

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
**December 12, 2022**

In attendance: Jeff Bond, Robin Broumley, Carolyn Buff, Connie Hall, Anthony Jacobsen, Bob King, John Lang, Maureen Lee

Absent: Paul Yurkiewicz

Staff: Liz Becher, Community Development Director  
Craig Collins, City Planning Department  
Barb Santmire, Administrative Assistant III

Guests: None

*Jeff Bond called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.*

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bond asked if everyone had read the minutes of the November 14, 2022, meeting and asked if there were any corrections. Carolyn Buff noted there was a grammatical error on page 2 under Old Business.

*Minutes from November 14, 2022, were approved unanimously, as amended.*

**New Business**

There was discussion of the following items:

1. Review applications for two (2) open and four (4) expiring Commission positions
  - a. Six (6) applications were received and included in the meeting packet for Commissioner review.
  - b. Motion was made to forward all applicants to Council with the recommendation to appoint. The motion was carried with 7 ayes and 1 abstention.
2. Parameters to create annual Ellis Award
  - a. When broached about the opportunity, Mrs. Ellis seemed hesitant about the idea. Other opportunities for recognition presented during discussion included naming a park bench or placing a plaque in a prominent location relevant to Pinky's contributions to the city.
  - b. It was decided to table the idea for now, but to be sure to revisit it in time to have something ready for May's Historic Preservation Month.
3. Bob King's Presentation
  - a. Bob presented a slide show based on the Sanborn Maps. The presentation covered the development of Casper from 1888 to 1922, including the location of relevant buildings and how street names were added/changed throughout the included years.

- b. Suggestion was made to include a link to the Sanborn Maps (to be provided by Bob) on the HPC page of the city's website.
4. SHPO/CLG Annual Report – with no changes noted to the Annual Report, it will be sent to Council for the Mayor's signature and then submitted.
5. City Planner Craig Collins provided graphs (collected by Google Analytics) that showed the web traffic to the HPC page on the city's website. The Commission had inquired as to if there was an increase after the Christmas parade and the hand out of the QR code cards.

## **Old Business**

OYD Committee Update – John reported that the OYD Advisory Committee met with Jeffree Star and his team who purchased the old Hall on Ash. John stated it was a productive meeting and that the building is going to be repurposed as a retail space for Jeffree's cosmetic line and his yak meat business.

P&Z Commission – City Planner Craig Collins reported that a rezoning request for 3 vacant lots located on S. Washington St. was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and is being forward to Council for review/approval.

Christmas Parade Float – Connie reviewed HPC's participation in the Christmas Parade noting the opportunity it provided to hand out about 150-200 of the new QR code business cards. The suggestion was made to place the cards at Fort Caspar and the visitor's center. The remainder of the cards will be held by the City Planner.

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

- 1828 S Poplar

### Historic Preservation Month Planning for May 2023

1. Sherrie's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Robin has reached out to Historic Alliance and is waiting to hear back from them with input. Connie will reach out to Sherrie to get her thoughts on how to celebrate.
2. The Ellis Award, or other recognition of Pinky Ellis, is on hold (see New Business #2).

Results from Council's Review of Wind Turbine Art Installation – City Planner Craig Collins reported that it appears the project is on hold indefinitely as there is ongoing discussion on the best place for it to be located. Council agreed that Fort Caspar is not the appropriate location.

### Sub-Committee reports:

- Social Media/Outreach/Education – Maureen reported her most recent review showed 395 likes and 417 followers of the HPC Facebook page. She stated she has been updating the page with relevant articles as she comes across them.
- Field Visits/Tours – members suggested ideas for future field visits/tours

including the following:

- McGinley Orthopedic Clinic (the “onion” building)
- National Historic Trails Center
- Western History Center at Casper College
- 410 S Ash (previously Urban Bottle, purchased by owner of Occasions by Cory)
- Old Yellowstone Garage

### **Other Business**

1. City of Casper/Natrona County has received designation as an American World War II Heritage City by the National Park Service. Per their notice, “[t]he American World War II Heritage Cities Program (AWWIICH) honors the contributions of local towns, cities, counties and commemorates the stories of the men, women, and children whose bravery and sacrifices shaped the U.S. home front during World War II, and still impact our country today. Only one American World War II Heritage City can be designated in each state or territory.” A link to the AWWIICH site will be added to the HPC page on the city’s website.
2. Jeff mentioned that he has been in contact with the Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board regarding their sale of historic building-based Christmas ornaments. He was told that the ornaments cost about \$10-\$12 each to make and they are sold for \$20 - \$25 each. The Cheyenne HPB has sold them for the last four years and nets about \$5,000 per year. The contact offered to share additional information/resources if Casper HPC decides to move forward with a similar program. It was suggested that magnets might be another option to raise money which could then be used to fund projects such as historic designation plaques. It was requested that each member come to the next meeting with a list of their top suggestions for locations to be used.
3. Bob reported that he had provided a copy of the most recently updated list of liaison contacts to Staff, which was then emailed out to all members.

The next meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the meeting take place at the Western History Center at Casper College. Jeff will reach out to schedule and let Staff know when he has confirmed the availability of the date/time with the venue.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Liz Becher

Community Development Director