

**LANGUAGE, HISTORY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

January 23, 2007

9:10 A.M.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Language, History & Culture Committee

COMMITTEE PRESIDED BY: Johnny Keener, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack D. Baker	Buel Anglen	Taylor Keen
Bill John Baker	Cara Cowan Watts	Don Garvin
Jackie Bob Martin	Meredith Frailey*	Johnny Keener
Audra Smoke-Conner*		

*Entered after roll call

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phyllis Yargee	S. Joe Crittenden	David Thornton
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT NOT SERVING ON COMMITTEE:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Gloria Sly	Donna Chuculate	Tonya Hogner Weavel
Dr. Neil Morton		

VISITORS:

Gina Olaya

QUORUM ESTABLISHED: Yes

LEGISLATION: No

MINUTES: See Attached

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Call to Order / Invocation / Roll Call:

Chair Keener called the meeting to order. Councilman Martin gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12th regular meeting. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cemetery Restoring Assistance Report:

Ms. Donna Chuculate provided a handout of the report in the absence of Mr. Don Greenfeather. Ms. Chuculate also provided a copy of the letter sent out to the recipients regarding their receipts and accounting responsibilities.

Directors Report:

Dr. Gloria Sly commended Councilman Bill John Baker on his generosity to several families outside his district with a donation of food during the winter storm. She announced they are finishing up all of their fall activities and beginning to prepare for the spring. They had 937 enrolled in the online language classes last fall, the community language class enrollment was down with only 117, and the employee language classes had 68 enrolled. The classes will begin again in March. They continue to print the history books. The quilting classes had a total of 110 participants. She announced the historical society is closed to the public this month. They are working together to prepare educational packets for the schools to go along with the exhibits. Dr. Sly requested to go ahead and discuss the chief's markers at this time. She stated the committee has determined they need to visit each gravesite to take a picture, determine the condition, see the type of headstone, and get the bylaws of each cemetery. They will meet again on February 5th to determine what type of marker would be appropriate. She welcomed the Council to attend the meeting. They are trying to determine if the GPR work would be most feasible to train our personnel and purchase the equipment, train our personnel and rent the equipment, or hire a contractor. They will meet to discuss this on the 5th of February at the same time they discuss the chief's markers. Councilman Jack Baker inquired about the time and location of the meeting. Dr. Sly stated at 2:00 p.m. in the Educational Services Conference Room.

Old Business:

1. Cherokee Artist Association Copyright Issues and Requests for Proposals. Councilman Bill John Baker per the request of Todd Hembree made a motion to table this item until next month. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Former Chief's Gravesite Monuments (Discussion). Dr. Sly discussed during reports. Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to table. Councilman Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Approval of the Cemetery Restoring Assistance Applications: Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the District 1 application for Pumpkin Center cemetery. Council member Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. An Act Regarding Indian Arts and Crafts. Council member Cowan Watts made a motion to table this item to next month. Councilman Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Councilman Martin moved for adjournment. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 9:25 a.m.

Approval/Distribution:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: Shelli Brittain

Date: _____