



The Town of Coopertown
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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of April 19, 2012

The mission of the Coopertown Historical Committee is to document the historical nature of the Town of Coopertown, to solicit and collect historically significant memorabilia, to organize the collection in a displayable manner, and develop and display the exhibit in a display area. This mission may involve fund raising, the acquisition and construction of a museum building for the Town of Coopertown.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Lee at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Linda Lee, Chairman
Kay James
Mayor Sam Childs
Richard Lee
JoAnn Lee

Members Absent:

Louis Holmes
Peggy Ruth
Debbie Lee Buchanan
Maxine Hester
Gary Schmidt

Old Business:

1. Update on the 501 c3 Tax Exempt Status

Discussion included letters to and from the Federal Government regarding status; the need to file form 990 with the IRS later this year; and the need to file a form to show that the Historical Committee is still active with the State (April 1st). The committee couldn't file because Ms. Spiller was still listed as President and she is no longer a member. It was discussed that the committee needs to elect officers for that purpose. It was noted that the Mayor donated a few of his checks into the Historical Committee's account at Robertson County Credit Union. The Committee now has \$694.16, therefore, the fee to cover this form would come from that account.

Chairman, Linda Lee asked for a motion to elect Ms. JoAnn Lee as President for the purpose of filing the form.

All in agreement signified by saying 'Aye'.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update for Christmas on the Square

Discussion included that the committee signed up new members – Margaret Teasley; Don Hicks; Homer Butler; and Maria Hunter Harrington

3. Update on The Seal

Discussion included whether or not to adopt the same seal used by the Police Department or whether to wait for Debbie Lee Buchanan's colorize one. It was determined to contact Ms. Buchanan for an update.

New Business:

1. Election of officers

Tabled due to electing Ms. JoAnn Lee under Old Business

2. Presentation idea for the Coopertown Commission for Culture, History, & Arts Committee Meetings.

Suggestions included Caroline Carter - McMahan's Tobacco History; Rick Gregory & Yolanda Reed who have done a history of Robertson County; Mayor Howard Bradley is a possibility. Mark Lowe was suggested because of his articles in the paper. It was discussed that the next meeting is May 8th 2012.

3. Membership drive

Discussion included the possibility of producing a fashion show, providing speakers which would encourage new members, and the development of new membership cards also to entice new memberships.

4. New Trail of Tears signage

Discussion included a publicized unveiling of the signage – Cherokee Nation “Remember the Removal Ride” is tentatively slated to be here June 9th. The Historical Committee was asked to attend, and were encouraged to volunteer to provide water/drinks, fruit, granola bars, Gatorade, or baked goods. Committee members were advised they would be notified of the date.

5. Historical Overlay and Old Town Preservation map

Mayor Childs spoke about the Historic Overlay District and that it makes us available for grants and other things to preserve history i.e. sidewalks, parks, a museum and a souvenir outlet.

Adjournment:

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to adjourn.

Kay James made the motion for adjournment.

Mayor Childs seconded the motion.


All signified by saying 'Aye'.

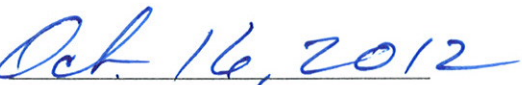
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Notes generated by Sharon Allen, City Clerk.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:


Secretary


Date