

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 16, 2023

Present:

Connie Hall, Jeff Bond, Robin Broumley, Carolyn Buff, Tammie Chappell,

Randy Hein, Anthony Jacobsen, John Lang, Maureen Lee

Absent:

Bob King, Paul Yurkiewicz

Staff:

Barb Santmire, Administrative Assistant III

Guests:

Michael McIntosh, Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison

Katelynn Larsen

Bob Bailey

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Hall asked for approval of the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Carolyn Buff mentioned that the reference to the Elks Club should be the Elks Lodge. With that correction, the minutes were approved.

New Business

• October 26th at 6:30pm, the Natrona County Historical Society will be meeting at Fort Caspar. Museum Director Rick Young will speak on the past and future of the Fort. Everyone is invited to attend.

Old Business

<u>Christmas Ornaments</u>

- The ornaments sold out in less than 2 weeks. There was discussion about producing more, but it was ultimately decided that they were offered as a limited edition and should remain that way.
 - o NCHS may be offered again (from a different angle or a different design) in the future and/or might be designed and offered specifically for NCHS reunions with the graduation year included in the design.

- Diane McGinley has requested that the McGinley building be considered for a future ornament.
- A poll requesting suggestions for the 2024 ornament will be posted on the CHPC Facebook page to see what the community wants to be the 2nd annual ornament. Maureen Lee will post the poll with a Christmas deadline for community members to submit ideas.
- The Commission will purchase a thank you treat (cookies?) to be delivered to the staff of the Fort Caspar Museum for all of their hard work in going above and beyond in selling the ornaments on CHPC's behalf.

Pathways National Heritage Area Presentation

- The Commission considered a letter of support for a feasibility study to be completed for this project. The CHPC is not committing any funds at this time.
- Bob Bailey, Casper resident, was present to express his objection to the project.
- After discussion, Randy Hein moved to approve the letter of support. The motion was seconded by Maureen Lee. With all members present voting aye, the motion carried.

OYD Committee Update - There was no meeting in September.

<u>P&Z Commission</u> – Mike McIntosh reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a request to replat and rezone the Lower Brothers Addition. A section of the replatted area will be used to build a Lutheran College that will have up to 300 students and 15 faculty and staff.

<u>Demolition Permits</u> – The Commission reviewed the following requests for demolitions that have been received since the last meeting:

- a) 2251 S Mitchell
- b) 1435 S Willow
- c) 1736 Burlington
- d) 928 N Kimball

Social Media/Outreach/Education - No report.

Field Visits/Tours

• The Virginian would be happy to allow the Commission to tour, but there are currently no vacant units and the tour could not take place before 11am on a Monday.

Other Business

- Are there any grants to help with historical building repairs (the Bluebird Building)?
 - o Currently no, but SHPO may have some options.

The next meeting will be held November 13th and will possibly be a tour of the McGinley Building.

(Minutes prepared by Barb Santmire)

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Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson

Casper Historic Preservation Commission