

WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WAYZATA CITY HALL

COMMUNITY ROOM

600 RICE STREET EAST, WAYZATA, MN 55391

Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:00pm

ROLL: Kim Anderson, Bruce Biser, Elissa Madson, Liz Blaufuss

MEETING MINUTES: Elissa Madson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bruce Biser seconded the motion. Board voted in favor to approve the December 2015 meeting minutes.

UPDATES:

OFFICERS: Liz Blaufuss made a motion to retain the same officers currently in place. Bruce Biser seconded the motion.

- President: Kim Anderson
- Vice President: Elissa Madson
- Secretary: Liz Blaufuss
- Member-at-Large: Bruce Biser

Roll call was taken and members voted on the motion. Four ayes, no nays, the vote passes.

GOALS FOR 2016: Ideas for James J. Hill Days: fewer events but more significant; grouping smaller events together; be more collaborative when planning events.

PHOTO ATLAS: Photo Atlas can do different look and feel for us and they have the functionality that we want. This website will enable us to put photos and brief descriptions online so they would be accessible to anyone. We can also add in the geolocation for each picture.

Cost: \$1,000.00 to join and about \$100.00 a year for maintenance.

Approval for this would come from Jeff Thomson, the City Planner.

To discuss: how would this work with the Wayzata Historical Society. It is in our best interest to be able to share photos.

IDEA of a FACEBOOK PAGE: Something to think about as a way for people to share stories about historical Wayzata buildings.

CITY WEBSITE and WAYZATA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE: The City website does not have the functionality to do geolocation or store photos for us. The WHS is self-funded.

CENTURY HOMES 1916/2016: Fairly certain there are no houses built in 1916 still standing. If this is true, we could highlight buildings that we would like to preserve: Gold Mine, the Bank, the Unitarian church. Can also go back and ask homeowners who declined in the recent past.

The Unitarian church was built in 1916 and will be honored as a Century home.

UNITARIAN CHURCH: Kim Anderson met with the Church Board to share ideas about saving the church building. They are thinking of putting the building on the market in May/June 2016. They are willing to work with the HPB to help find a buyer. The idea is to try and repurpose the building as a business. The area would have to be rezoned.

BENTON AVE: The same person is buying the smaller homes at the end of Benton that face the freeway would like to put in townhomes.

LOG CABIN: Discussed ideas about moving forward with funding for chinking and making stools/benches. Work to be completed by August 2016

ORIGINAL FENCE FROM BUSHAWAY ROAD: The original historic metal fencing removed during the Bushaway Road construction is now available to the HPB for preservation. The fence is in disrepair. Originally the fence sections were attached to stone pillars, which have been removed.

The City may consider storing the sections until a location can be found.

We will see if the cemetery can use the fence.

TEARDOWNS:

- Ferndale: (The Burnett house): We asked if we can go inside and take pictures.
- 303 Hampton: Elissa is working on the sign off on this. Pictures have been taken.
- 311 Broadway: Already taken down. The HPB DID NOT sign off on this house. Pictures have been taken.

We need to discuss with Tyson and question him about the process. Houses are being taken down WITHOUT our signature, which means that the process is not being followed.

We need to revisit this process so that it is taken seriously.

MAYOR'S AWARD: Start considering short list of homes, and perhaps businesses, for best-preserved home. We would like to present this award to the home owners in May 2016.

The house must be at least 50 years old to be considered for this award.

Possible option: 229 Benton Ave.

PRESERVATION: Discussed the HPB Ordinance that describes the requirements for designating a historic site in Wayzata as "historically significant".

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.