

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD/CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

1. Log Cabin – Where will it be placed? Discussion

Possible uses

2. Budget for Plaques

**Request \$1,500 for 3 already planned, plus \$490 for future
(See attached)**

Discussion point: The Indian Mound plaque which probably should be placed between library and City Hall could be funded by the City *in addition* to the \$1,500 requested plaque fund.

3. Possible program/workshop for remodel vs. teardown (think Rehab Addict). We would like to present ideas for preservation using well known builders or rehabbers. (This was done in the past, but a well known name might draw more attendees.)

5. We see a need for amending our preservation ordinance to more accurately represent our Wayzata community and our abilities to make preservation headway. We will be discussing this with Bryan and among ourselves, and will be making recommendations.

WAYZATA HERITAGE PLAQUES

Post Office plaque due for delivery today (Tuesday, March 11, 2014)

Size 12 x 15, Price \$489.18

Previous plaques were \$259.20 Size 8" x 11"

EXPECTATIONS OF NEAR FUTURE PLAQUES

Greenlawn Cemetery 8"x11" approx \$260

Stable at Locust Hills 8"x11" approx \$260

Indian Mound (above Post Office) 12"x15" approx \$490

\$1,010

We would like to request a \$1,500 pool for these and future plaques.

Other plaques contemplated, but will not be paid by City would be one for the Log Cabin, plaques for the Carisch block of Lake Street.

**WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013
AND GOALS FOR 2014**

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Liaison To Wayzata Historical Society

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Bryan Gadow, City Planner

Background

The City Council adopted **Five Initiatives** in November, 2003 and a sixth one proposed by the HPB to clarify their role in private and city redevelopment projects could impact historic properties.

1. Educating Wayzata about Heritage Preservation

Our goal is to provide several ways to keep our history alive for residents young and old and to reach both new and longtime residents.

2. Creating tools to help designate and preserve heritage sites in accordance with the Ordinance.

What can we do to encourage Wayzata residents who own historically significant sites to have them preserved within the confines of our ordinance?

3. Preserving Wayzata's historic information on a website

The HPB notes that most cities have included their Preserved Historic Sites as a link on the city website.

4. Researching and documenting history of each neighborhood and protecting neighborhoods' "rhythm of elements" from encroachment of incompatible uses.

5. Developing incentives for preserving Wayzata's heritage.

HPB can notify owners of historic properties which generate income about Federal and State Tax credits for renovation and restoration. These credits are not available for residential house renovations.

6. Understanding the HPB's role in redevelopment projects.

According to the City Council, the HPB cannot be involved in preventing historic buildings from being razed or renovated if the project is already in the process with city planning.

Workshop With City Council – Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 6:15 P.M.

The HPB presented two items for the Council's consideration and direction. (1) Final site for the log cabin. The cabin has been moved from 324 Bushaway Road and is presently at the Public Works where it will be restored. Site recommended by the HPB is Shaver Park. City Manager Heidi Nelson said there were four sites being considered. (1) Shaver Park (2) City Hall between library and city hall (3) East end of Klapprich Field (4) The Big Woods. The Minnesota Land Trust turned Big Woods down previously because no new structures can be brought to the site once the

contract is settled. Irene said she had spoken with the residents on Grove Lane and they were all receptive to having the cabin there. Heidi will call a meeting of the Grove Lane residents to discuss the possibility further.

(2) The HPB asked for permission to be more aggressive in attempting to get the Wayzata State Bank, Lake Street and Barry Avenue; Former Wayzata Community Church (Unitarian Church now) Rice Street and Walker, The Post Office and Section Foreman's House on the National Register of Historic Places.

The council asked us not to work with the Unitarian Church at this time and the Section Foreman's House is part of the Lake Effect Development plan with restoration and National Registry appointment still in the hands of the WHS. They gave the HPB free reign to proceed with the Bank and the Post Office.

2013 HPB ACTIVITIES

National Heritage Preservation Month of May- HPB Events

Centennial House Awards were presented to the Gerber House at 237 Manitoba Avenue S (Jeff Meehan accepting); Dickey House, 307 Manitoba Avenue S; 1300 & 1340 LaSalle, Braden Family houses; 344 Gardner Street E, Mr. & Mrs. Motzko.

Mayor' Best Preserved House Award given to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Morris, 620 Bushaway Road for restoration of their home, designed by Harry W. Jones, onetime Brook's gardener's house.

The wood art piece donated to WHS of Bookcase façade was on **display in the City Hall** Lobby along with Centennial houses, Mayor's award and log cabin photo display.

Public Works put up the black wrought iron fence at the Old Cemetery on the Walker Avenue and Wayzata Blvd. sides in time for Memorial Day and the June 1st WHS historic walk around the cemetery. Thomas Garrison represented the Oscar Garrison family, Wayzata's founder, at the grave of his great, great, great, grandmother Hannah Young with a new grave marker from Garrison relatives now in place.

GOALS FOR 2014 MAY EVENTS

Continue Centennial House Awards and Mayor's Award.

Display in lobby of City Hall.

Present log cabin at its final location to City Wayzata, thanking benefactors, Volunteers, Bronze plaque and donators, etc.

Public Workshop with renovation designers, architects, builders

J.J. Hill Days Booth

Pictures of moving the log cabin from its original place at 324 Bushaway were displayed in the tent. Also had a roll-a-dex display of activities of the HPB. Centennial homes notebooks and HPB brochures were also displayed with brochures and self guided tours to hand out. (No parade entry this year.)

GOALS FOR 2014

Booth

History of Wayzata Story Telling at the Log Cabin, or at Booth

Media Coverage

Articles appearing in LAKESHORE NEWS, STAR TRIBUNE of the log cabin move, restoration with pictures and announcement of our benefactors, John Mehrkens and Adolphson & Peterson Builders.

GOALS FOR 2014

News articles in LAKESHORE NEWS and STAR TRIBUNE of progress on cabin renovation.

Coverage on May Events-Centennial homes and Mayor's award

"Wayzata Historic Landmark" Plaques

Oldest Cemetery plaque was mounted on the new cemetery fence at the corner of Wayzata Blvd and Walker Avenue. Wayzata Community Church (Unitarian Church now) plaque was mounted in a cement block and placed in the garden area on Walker Avenue. Lowell Zitzloff placed the bank plaque by the front door of bank. The U. S. Postal Service approved a plaque on their building. Prepared the history in 2013 to be completed in 2014.

GOALS FOR 2014

Mount Post Office plaque

Review historic sites for other possible bronze "Wayzata Historic Landmark" plaques.

Interaction with other Organizations 2013

HPB worked with Wayzata Historical Society (WHS) on cemetery restoration by asking the city to place a fence around the cemetery. City agreed to fence on Walker Avenue side and Wayzata Blvd.

Irene Stemmer and Sue Sorrentino served on the **Wayzata Lake Effect Advisory Committee.**

Irene Stemmer continued to work with George Carisch regarding bronze plaques on his buildings on Lake Street.

WHS continued to place HPB brochures of histories of the historic buildings particularly in the Original Plat of Wayzata available at the Depot Museum. Also copies of the Centennial House Self Guided tour.

Irene Stemmer is working with Merrily Borg Babcock of the Wayzata Park Board to research and write histories of Wayzata's parks. Public Park, Public Square (1854) and Shaver and Beach Park are completed and have appeared in the TELEGRAPH.

GOALS FOR 2014

Work with Park Board on Beach Park Signage

Deliver programs at Boardwalk, Presbyterian Homes

Wayzata High School to engage young people in historic preservation

Preserved Sites on City Website

The placement of the four preserved sites and the brief history of each is planned to use an edited format of a video of Wayzata residents who worked on the preservation at each site. Because the video has been temporarily lost it is delayed until 2014.

GOAL FOR 2014

Get this done.

Preservation Easement

A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Himan urging them to consider a Preservation Easement on their house at 123 Minnetonka Avenue S. Preservation Easement would preserve their house in perpetuity. No decision has been made by the Himans to date.

GOALS FOR 2014

Letters to Wayzata owner's of historic sites as listed by Robert Vogel in Wayzata inventory.

Neighborhood Histories

Two histories have been completed: North Wayzata Blvd and Bushaway Neighborhood. This is an ongoing project.

GOAL FOR 2014

Continue to work on neighborhood histories. Consider soliciting people who live in neighborhood for assistance.

Tear down photos.

The HPB has been taking pictures of razed houses for our "Lost Houses and Buildings" book. when ever we were able to catch one. This year the City agreed not to issue a Teardown Permit until the HPB has taken photos inside and exterior. Thirteen houses were razed this past year. Four of them were significantly historic: 426 Ferndale, The Northrop House (1894); 421 Bushaway Road, the Harry Piper house (Circa 1920); 433 Bushaway Road, Wilcox/Nash House (1928); and 152 Circle A Drive (1927). Most of the other houses are in the oldest neighborhoods.

GOAL FOR 2014

Continue photo documentation.

Gather short histories if possible of each house./

THE TEN MOST SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC SITES

1. Wayzata Post Office.

Built in 1941 by the WPA. First stand alone post office building in Wayzata. designed by Louis A. Simon (Government depression Architect group) Class D Post Office building. Mural by Depression Era Artist Ruth Grotenrath, funded by U.S. Treasury Dept. Division of Art and Sculpture (Art of the People)

In 2009, the Postal Service announced the possible sale of the building. HPB held

placards and collected signatures protesting the closing. Letters to Sens. Amy Klobuchar, and Al Franken and Rep. Erik Paulson. Sen. Franken informed Mayor and HPB the building was removed from the “for sale” list for the time being. Action was confirmed by U.S. Postal Service Asset Management Team. **In 2012**, the HPB asked Postal Service for permission to place a Wayzata Historic Landmark bronze plaque on the building with a brief history. The request was denied.

In 2013, Bryan Gadow began working on an application to place the Post Office on The National Register of Historic Places. (Application would need to be sent to the Postal Service Historian to submit to State Historic Preservation Office in Minn.) Not completed.

2013 goal to again ask the Post Office for permission to place the bronze plaque either on the exterior of the building or on a standard on the lawn. The Postal Service agreed to a wall plaque on the outside of the building. Plaque history written.

GOAL FOR 2014

**Install bronze plaque ordered in 2013. Plan special dedication
During May events if possible.**

2. Section Foreman’s House

Significant because of its connection to the Depot and the history of railroad in Wayzata. Building is owned by the City. Presently empty. May be one of only two in the state.

The Wayzata Historical Society (WHS) asked to raise funds for restoration review and placement on the National Registry. The first evaluation by Charlene Roise, historian, completed states it is eligible for National Registry. **In 2013**, the WHS is raising funds to complete architectural review and statement of requirements to restore.

GOAL FOR 2014

Work with City to come up with a good use for building.

3. First Wayzata Congregational Church 1916 (Unitarian Congregation today)

Site of first church in Wayzata in 1881. Church rebuilt in 1911 designed by Harry Wild Jones. Building burned down in 1916 and rebuilt by same plans and adding stained glass windows gift from Plymouth Congregation in Minneapolis.

In 2012, the Unitarian Church agreed to allow the HPB to place a Wayzata Historic Landmark bronze plaque with brief history on the building. The plaque was placed in a stone holder in the Walker Avenue garden in **2013**

4. Wayzata State Bank 1908

First bank in Wayzata and first classic bank building on Lake Minnetonka. A.C. Dart built the building for \$2550.00. Bank was significant in Wayzata history for providing loans for commercial and residential buildings.

Several attempts have been made in the past to interest Lowell Zitzloff, owner, to place this

Bank building on the National Registry. More recently we asked him for permission to place a bronze Landmark History plaque on the building. **In 2013**, the HPB ordered the plaque and Mr. Zitzloff placed it on the front of the building!

GOAL FOR 2014

Continue to work with owner about preserving this historic building.

5. Gold Mine House (1880)

Significant to Wayzata's history as one of the oldest standing houses as well as representative of the houses that lined Lake Street in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Because this house is being rented commercially, the renovation and restoration it needs would be eligible for State and Federal tax credits on the costs. As long as the Gold Mine business continues to rent the house it is probably not endangered but it bears close watching and continuing to keep the owner aware of the perks in hope of keeping the house.

6. Wayzata's 3 Oldest Neighborhoods: Bluff, North of Wayzata Blvd and Old Holdridge

The organization of the Bluff and N Wayzata Blvd neighborhoods were the first in Wayzata and date back to its beginning in 1854. A number of houses in all 3 neighborhoods are over 100 years old. All 3 neighborhoods were recommended by Robert Vogel in his inventory as possible historic districts. **In the last five or six years, many of the houses have become victims of the wrecking ball and have been replaced by new larger houses bordering on McMansions in comparison. These 3 neighborhoods contribute much to the "small town character of Wayzata" because of the smaller houses on green lawns and architectural small town style reaching back a hundred years. In 2004, the HPB and Planning Commission prepared a zoning overlay that would restrict the size of replacement houses to be more fitting to the neighborhood. Part of the plan was accepted by the Council that lowered the height two feet.**

GOAL FOR 2014

Get newspaper coverage on homes in these neighborhoods that have had Good renovations with additions etc. LAKESHORE NEWS, TV, STAR TRIBUNE HOME SECTION.

7. Two Oldest Cemeteries.

The first cemetery behind the church on Walker and Wayzata Blvd. The second is Greenlawn on Minnetonka and Park Avenues.

This project has been in cooperation of the WHS who raised funds to straighten, and clean the headstones with Grave Groomers. **In 2013**, the HPB worked with the City to get a Wrought iron fence put up by the City on Walker Avenue and Wayzata Blvd. around the oldest cemetery. The HPB has started recording names from old death certificates but there is more to be done. There are still headstones that need work and graves to be identified. A Wayzata Historic Landmark bronze plaque with a brief history was ordered by the HPB and placed on the Iron fence on the corner of Wayzata Blvd and Walker **in 2013**. "Greenlawn" is in better shape and no work has been done to date.

8. Harrington Gates – 1915

The gates are a significant site as they commemorate the pioneer settlers John and William Harrington who owned and farmed the land that became the Ferndale neighborhood. The gates mark the entrance to the internal road system of the Ferndale peninsula leading to Lookout Point.

The HPB has been planning a bronze marker but it has not been completed. The history of Ferndale should be researched and written at the same time.

GOAL FOR 2014

Talk with history minded people in Ferndale about assisting with history and place “Wayzata Historic Landmark” on gates.

9. Rand Beach Park and Shaver Park

Both of these parks were planned by the City Council and the Park Board beginning in 1926. The history has been researched and written by Irene Stemmer and Merrily Borg Babcock for The Park Board. The Shaver Park property was purchased from Lewis Ireland (\$6500) plus a large lot from Jim Davies (\$750.) Rufus Rand, Wayzata Mayor (1928-1930) and president of Minnetonka Boat Works at the time donated land to the city for the beach area and built the first bathhouse.

Klapprich Field

Named for Ed Klapprich who with assistance of friends and wheel barrows turned a cattail marsh into a baseball field and skating/hockey ice rink. It was designated a park by the City in 1982. History is in the works but not completed.

The HPB believes these parks should be on the list of historic sites and perhaps honored with plaques. Need to be coordinated with the newly formed Park Board.

GOAL FOR 2014

Work with PARK BOARD about historic plaques for the oldest parks.

10. Locust Hills Stable (circa 1945) and Highcroft Carriage House (1895)

The only buildings remaining of the Locust Hills Country Estate (1939-2005) and the Highcroft Farm. Neither one qualify for the National Registry but could be eligible to be on Local Registry or a Wayzata Historic Landmark plaque if accepted by present Homeowner's Association.

GOAL FOR 2014

Contact Association Board and Peter Pflaum about a “Wayzata Historic Landmark”

11. Log Cabin (circa 1885)

Log Cabins were a very real part of Wayzata's history when Oscar E. Garrison founded the city and built the first log cabin in 1853 on Lake Street about the site of the present theater Marquee of Tamarack logs. Carl Vogt of the University of Minnesota Forestry Dept. confirmed that the logs in the cabin on 324 Bushaway are also Tamarack which grew

in abundance in the marshes in and around Wayzata.

Research on the cabin's history was begun in 2005. It has stood on the Andrews/Field property at 324 Bushaway since it was built. It appears next to all three of the Field houses on old photos but the builder and date it was built remains a mystery. John Field who grew up on the property called it the "trapper's cabin" and Wayzata residents call it the Trapper's cabin.

In 2008, the property was sold and the new owners agreed to donate the cabin to the City.

In 2012, the City agreed to accept the cabin if funding could be raised. John Mehrkens of Presbyterian Homes offered to be the benefactor to move and restore the cabin with the help of Adolphson & Peterson Builders. **In 2013**, the City accepted the cabin and it was moved from 324 Bushaway to the Wayzata Public Works where volunteers under the direction of Tom Dykhoff, A & P Superintendent will complete the restoration. Additional Tamaracks logs needed to replace rotted logs were donated by Bill Smude, a logger from Pine Center, Minnesota. To date the roof has been repaired and replaced with wood shingles. The HPB would like to see the cabin relocated in the southwest corner of Shaver Park. Final site needs to be selected by the City Council. The HPB would prefer the Shaver Park site.

Goal for 2014

Get the cabin renovated and relocated to permanent site.

**Plan celebration to honor benefactor restorers, volunteers
donations and bronze plaque from the Fields in May if
renovation is completed and moved to the site.**

Work on ways to use the cabin.

CITY OF WAYZATA



MEMORANDUM

To: Wayzata City Council
From: Mike Kelly, City Engineer
Date: 3/14/2014
Re: Eastman Lane/East Lake Street Corridor Landscaping

A design charette for the Eastman Lane and East Lake Street Corridor was held on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sixteen (16) people participated in the event and included residents from Shady Lane, East Lake Street, Reno Street, as well as representatives from the Wayzata Yacht Club and Wayzata Community Sailing Center.

The group took part in several exercises, explored ideas and opportunities, working together to frame a series of compelling concepts that reflect our character, the corridor's landscape and the principles of the Wayzata Lake Effect. These preliminary concepts will be presented to the Wayzata City Council at a workshop on March 18, prior to the regular meeting.

A very preliminary copy of the concept drawings can be found attached.



- corridor defined largely by plant materials, using more native plantings and natural patterns near Bushaway Road and along Eastman Lane and transitioning to more village-like patterns (including annual flower plantings) along and near East Lake Street
- patterns might intersect at the roundabout, where the “Mini Woods” becomes the highlight in the center of the roundabout
- the Eastman parcel wetland is engaged as a part of the pedestrian experience of the corridor
- the existing “tunnel” of landscape just west of Bushaway Road is perpetuated (enhanced) and is juxtaposed against the openness of the corridor as Eastman Lane approaches the lake
- canopy and understory plantings are selected and placed to maintain views and air movement to the homes north of the rail corridor

Concept A - Transitions Way

Landscape Opportunities for East Lake Street and Eastman Lane



Concept B - Village Way

Landscape Opportunities for East Lake Street and Eastman Lane



Concept C - Water Way

Landscape Opportunities for East Lake Street and Eastman Lane



- use of sail-like forms as the basis of a streetscape/landscape patterns
- overlook at bend and dip as more of a pier—extending into the water rather than hugging the shore
- roundabout focal object is the mast/yardarm/gaff typical of sailing
- streetscape elements might be more nautical (rigging, ropes, mast-like) with features that exhibit a high degree of craft (suggesting the history and invention of watercraft fabrication); sidewalk texture might reflect docks or boat decking
- sailing club operations, revealed as a part of the landscape (organized and artful boat storage)
- landscape elements might be chosen for their capacity for movement in wind (quaking aspen, native grasses in monocultures)

Concept D - Sailing Way

Landscape Opportunities for East Lake Street and Eastman Lane



Overlay - Storytelling

Landscape Opportunities for East Lake Street and Eastman Lane