

MINUTES

Cheney Historic Preservation Commission Meeting – VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE March 4, 2021

Commissioners Attending: Bettye Hull, Scott Wilbanks, Martin Seedorf, Lee Piece, Richard Donley & Steve Emerson.

Commissioners Absent: Steve Emerson, Steve Nation (one position vacant).

Staff Attending: Brett Lucas, Terry Mourning & Susan Beeman.

Councilpersons Attending: Vince Barthels.

Call to Order: Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. and welcomed Councilmember Barthels.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 5, 2020 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

Citizen Participation: None.

Old Business: Cheney Depot Update

Ms. Beeman reported that the Cheney Depot has been included on the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's annual list of preservation success stories for 2020. The project is in line for another large grant through the Washington State Historical Society's Heritage Capital Projects Fund, depending upon legislative appropriation for the next biennium being approximately the same as it has been since the program's inception in the late 1990s.

Old Business: Sterling-Moorman House Update

Ms. Beeman reported that there have been some conversations with City staff & elected officials about what it would take to restore the Sterling-Moorman House to usable condition.

Councilmember Barthels expressed his support for completion of the project, and suggested opening the conversation up to the community to see if someone has a great idea for a potential use. He added that the house is a great piece of history, and he is glad it has been preserved.

Chairman Hull commented that this board has been hoping to get the carriage house built for the needed kitchen and restroom facilities, then opening the building up as available meeting room space for the community.

Councilmember Barthels agreed, and suggested that there might be volunteers in the community who would be willing to help with construction of the carriage house.

Discussion continued, with no action taken.

New Business: Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Application for 2021

Ms. Beeman explained that applications are being accepted this spring for competitive grants through the Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. One idea that we explored previously was to adapt some of the text from our walking tour brochures for a mobile app, with additional research to include some human interest items. We had previously been in contact with Dr. Larry Cebula about hosting our information on the Spokane Historical site.

After discussion, Commissioner Pierce made a motion to authorize staff to develop an application for CLG grant funds for a project as discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Donley, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Election of Officers

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to retain our current slate of officers, with Commissioner Hull as President, and Commissioner Wilbanks as Vice President. Seconded by Commissioner Donley, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Seedorf announced that he has been a member of this Commission for several terms, and he has let the Mayor know that he cannot accept reappointment for another term. This will be his last meeting, but he will still be active in the community.

Staff Reports: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved:

Bettye Hull, Chairman

Susan Beeman, Secretary