

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 11, 2023

Present:

Connie Hall, Jeff Bond, Carolyn Buff, Tammie Chappell, Randy Hein,

Anthony Jacobsen, Bob King, John Lang, Maureen Lee, Paul Yurkiewicz (by

phone)

Absent:

Robin Broumley

Staff:

Craig Collins, City Planning Department

Barb Santmire, Administrative Assistant III

Guests:

Michael McIntosh, Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison

Katelynn Larsen

Chairperson Connie Hall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Hall asked for approval of the August 14, 2023 meeting minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

New Business

<u>Letter of Support for a Wyoming Cultural Trust Grant for The Historic Bishop Home</u> – It was moved by John and seconded by Tammie to approve the letter of support. With all members present voting aye, the motion carried.

Old Business

Ornaments for 2023

- The ornaments are on order and should arrive in the next 2-3 weeks.
- It has been confirmed that they will be sold through Fort Caspar.
- Marketing
 - o City Staff
 - Press Release general media, City website, Fort Caspar website (?)

o Commission

- Facebook
- In person / Events (maybe have flyers to hand out?)
- Alumni Association
- Western History Center (Casper College)
- Posters to place in businesses around town?
- It was requested that everyone brainstorm for marketing ideas to bring to the October 16th meeting.

Pathways National Heritage Area Presentation – The presentation will be held on Thursday, September 21st from 12:00 – 1:00 in Suite 560 of the Casper Business Center (123 W 1st St). Lunch will be provided.

OYD Committee Update – There was no meeting, but the Committee toured 333 W Midwest (an old warehouse currently for sale) and the new townhomes at The Nolan.

<u>P&Z Commission</u> – There was no report.

<u>Demolition Permits</u> – There was no report.

<u>Social Media/Outreach/Education</u> – It remains unclear as to who has Administrative rights to the Commission's Facebook page. It was suggested that Lum Studio helped CHPC set up the page and they may have additional information. Craig will reach out to them to see if they can help.

<u>Field Visits/Tours</u> — Interest was expressed for a tour of The Virginian, particularly if there is currently a vacant unit to see. Anthony stated he believes Lyle has a source they may be able to contact to see if this is possible.

Other Business

- Theater of the Poor, The Casper Ghostbusters Ecto Interceptor Project, and Candlelight
 Frights have joined together and will be offering the first annual Casper Heritage Harvest
 Festival in October. As part of the Festival, paranormal investigations of the Elks Lodge
 will be offered with proceeds going to support the CHPC and other historical organizations
 in the community.
- The next time the Historic Walking Tour brochures are updated, it was suggested to remove the CHPC's individual names from the brochure as the Commission changes members over time.

The next meeting will be held October 16th (this is the third Monday due to the 9th being a federal holiday) at 8:30 am in Suite 560 (5th Floor Green Room) at 123 W 1st St (Casper Business Center).

(Minutes prepared by Barb Santmire)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson

Casper Historic Preservation Commission