

## **MINUTES**

### **Cheney Historic Preservation Commission**

**May 3, 2007**

**Commissioners Attending:** Bettye Hull, Charlie Mutschler, Fred Lauritsen, Steve Emerson and Aimee Flinn.

**Commissioners Absent:** Nikki Gamon and Chris Stewart.

**Staff Attending:** Susan Beeman.

**Councilpersons Attending:** None.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner Lauritsen to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2007 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, as distributed. Seconded by Commissioner Mutschler; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Participation:** Chairman Hull welcomed Sue Lani Madsen, Jim Moeller and John McCallum.

**Old Business: Hargreaves Hall Remodel Plans.** Ms. Madsen gave an update on the Hargreaves Hall remodel plans. She said they have looked at numerous iterations of the entry plan, and they have now finalized something that will go through the University's review process for approval. Mr. Moeller explained that the 'glass box' has been eliminated, and the new entry on the side has been downplayed. They have also formally decided not to divide the former reading room into smaller areas, so the 'racquetball walls' are not going to be there.

Ms. Madsen said they would bring detailed plans back to the Commission as they become available.

Commissioner Emerson stated that he appreciates the effort the University is making to respond to comments from the preservation community.

Mr. Moeller reported that the architect has suggested a possibility for replacing the existing entryway canopy with ornamental bronze work, but the decision on whether to include that in the project will not be made until late July, and it will be a budgetary decision.

Chairman Hull thanked Ms. Madsen and Mr. Moeller for taking time to bring their updates to the Commission.

**Old Business: Workshop Planning.** Chairman Hull asked about distribution of the workshop brochure. Ms. Beeman reported that the brochure was mailed to owners of all properties on our historic inventory list, approximately 500 in Cheney. It was also mailed to planning departments and historic preservation commissions in Eastern Washington. Pathways to Progress representatives delivered invitations door to door in the historic downtown. Email announcements were sent to members of the Spokane Preservation Advocates, and also to the DAHP email list.

Ms. Beeman reviewed the proposed agenda for the workshop. Mayor Gainer will be present to extend a welcome to workshop participants. Discussion followed, and the agenda was finalized.

**Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Flinn reported that she had nominated the Moorman House project for a SHPO award. It did not win an award this time around, but they may look favorably on us after completion of the rehab project. She reported that the Western Regional Office of the National Trust newsletter featured the Moorman House in an article that she submitted, and Spokane Builder Magazine has listed our workshop on their event calendar. Commissioner Flinn reported that she won a free registration to the national preservation conference in October, to be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Commissioner Emerson shared photos of his 7-month old granddaughter, who was born on his birthday last October.

Commissioner Hull reported that she will be judging for the State History Day competition on Saturday. They will be staying at a B&B in historic Port Townsend, and plan to visit tulip fields before coming home by way of the Iron Horse Inn, a former boarding house for railroad workers in Cle Elum.

Commissioner Hull reported that the Archaeological Society talk at the museum next week will be about very old houses that have been discovered and excavated on the coast. This will be held Wednesday evening at the Museum of Arts & Culture.

Commissioner Mutschler reported on the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for EWU, which was followed by the investiture ceremony for Dr. Arévalo. The university's new motto, "Start Something Big," has been formally adopted. Commissioner Mutschler will be in Eugene, Oregon, later this month for a workshop on digitization, and will be attending a meeting of Northwest Archivists in Moscow, Idaho. He is also spending Memorial Day weekend in Anaconda, Montana, to help kick off the summer tourist season with a talk on the railroad between Anaconda and Butte.

**Staff Reports:** Ms. Beeman reported that the consolidation of the Building and Planning departments has been accomplished, and the new Department of Community Development is now operating out of the Utility Building on Anderson Road. Staffing levels are not completely

back to normal yet, but the City has advertised for a planner, and hopes to fill that position within the next month.

Ms. Beeman provided copies of the Historic Preservation Month poster from DAHP for commissioners to distribute. She noted that the Moorman House brochure is completed, featuring artwork by Cecil Ellsworth, who has done drawings of several other Local Register buildings for us.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Bettye Hull, Chairman

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Susan Beeman, Secretary