



WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD

Meeting Agenda

Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street

Thursday, May 28, 2026

2:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Recap of Historical Trolley Tour Event Held May 17th
 - b. 2026 HPB Work Plan
4. **New Business**
 - a. Update on Section Foreman House
 - b. New Business from Members
5. **Other Items**
 - a. City Calendar and Next HPB Meeting Date
6. **Adjournment**

Members of the Heritage Preservation Board and some staff may gather at the Wayzata Bar and Grill immediately after the meeting or a purely social event. All members of the public are welcome.



City of Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 3.a
TITLE: Recap of Historical Trolley Tour Event Held May 17th	
PROPOSED MOTION: N/A	
PREPARED BY: Haily Hedblom, Planner	
REVIEWED BY:	

ACTION REQUESTED:

N/A

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

HPB spent a total of \$1,214.00 on the trolley event. Funds from the Board's annual allocation were used to book the trolley reservation. Additional costs related to the event were covered by Lake Minnetonka Historical Society.

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

BACKGROUND:

The Heritage Preservation Board hosted Historical Trolley Tours of Wayzata on Sunday, May 17. The event was a new HPB initiative planned for 2026, with the goal of reviving a historical trolley presence in Wayzata and partnering with local organizations to put on family-friendly events that celebrate the unique history and heritage of the city and lake.

Event Information

The trolley event included three 40-minute guided tours where participants visited several historical sites throughout town led by local historians Joanie Holst and Sue Sorrentino of the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society. The HPB coordinated and arranged a trolley-vehicle rental reservation from 11am to 3pm on Sunday, May 17th. Pick-up and drop off for each tour was at the Wayzata Depot Museum where a pop-up Ben & Jerry's ice cream cart was set up for visitors and tour participants to purchase treats.

Attendance

The event was well-attended. Tour capacity was limited by the number of available seats on the trolley (28) so \$5 tickets were sold online prior to the event. Ticket sales, transactions and communication were coordinated by the historical society and proceeds from ticket sales went directly to LMHS. All tickets sold out well in advance of the event day and an online waitlist was activated. The trolley had a maximum capacity of 28 riders per tour; a break-down of attendance is included below.

Tour 1: 28 tickets sold, 27 total riders in attendance

Tour 2: 28 tickets sold, 29 total riders in attendance (one lap child)

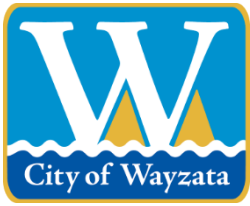
Tour 3: 28 tickets sold, 26 total riders in attendance

Community Feedback

Event participants were very complimentary and expressed excitement about the trolley tours. Several riders spent time visiting the Depot Museum and Depot Park, as well as exploring other surrounding community features like Panoway, Schaefer Park, Lake St. restaurants and shopping areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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MEETING DATE: May 28, 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 3.b
TITLE: 2026 HPB Work Plan	
PROPOSED MOTION: N/A	
PREPARED BY: Haily Hedblom, Planner	
REVIEWED BY:	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests HPB revisit and formally create the 2026 Heritage Preservation Board Work Plan to be adopted at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

Certain items in the Work Plan will carry costs.

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

BACKGROUND:

The Heritage Preservation Board began discussions related to their 2026 Work plan during the December 2025 and January 2026 meetings. Focus on finalizing the work plan fell off during the planning and event preparation for the Historical Trolley Tours. The Board should review the attached work plan from October 2025 and direct staff on which items will continue through the remainder of 2026 and what the priorities of the Board will be for the remainder of the year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. HPB Work Plan_ October 2025



Work Plan Progress & Updates – October 2025

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025 Work Plan - COMPLETE	X											
City Plaques	X	X						X	X	X	X	X
General Programming Partnership Opportunities							X	X	X	X		
NEW: HPB Trolley Event										X	X	X
Mayor’s Award (annual) - COMPLETE		X	X	X	X							
Centennial Homes (annual) - COMPLETE		X	X	X	X	X						
Heritage Site Designation									X	X	X	X
Update HPB Mission Statement												X
Recruitment and Retention (3 terms end)									X	X	X	
2026 Work Plan												X

Current/Preparation
City Plaques – review list of desired city plaques for updating, consider budget
LMHS Programming – converted to general partnership programming
NEW: Designation of Heritage Site – Congregational Church (Blue Water Theatre) seeking local and national designation
Slot In
Racial covenants banned at home sale (tracking Mounds View ordinance)
Bicycle tour (LMHS)
Outdoor media at the Depot (LMHS)
NEW: Historic Sites in Wayzata Walking Tour, QR codes at historic sites
https://pocketsights.com/tours/tour/Wayzata-Historic-Downtown-Wayzata-Walking-Tour-3951
NEW: Rehabilitation Info Session for older homes (homeowners share rehab projects, stories, advice, successes)
Ongoing Efforts/As Needed
Proactive engagement with historic property owners (as needed)
Support Section Foreman House funding (as needed)
Grant seeking for project capacity (ongoing)
Specific building celebrations on-site (look for upcoming anniversaries)
Unfunded
QR codes (Ely, Saint Paul)
Historic markers along Luce Line and/or Dakota rail trails (former Three Rivers Park District project with LMHS)
Grants Tracker
N/A



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TITLE: Update on Section Foreman House	
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REVIEWED BY:	

ACTION REQUESTED:

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FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

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2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

BACKGROUND:

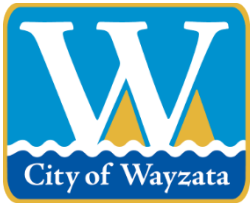
The Wayzata Conservancy announced plans for Phase III of the Panoway Project during their May board meeting. Phase I and II included the plaza park, improvements along Lake St. and the completion of the Lakewalk with renovated municipal docks. Phase III includes plans for restoring the Historic Section Foreman House and creation of the Sandvold Lakeshore Learning Center, along with a new Eco Park and improvements to the existing Depot Park.

The Heritage Preservation Board has a vested interest in the proposed restoration of the Historic Section Foreman House as the structure is designated on the National Register of Historic Places and an important historical site to the City. The Conservancy is working to mobilize a Fall 2026 restoration project-start and substantial completion of the building in Late Summer 2027. Once plans are created, the City and Conservancy must contract with historical consultants for compliance with National Register requirements, preservation review, and authenticity guidance.

Further updates will be provided during the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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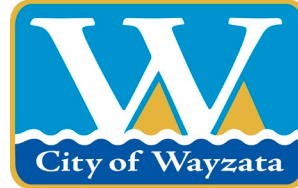
BACKGROUND:

This is a space for board members to discuss potential new business and current events.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

City of Wayzata 2026 Meeting Calendar



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HRA Meeting 2/23

E&E & HPB Mtg 2/25

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HPB Mtg 3/25

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HPB Mtg 4/8

HPB Mtg 4/22 @ 2:30pm

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E&E Mtg 11/24

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- Energy & Environment 5:30 PM
- Planning Commission - 6:30 PM
- City Council - 7:00 PM
Local Board of Appeal & Equalization - April 7, 2026
- Charter Commission - 9:00 AM
- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)
- Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) - 2:00 PM
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) - 7:30 AM
- Parks & Trails Board - 6:00 PM
- Public Art Committee - 5:00 PM
- Night to Unite
- Holiday Observed
City Offices Closed
- Election
Precinct Caucuses—2/3/26 (No Public Meetings)

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Dates can be confirmed by calling City Hall.

Revised
5/26/2026