

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission

April 2, 2009

Commissioners Attending: Bettye Hull, Charlie Mutschler, Fred Lauritsen, Scott Wilbanks and Chris Stewart.

Commissioners Absent: Aimee Flinn and Vance Youmans.

Staff Attending: Susan Beeman.

Councilpersons Attending: None.

Call to Order: Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. following a tour of Hargreaves Hall on the EWU campus.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 5, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: Sterling-Moorman House Project.

Ms. Beeman reported on plans for the upcoming work day at the Sterling-Moorman House. Brick sales continue. We have been contacted by one of the student organizations at EWU which is interested in helping with a community service project. They may be willing to provide help on the house, or by distributing brick flyers. There are several grant opportunities for us to apply for additional funding for the project, both with closing dates in mid-April.

New Business: Application for Certificate of Appropriateness – 213 C Street, Halasey House.

Ms. Beeman explained that the Halaseys have applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the basement stairs, rebuild the side wall along the stairs, grade a portion of the lot behind the house to control water runoff into the basement, and rebuilt the original wooden structure covering the back porch. After brief discussion, Commissioner Mutschler made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the work at 213 C Street as described in the application. Seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks; motion carried unanimously.

New Business: New Article Series. Discussion followed on developing a series of articles for the Cheney Free Press about the discoveries being made at the Sterling-Moorman House. Topics could include: house construction details; the newspapers from 1882-1884; the sheriff's reward notice and editorial on Auld Neal; the Temperance Union newsletter; and others.

Commissioner Wilbanks has been working on the first couple of stories. Ms. Beeman will contact the Free Press to see if they would be willing to publish a series of stories to keep the house project in the public eye.

New Business: Article for Spokane Preservation Advocates Newsletter. Ms. Beeman reported that we have been contacted by the communications chair of Spokane Preservation Advocates to see if we would provide an article for the June issue of the newsletter. They are interested in preservation in Cheney, in general, and we also have the opportunity to discuss the Sterling-Moorman House project. Commissioner Mutschler offered to work on this, with assistance from Chairman Hull.

Commissioner Reports: None.

Staff Reports: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved:

Bettye Hull, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary