

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2020

In attendance: Jeff Bond, Maureen Lee, Connie Hall, Anthony Jacobsen, Robin Broumley, Ann Berg, Paul Yurkiewicz

Absent: Cyd Grieve, Pinky Ellis, John Lang, Carolyn Buff

Staff: Craig Collins, City Planning Department
Dee Hardy, City Planning Department

Liaison: Terry Wingerter, Planning & Zoning Liaison

Guests: None

Jeff Bond called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Jeff Bond asked if everyone had read the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Maureen Lee made a correction on page 3, under “Other Business,” Spring was misspelled.

Connie Hall moved to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes, as corrected. Motion was seconded by Robin Broumley. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Guests

There were none.

New Business

Strategic Plan Implementation

Craig Collins displayed the strategic plan for the Commission to review. There was discussion about implementing the plan, and a decision was made to have the Strategic Plan Table of goals and action items available at all future meetings.

Ghost Signs

Connie and John are working together to gather ghost sign photos and will forward some to Maureen and Paul to be placed on the Facebook page. Connie and John will remain on this subcommittee. Maureen stated she would like to put up two (2) ghost sign photos each week. There was some discussion about checking with the Casper Star-Tribune to have them place ghost sign photos in the newspaper.

Brochures and Mobile App

Paul, Jeff, Ann and Robin volunteered to serve on this sub-committee. Ann stated she would like to work on the walking tour brochure. Paul advised that he is trying to find a contact to meet with at Casper College about partnering with them to work on the App. Jeff stated that he would reach out to Vince Corolla to see if he could suggest a contact person. Jeff mentioned the possibility of applying for a grant and have a third party develop the App in the event that a partnership with Casper College does not work out.

GIS map of historic properties and surveyed properties for website

Craig advised that Constance Lake was unable to make any progress when she was on the Commission. Craig mentioned that putting together information would be helpful. Anthony and Jeff expressed interest in working on mapping historic properties. They both have experience with the Natrona Regional Geospatial Cooperative (GEOSMART). Jeff stated a layer to show Historic Districts would be a useful tool for the Commission and public.

Field Visits/Tours

Craig stated that volunteers were needed to plan and set up three (3) tours a year. There was some discussion about underground tunnels in downtown Casper and where they are located. Maureen has a contact at the Rib and Chop House and she will ask them to check it out. The Masonic Temple was mentioned as another location with access to underground tunnels. Should tunnels exit, the Commission decided they should be documented and mapped.

Website

Maureen and Paul volunteered to work on the Website for Historic Preservation. They both have experience with web pages, and they work on the Historic Preservation Commission Facebook page.

Social Media/Outreach/Education

Casper Historic Preservation members Maureen, Paul and Ann volunteered to work on Social Media, Outreach and Education. There was mention of documenting neighborhood grocery stores, and having a contest on social media. The Cheese Barrell that originally was the Blue Bird Market is an example. Robin stated she would go see Vince, Casper College, to see if there are some photos.

Training Video

Craig provided a link for training provided by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the Commission could choose from multiple videos. There was not time for a training video today. Craig stated members of the Commission can access these videos anytime, and should they view one to let staff know. He noted that training is not required, but encouraged.

Old Business

OYD Committee Update

Connie advised that the Old Yellowstone District (OYD) “Oscars” held on Monday, August 31, 2020 was awesome. She stated that the Historic Preservation Commission presented Noland Feed with a Certificate for being in business for 100 years, and Jamie, the owner, was very appreciative.

P&Z Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission cancelled their August monthly meeting. Terry did not have anything to report.

Public Outreach Update

Paul and Maureen did not have anything new to report.

Demolition Permits

Craig advised that there were not any Demolition Permits issued during the last month.

Other Business

Terry Wingerter stated that Fuzzy Tacos was going in on the west side of town. He inquired about the building owned by Marvin Piel located on the corner of Center and First Streets. Craig stated that the building was currently for sale and was not aware of any remodeling activity. Terry advised that Wyoming Work Warehouse will be moving into the old Fitness One location.

Jeff stated that he had been contacted by the Sheridan, Wyoming Historic Preservation group about applying for a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. He informed them of the process this group went through for the Strategic Plan. Jeff advised that this group and their work is getting noticed.

Jeff stated that he had an e-mail from Susan Bishop informing him that the porch at the Bishop Home has been rebuilt. She invited the Commission to come see the results. Jeff mentioned that

the Commission should take a new group photo with the banner. He advised that the Bishop Home will apply for a grant to redo the driveway to go through to the backyard and remove a building for parking. The Commission discussed providing a letter of support for the grant.

Maureen Lee made a motion to provide a letter of support to the Bishop Home. The motion was seconded by Ann Berg. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig advised he would write the letter of support.

Jeff advised he had an e-mail from Dr. McGinley, owner of the Wells Fargo Bank Building, and he is planning to attend the Monday, October 19, 2020 Casper Historic Preservation meeting to share his plans for the building. A suggestion was made to hold the meeting there and take a tour. Jeff will coordinate this with Dr. McGinley.

Next meeting will be October 19, 2020 (*normal day October 12, is Columbus Day*) in Council Meeting Room, 200 North David Street.

Maureen Lee made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Robin Broumley. The motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Hardy
Administrative Support Technician