

Wayzata Historic Preservation Board Meeting Notes

June 27, 2024

11:42 am – Meeting called to order

- Board members Gharrity, Starkey, and Travanty were present, along with Assistant Planner Quarles. 4th member arrived at 11:55 am (Ankeny).

Budget Update:

- We have spent \$1500 between the Centennial Homes Celebration, Mayor's Award, and James J. Hill Days.

Summer Programming:

- LMHS (Lake Minnetonka Historical Society) is offering many programs and activities in Wayzata this summer to promote the History of Wayzata. An idea we had of a walking tour is already happening through LMHS.
- As a board, we will look to move summer programming to spring of 2025 and look into co-programming with the LMHS.
- A consideration to move our meeting date to the beginning of the month, rather than the end was brought up. Will be discussed at a later date.

James J Hill – September 7 & 8 – Street Market 10-7 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday:

Booth ideas for 2024

- Appeal to the adults
- Pictures of the Centennial homes in Wayzata.
- Posters with all buildings over 100 years old.
- Enlarged copies of our centennial homes and make a game out of them.... A "Do you know where that is?"
- The game could include additional historical buildings and activities. For example, the year James J. Hill began, the start of the sailing school, etc.
- Can the booth be near the Conservancy and Historical Society booths?
- Maybe a scavenger hunt? Decided by the group people would not go off and complete on their own.
- Put together a history of the Panoway.
- Question asked if we need to share the booth with the city. Not this year because we have enough members of the board willing to man the booth.
- **Action Item:** Have HPB members work on trivia questions and map locations.

Cemetery Plaque:

- Will discuss this in the fall and use the rest of our budget for the new plaque.

Just Deeds:

- Read in the Star Tribune that Mounds View's Mayor drafted an ordinance that requires you to dissolve your racial covenant if you sell your home.
- A question was asked if we should petition the board/council to workshop a discussion around a similar ordinance.
- Decided to watch how the draft in Mounds View progresses. We will take a wait and see approach.

Bluewater Theater:

- Val spoke with members of the Bluewater Theater at the Centennial Homes Celebration. The board discussed inviting board members of the theater to an HPB meeting to discuss preservation options for of the building.

Future Work Plan:

- Focus on James J. Hill
- Bluewater Theater
- Keep an eye on Just Deeds ordinance in Mounds View.
- Meet with LMHS (Lake Minnetonka Historical Society) on co-programming ideas in the future.

1:00 pm – Meeting adjourned.