored logos and outlines on asphalt surfaces. She thought we might be able to do something like this to place maps of the historic district throughout the district.

Staff Reports: Ms. Beeman noted that October is Archaeology Month, and we have posters available from OAHP. Copies have already been placed in the Cheney Library and in City Hall. Remaining posters were given to Commission members for distribution.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Nikki. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Approved:

Charles Mutschler, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary