

WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WAYZATA CITY HALL

COMMUNITY ROOM

600 RICE STREET EAST, WAYZATA, MN 55391

TUESDAY, June 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES:

ROLL: Kim Anderson, Elissa Madson, Sue Sorrentino, Liz Blaufuss and Bruce Biser.
Guests: Bridget Anderson, Lynne Gruber

MEETING MINUTES: Liz Blaufuss made a motion, and Kim Anderson seconded the motion to approve the June 2015 meeting minutes.

LAKE 360, Inc. PRESENTATION:

- Lake 360, Inc. is the trolley non-profit. The trolley is managed by a 3rd -party business. The City Council is not responsible for maintenance, insurance, and employees.
- Bridget Anderson and Lynn Gruber presented information about the trolley and brought brochures,
- Kick-off event is Sunday, June 11, 2015. The HPB will host a rescheduled Kids at the Cabin event the same day.
- Many ideas for incorporating the trolley in HPB activities: historical tours, during the tree lighting ceremony.
- \$865 a day to cover the cost of the trolley running for 6 hours.

KIDS AT THE CABIN: RESCHEDULED

- The HPB will host a rescheduled Kids at the Cabin event the same day as the Trolley kick-off event on Sunday, June 11, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Some graffiti was spray-painted on the inside of the cabin, as it was left unlocked after the last event time was canceled. The HPB will check into getting it removed properly. We will check with Chuck of Parks & Trails on getting it cleaned.
- A sign and some balloons will be posted by the cabin to promote the event.

CABIN ADMINISTRATION

- Follow up with the City Council about money for upkeep and repairs for the cabin.
- Looking into getting benches or some kind of seating that is in keeping with the cabin.

- Cash Donation: The HPB has \$600.00 in donations that should be used for the cabin. Donated without restrictions. Ideas for spending the money: log benches, chinking, more authentic door, hinges.
- Log cabin model: Currently outside of the archives at the Library. The Post office model will go there as well. Bryan Gadow has approved this location as not an issue.

LAKE EFFECT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

- Bryan Gadow has asked if the HPB would like to be a representative for the Lake Effect Project in selecting a design team for the project.
- Sue Sorrentino would like to be the representative and will look at volunteering for this position.

SECTION FOREMAN'S HOUSE

- Need to be aware of how the Section Foreman's house would be incorporated into the Lake Effect Project. The house can be reached by taking the lake front path.
- Need to determine whether the building should be preserved or preserved for use. The City would prefer to use the building in some capacity.
- Possible field trip: Sue will look into seeing if the HPB can go in the house to see it.

PETTIT AND KYSOR GROCERY STORE/BANK

- Kim asked Bryan Gadow about flyer mailed to Wayzata residents that showed the bank building being demolished.
- The building (and others) owned by Lowell Zitzloff.
- The bank (building with pillars) will hopefully be saved.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: WHAT IT MEANS AND WAY TO DRIVE AWARENESS

- Kim had an idea of using the grocery store/bank situation as a first opportunity to prepare historical information about the building to present to the Planning Commission on reasons why the building should be preserved: why the building is historically significant and drive awareness.
- Looking at ideas about coming up with a "Watch List" of historically significant homes, buildings, areas in Wayzata and keeping information about them at the forefront: Harrington Gates, Unitarian church, etc.
- Refer to Vogel's book: The Bluff, Old Holdridge, North Wayzata for outlines of neighborhoods.

- This idea ties into looking at our role as an educational one and presenting information about not only the house but the neighborhood as a whole. The HPB needs to look at the City's Comprehensive Plan and see how that fits in with the HPB charter and need to educate. May have more influence by reaching out to the Planning Commission first.
- The presentation should include: what buildings/sites/neighborhoods are on our radar as historical; our vision statement of what the HPB can offer as education; what we see as an outcome of the education. Why is the Comprehensive Plan followed some times and not others? Focus on "rhythm and elements" and what it means when one at a time trees are taken down and small houses are replaced by big ones.
- Kim will request a copy of the Comprehensive Plan from the City for everyone, which we are all required to read! Kim will put together a list of the sites that the HPB thinks is historically significant. Kim will be able to pull a lot of information from Irene Stemmer's information.
- John Monson from Landschute: He is well-known builder in Excelsior that is involved with preservation of buildings. He is "reserved" for the Renovation Celebration on October 9th. The HPB is interested in working with him to get information about how he preserves buildings in Excelsior. Elissa will email Mr. Monson about coming to a meeting in July or August.

WISE HOUSE UPDATE

- KC Chermak will be attending a workshop with the City on June 16th about options for the Wise house.
- Tim Foster's land behind the office building across from the park is still a location option for the house. Once moved, the house will have an historical easement on it so that the exterior cannot be changed. You will be able to view it from the Post Office pocket park.
- The City has not been formally asked for money to cover the fees to move the house to the new location.
- Jason Jenkins from the Sun Sailor paper is interested in doing a story on moving the house. The HPB would like to contact the newspapers and TV stations to do a story on moving and preserving the house.

ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS COMING DOWN

- Across from the Post Office: All 3 of buildings are coming down and will be replaced by a sunken 4 story building with luxury condos and retail.
 - 236 Minnetonka Ave. South
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 - 521 Indian Mound East

- 346 Ferndale Road South: also being demolished.

JAMES J. HILL DAYS

- Renting a tent vs. buying one. Storing the tent is an issue. Kim will check with Becky Pearson about the cost of renting one.

ADMINISTRATION

- MN Preservation Alliance Conference. Checking to see if anyone wants to attend. The Archiving session was of interest. Verify that the HPB is charged with maintaining a web site.
- Kim will look into membership with the MN Preservation Alliance and the State Historical Preservation Office.
- Archiving work: Kim is working on looking at 26 discs and determining the best method to store it. Once we know what information is on the discs, the HPB will be able to determine what needs to be stored and how.
- Money: Need to keep on top of how much money is left. Discussed plaques and discussed which one is next. Indian Mound was next on the list. Jim Jones has reviewed the text of the plaque for accuracy and suggestions for changes. The timing for this is interesting when considering what is happening with the road construction. The company is Franklin Bronze. Sue will bring the wording for the plaque.
- Columnist idea from Jason Jenkins at the Sun Sailor paper. The HPB and the Wayzata Historical Society has an opportunity to contribute newspaper stories.

NEXT MEETING—Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayzata City Hall.