

1. Heritage Preservation Committee Regular Meeting

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Anoka City Hall, Work Session Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), 5:00 p.m.

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**Minutes of the  
Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)**

**Held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
Committee Room, Anoka City Hall**

- I. **Call to Order** Chair Bart Ward called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call**  
Members present: Chair Bart Ward, Commissioners James Collin, Colleen Hanson, Elizabeth McFarland (arrived at 5:16 p.m.), Cory Rahn, Barb Thurston  
  
Members absent: Commissioner Lisa Silberg-Jurek  
  
Others present: None  
  
Staff present: Clark Palmer, Senior City Planner
- III. **Oaths of Office**  
Senior City Planner Clark Palmer said the oath of office will be issued to Commissioner Silberg-Jurek at the next meeting.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. December 13, 2022.  
  
Commissioner Hansen corrected references throughout to the 2022 accomplishments and 2023 goals.  
  
Commissioner Thurston corrected reference to the historic Milk Factory instead of Milk House on Page 2, Paragraph 6 then said a correction was needed on Page 5 changing raise to razed.  
  
**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THURSTON SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAHN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13, 2022, MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Federal HPC Award and Event**  
Chair Ward shared an update that the Federal Cartridge event has been moved to March 3 and that Commissioner McFarland will create invitations. He said Heidi Bolnek will speak as well as Federal's Facilities Manager.  
  
Mr. Palmer shared the award with the Commission. The Commission reviewed and discussed the event start time, set up details, refreshments, and attire.

Commissioner Thurston suggested a photo slideshow be shared during the event.

Chair Ward shared a story about Federal Cartridge's work to obtain raw material when they first began and his work to obtain photos of that to share at the event.

Commissioner McFarland shared more about the event time and set-up that would include simple refreshments and invitations distributed by Commissioner Silberg-Jurek.

Chair Ward said he spoke to McGough Construction about providing a quote to restore the historic fireplaces and asked Mr. Palmer to forward him photos of the structures to share.

Commissioner Collins shared how the Highway 100 construction areas has included seven picnic areas with limestone cut from quarries that included historic fireplaces and how all have been removed except two and how stone cutter Julian Atsch could possibly assist with Anoka's. He shared about other historic fireplaces across the country including Glaser Park, Coppell Grapevine Springs Park Texas, and Hoyt Park in Madison Wisconsin then noted many do not have placards like Anoka's. He said there appeared to be a standard for these fireplaces and shared about an organization that saves WPA structures.

Discussion was held about the possibility of using this research to rebuild the fireplaces in Anoka. Mr. Palmer noted he used to work for Robbinsdale where one of the remaining fireplaces was located and would contact staff to obtain more information. He spoke about the cost benefit for complete historical restoration and the possibility of a grant application for restoration.

## VI. **New Business**

### A. QCTV Evergreen Video Clips.

Mr. Palmer shared about QCTV's work to share video clips about what each board and commission does and post on their website as well as the City's. He said this will provide the public with great information and could be used as a recruitment tool. He added the Commission will take a group photo at the next meeting.

Commissioner Thurston said this will fit well into the HPC's goals of sharing the Commission's work with the public.

## VII. **Committee Reports**

### A. **Heritage Preservation Award Committee (Silberg-Jurek, Thurston)**

No further update.

### B. **Fundraising Committee (Collins, Rahn)**

Mr. Palmer noted he would include Commissioner Collins to the Fundraising Committee.

**C. Event Committee (Ward, Hansen, McFarland)**

No further update.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER RAHN, SECONDED BY  
COMMISSIONER MCFARLAND, MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 5:36 P.M.**

**From:** [Rebecca Ebnet-Desens](#)  
**To:** [Clark Palmer](#)  
**Cc:** [Lisa LaCasse](#); [Barb Thurston](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Mtg with hpc  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 12:58:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks, Clark!  
Rebecca

On Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 10:54 AM Clark Palmer <[CPalmer@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:CPalmer@ci.anoka.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

Since it'll be a joint meeting, there's no need to involve Lisa. Thank you, Lisa. You and I can work together to finalize a date. We'll discuss this amongst the HPC at our April meeting. We'll be in touch.

Thanks,

**Clark Palmer**

Senior City Planner

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**From:** Rebecca Ebnet-Desens <[rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org](mailto:rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 2:52 PM  
**To:** Lisa LaCasse <[LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us)>; Barb Thurston <[barbt2010@msn.com](mailto:barbt2010@msn.com)>  
**Cc:** Clark Palmer <[CPalmer@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:CPalmer@ci.anoka.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Mtg with hpc

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Lisa,

July 13 looks suitable for our calendar, also.

I think this may have morphed a little from the initial conversation between Barb and the board to now. The ACHS board visited the Linwood Historical Society and the Fridley historical society in 2022 to better understand their operations and get a feel for how, if at all, ACHS can be a better partner. The idea was to visit the Anoka HPC for a similar conversation, allow the two boards to meet each other, and hear the exciting things happening on the commission. In that frame, the HPC would host ACHS and direct the conversation. Given the city hall's proximity to ACHS, we could always trek back to ACHS for our meeting after chatting with the HPC members (this would allow both HPC and city liaisons to go home!)

What is the easiest way to move forward?

Thanks loads,

Rebecca

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 3:45 PM Lisa LaCasse <[LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi Rebecca - July 13 is probably the best bet...

If ACHS is the lead entity in booking the spaces, you would have fee's associated with use, unless you complete the attached form for council approval for use of facilities free of charge (I



am assuming you do not want to pay for use of the spaces)... this allows time to get this request passed through council on a consent agenda. Once approved, ACHS would have no charge use of facilities in Anoka for the remainder of 2023 – Dec 2025. You could then have your choice of using the City Hall Community Room – or a Park like Peninsula Point Park or Akin Park. Only official city meetings are able to use the Work Session Room. To use the work session - HPC staff liaison Clark could take the lead and book the Worksession Room for a joint meeting of ACHS and the HPC committee, then that would be considered City business... You could have your social event in the community room and have your meeting in the work session, or you could do all of it in the community room or at a park...

I have attached the form for Fee Waiver request. I have copied Clark.

July 13 both the City Hall Community Room and Peninsula Point Park (River Room and Patio) are open. Akin Park is also open.

Lisa LaCasse

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**From:** Rebecca Ebnet-Desens <[rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org](mailto:rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 2:43 PM

**To:** Lisa LaCasse <[LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us](mailto:LLaCasse@ci.anoka.mn.us)>; RICHARD Oxley <[push\\_play@msn.com](mailto:push_play@msn.com)>; Barb Thurston <[barbt2010@msn.com](mailto:barbt2010@msn.com)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Mtg with hpc

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Hi Lisa,

I hope you're doing well!

I'm just contacting you on the recommendation of Barb Thurston regarding a mixer between the ACHS board of directors and the HPC members. We would also need to hold our monthly business meeting at that time. ACHS typically meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. When we visited Fridley and Linwood for a similar event, we gathered at 5:30 for munchies and a tour of their facility while also hearing how their

operation works. We then proceeded with our meeting by about 6:45, maybe seven if we've been chatty. We usually wrap up by 8:30.

Would the community and work-session rooms be available in either April or July?

Thank you so much,

Rebecca

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From: **BARB THURSTON** <[barbt2010@msn.com](mailto:barbt2010@msn.com)>

Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 10:03 AM

Subject: RE: Mtg with hpc

To: Rebecca Ebnet-Desens <[rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org](mailto:rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org)>

Rebecca,

I contacted the City of Anoka on your request to host an Anoka County Historical Society Meeting at city hall. They didn't see a problem with it at all. Lisa LaCasse , public service director, was going to reach out to you via email for the details of your request so she can schedule you on the city calendar. I would recommend asking to use the work-session room. It seems that there is a new policy where all free meeting space must be approved by the council.

Lisa LaCasse

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It might be nice to order in pizza or wings from one of the local restaurants to eat before the meeting in the community room downstairs. Maybe we could get a city official to give us a tour of the building, too.

Have a super day!

Barb

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**From:** [Rebecca Ebnet-Desens](#)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** [BARB THURSTON](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Mtg with hpc

Barb,

It would be less complicated if it was the second Thursday of the month, yes.

Thank you for checking!

Rebecca

On Sat, Mar 11, 2023 at 10:28 AM BARB THURSTON <[barbt2010@msn.com](mailto:barbt2010@msn.com)> wrote:

Rebecca,

I don't see a problem with it. I will check with the city and see what works. I assume you want the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Barb

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**From:** [Rebecca Ebnet-Desens](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 1:40 PM  
**To:** [BARB THURSTON](#); [RICHARD Oxley](#)  
**Subject:** Mtg with hpc

Hi Barb!

A few months ago we had asked for other locations to visit with our ACHS board. You had mentioned meeting with the Anoka HPC. Would that still be a possibility? If so, would April or July, maybe August work?

Thanks!

Rebecca

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**From:** [Koop, Michael \(ADM\)](#)  
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**Subject:** MnDOT Bridge Study  
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Hello,

I'm forwarding the information below from MnDOT about identifying Minnesota's historic bridges. Please read and share with all of your Heritage Preservation Commissioners. Thanks.

Historic bridges are an important part of Minnesota's transportation and cultural history. They physically convey the history of design and engineering in the state and may also be associated with important historic trends, events, or people. As part of its ongoing historic bridge identification efforts, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has commissioned Mead & Hunt, Inc. to assist with an update to the Minnesota Historic Bridge Inventory, which includes bridges built from 1971 through 1995. The purpose of this study is to aid in the management and preservation of historic bridges. The consideration of options for these structures is mandated by federal law, in particular Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

A comprehensive identification of significant bridges will allow MnDOT to make informed and timely reviews of proposed projects that will impact historic properties in the future. To achieve this, Mead & Hunt's team is researching the history of the state's bridges and identifying those built during the 1971-1995 period that may possess historic significance for their association with historic events, important individuals, or engineering and design. These bridges will be evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

MnDOT has previously conducted inventories of historic bridges constructed in 1970 and earlier. The most recent study, *Evaluation Report and Historic Context: Minnesota Bridges, 1955-1970*, was completed in July 2013. A history of bridges built during the current study period and evaluation criteria report are available upon request from the project team. If you have information about a potentially significant bridge in your community built between 1971 and 1995, please tell us about it! Some questions to consider:

- Are there any bridges on public roads in your community that may have local historic interest?
- Why is the bridge important to the history of your area? For example, a local bridge may have served as a gateway to a community or created access to nearby commercial areas or recreational parks.
- Do any bridges in your area have interesting historical associations? For example, a bridge may have been the site of a local celebration, parade, protest, or historical event.

To share your information, please visit MnDOT's Historic Bridges webpage at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/historicbridges/studies.html> to access the electronic bridge information form. Completed forms will be reviewed by the project team. If you have additional questions or would like to speak to a member of the project team, please email the team at [MNbridges7195@meadhunt.com](mailto:MNbridges7195@meadhunt.com).

Thanks for your interest in Minnesota's historic bridges!

Project Team  
MN Bridges 1971-1995



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