

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2021 (In-Person)

In attendance: Jeff Bond, Anthony Jacobsen, Robin Broumley, Pinky Ellis, Connie Hall, Carolyn Buff, Maureen Lee, John Lang, Ann Berg

Absent: Erich Frankland, Paul Yurkiewicz, Lisa Engebretsen (Council rep)

Staff: Liz Becher, Community Development Director
Craig Collins, City Planning Department

Liaison: Susan Frank, Planning and Zoning

Jeff Bond called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The recent article in the Casper Star-Tribune about the African American study currently underway was shared with the Commission, and will be posted on the website.

Approval of Minutes

Jeff asked if everyone had read the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting and asked if there were any corrections. A couple of spelling errors were noted.

Connie Hall moved to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes, as corrected. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Buff. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Guests

Our guest speaker from SHPO (via Zoom), Linda Kiisk, was introduced.

New Business

CLG Evaluation Review

Ms. Kiisk (SHPO rep) zoomed in from Cheyenne to share her compliance review of our CLG Evaluation. She is an architect by degree. She thanked the Commission for their survey completions, and asked that the members introduce themselves. She expressed appreciation for the work of the CLGs in our state; there are 19. She then stepped through the Annual Report Checklist with the Commission and the nine areas of review:

1. Meetings
2. Members
3. Training
4. Funding
5. National Registry Nominations
6. Program Support from local government
7. Cultural resources inventory
8. Preservation Planning
9. Historic Preservation promotion

The only area needing more attention would be in Training. There are trainings beginning this fall, and she will forward the information. Overall, the Casper Historic Preservation Commission is doing an outstanding job!

Old Business

SHPO/CLG Grant Project (Jeff/Staff) – no update

OYD Committee Update (Connie and John) – no update; no meeting in June

P&Z Commission (Susan Frank, Liaison) - Ms. Frank shared that there were four cases slated for review at the June meeting.

Demolition Permits (Staff) – none.

Sub-Committee reports

- Ghost Signs (John and Connie) - none.
- Brochures and Mobile App (Paul, Jeff, Ann and Robin) – none.
- GIS map of historic properties and surveyed properties for website (Jeff and Anthony)
Project on-hold; the state may have a resource.
- Field Visits/Tours (Robin and Connie)
Robin reported that she is pursuing tours of 724 S. Durbin and John Haass' renovated home on Beech Street.
- Social Media/Outreach/Education (Maureen, Paul and Ann)
Maureen reported that we have 261 Facebook likes.
- Strategic Plan progress/review (Jeff) – no further update.

Other Business

Carolyn reported that the County is doing a brochure about historic sites and partnering with Visit Casper. The military nomination of Fort Casper is still being pursued.

The next meeting will be August 9, 2021, at Casper City Hall.

Ann Berg made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Connie Hall. The motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Becher
Community Development Director