

CASPER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2022

In attendance: Jeff Bond, Anthony Jacobsen, Carolyn Buff, John Lang, Paul Yurkiewicz, Robin Broumley, Bob King

Absent: Maureen Lee, , Connie Hall, Pinky Ellis, Erich Frankland
Liz Becher, Community Development Director
Lisa Engebretsen (Council rep)

Staff: Craig Collins, City Planning Department
Kristie Turner, Administrative Assistant III

Guest: Rob Piotter

Jeff Bond called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Election of Officers

John Lang made a motion to keep the current Chairman and nominated Connie Hall for Vice Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Carolyn Buff. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bond asked if everyone had read the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting and asked if there were any corrections. One correction was noted.

Minutes from December 13, 2021, were approved unanimously.

New Business

Discussion with Rob Piotter

Mr. Piotter has been researching the old underground tunnels that were used to provide steam heat from Casper Electric Company to businesses and residences in the downtown area. Mr. Piotter described all the business that he knows of and has visited that were at one point connected to the tunnel system. Mr. Piotter discussed with the commission ideas regarding whether the tunnels had been mapped or when and why the tunnel accesses were closed off. The exact locations of access to the steam tunnel system remains a mystery and Rob is dedicated to researching the topic.

Discussion of December items

- Ms. Broumley is currently working on researching the structures on the Historic Register that need plaques and the cost of plaques.
- The option to use text for agendas, bids, etc. is being reviewed by the City's IT department.
- Ms. Becher will be reaching out to Bird Scooters to inquire about integrating maps on the scooter App.
- Poll results for meeting availability reflected Monday at 8:30 as the preferred time by the commission members.

Progress Report on African American Study – Review/Direction

SHPO is reviewing the report. Mr. Collins has been in contact with Bethany Kelly.

Old Business

SHPO/CLG Grant Project (Jeff/Staff)

No Report

OYD Committee Update (Connie and John)

No Report

P&Z Commission

This month there is a small subdivision change and two conditional use cases.

Demolition Permits (Staff)

No Report

Sub-Committee reports

- Ghost Signs (**John and Connie**)
Mr. Lang will send photos to Mr. Bond.
- Brochures and Mobile App (**Paul, Jeff, Ann and Robin**)
No Update
- GIS map of historic properties and surveyed properties for website (**Jeff and Anthony**)
No Update
- Field Visits/Tours (**Robin and Connie**)
No Update
- Social Media/Outreach/Education (**Maureen, Paul and Ann**)
Mr. Yurkiewicz reported that the Facebook page has 360 followers.
- Strategic Plan progress/review (**Jeff**)
No update.

Other Business

The next meeting will be February 14, 2022 at the old Wells Fargo building for a tour.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Becher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Becher
Community Development Director

