



City of Afton

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

5:30 P.M.

3033 St. Croix Trail

Afton, MN 55001

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

_____ Chair Edwards
_____ Vice Chair Livingston
_____ Commissioner Bolton-Iverson
_____ Commissioner Vujovich
_____ Commissioner Thomas

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A. Approval of Agenda for September 12, 2023 meeting

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the August 10, 2023 Meeting

5. **BUSINESS**

A. Walking Tour

B. Grant Application for Plaques for Historic Sites.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information.

Heritage Preservation Commission
Minutes August 10, 2023

Present: Edwards, Boton-Iverson, Vujovich, Thomas
Guest: Stan Ross
Location: Afton Museum

Kate agreed to take notes and to be the secretary, though no vote was taken.

5a: Tour of Museum.

Stan gave an overview of the museum building and grants. He stated that Afton owns the building but the museum has a 100 year lease. Because the city owns the building, grants sometimes have to be submitted by the city if the work is on the building itself, e.g., the mural preservation grant.

Stan wants the city to submit an ADA assessment small Legacy grant, then a large Legacy grant to do the work.

Stan spoke about the grants the museum has received (\$475,000) from the Legacy fund for the building and collection preservation.

Stan asked the commission to never list Mt. Hope Cemetery as a historic property due to past vandalism and neighbor's concerns for privacy.

Stan took the members on a tour of the basement.

5b. Walking Tour

Kate stated that we need to criteria to narrow down the 30+ properties listed on the Old Village Walking Tour. We agreed on 10 properties and discussed using QR technology to put them on the City website with the current descriptions in the paper brochure. The we can take time to work on more descriptive stories about each property.

Kate offered to present suggested criteria and 10 suggested sites at next month's meeting (will need projector and laptop for power point).

Peter asked Stan if the museum can help us with research. Stan offered 2 consultants: Rose and her business Have Gloves Will Travel; museum volunteer Valiere for the Past Perfect database that lists everything in the museum collection. Kate offered that she also has the skills to use the database and conduct historical research.

Peter asked for clarification of next steps. Kate suggested these steps:

1. Present suggested criteria and 10 sites
2. Decide which sites need more research (if any)
3. Obtain owner's buy-in: contact them for permission and ask if they have other historical items or information other than what's now at the museum
4. Develop online site (city website?) with QR codes

Kate said that at some point we might want to apply for funding, but not compete with the museums Legacy grant applications. Kate has been compiling a list of other funding options that she can share next time.

5c. Grant application for Plaques for City's Historic Sites

Kate will bring a list of grant options next month.

Peter re-iterated that neighbors must be consulted before getting a plaque for their site.

5d. Election – tabled
Adjourned 8:15pm