

MINUTES
Meeting of the
Edina Heritage Preservation Board
Edina City Hall – Community Room
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call was Chair Carr and Members Moore, Davis, Curran, Mellom, Johnson, and Good. Absent were Members Anger, Stegner, Christiaansen, and Sussman. Planner Repya being absent, staff was represented by Consultant Robert Vogel.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Member Davis moved to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Member Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **January 8, 2013**

The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were approved as mailed.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2013 Heritage Award

The board reviewed the rules and application form. A subcommittee consisting of Members Mellom, Good and Johnson was appointed to make the final selection and report back to the HPB at its April meeting

B. Planning Activities for the City's Quasquicentennial

Member Moore reported on the preparations being made by the Edina Historical Society to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of Edina. Members discussed ways for the HPB to be actively involved in the quasquicentennial. Consultant Vogel suggested that the board sponsor digitizing the old village council minutes and posting them online. There was also discussion of reproducing old photographs (from the city assessor records) of the houses on one city street, such as Wooddale Avenue, to document the evolution of the streetscape. Ross Davis agreed to investigate and report back to the Board on the feasibility of a Wooddale photo project.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Status of 203 Work Plan

Chair Carr reviewed the 2013 work plan. Progress is being made on the work plan action items. No formal action was taken.

B. Update Status of CLG Grant – Mid Century Modern Historic Context Study

Consultant Vogel updated the board on the progress of the “Mid Century Modern” project, which is on schedule for completion in July.

C. Update – Consultant’s 2013 Work Plan (Discretionary Tasks)

The board reviewed a memorandum prepared by Consultant Vogel that described and prioritized some “additional discretionary” projects that could be carried out if time and resources become available. No further action was taken.

D. Updates from Standing Committees

1. Communication & Education – Video Clip Idea – No Report

2. Research and Landmark Designation of Eligible Edina Properties

Member Moore reported that he and Planner Repya had drafted a letter to be sent to owners of properties determined eligible for heritage landmark designation, inviting them to an informational meeting. The date of the informational meeting has not been set.

E. Updates from Ad Hoc (Temporary) Committees

1. Southdale Center Preservation

There was discussion of the parking lot signs at Southdale Center. Member Moore advised the board that the existing signs were replicas and not originals. Some members felt that the Edina Historical Society should look into acquiring one of the signs for its museum. Member Moore agreed to share that idea with the Historical Society.

2. Sustainability - No Report

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Heritage Preservation Board Reference Booklet

There was discussion of the format and contents of a board information book, based on the outlines provided by Planner Repya and Chair Carr. There was a consensus of opinion that the two outlines needed to be merged into a reference binder for the use of individual HPB members, with some additional information available upon request. Chair Carr agreed to work with Planner Repya to prepare the content of the reference binder. No formal action was taken.

B. Neighborhood Association Naming Committee's Recommendation

The board reviewed the recommendations made by the neighborhood association naming committee and several related emails from Edina residents. In particular, certain residents of the Country Club District had asked the HPB to review whether or not the neighborhood naming would have an impact on the status of the Country Club District as an Edina Heritage Landmark, i.e. the use of the name "Greater Country Club Neighborhood" to include the Sunnyslope neighborhood as well as the historic district. Consultant Vogel advised the board that the naming of neighborhoods would have no effect on heritage preservation, or in particular, on the status of or treatment of the Country Club District as an Edina Heritage Landmark. In view of the foregoing, no action was taken.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS None

IX. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS None

Chair Carr - Member Carr reported that this was her last meeting as well as the last meeting for Members Curran, Anger and Stegner (who were absent). Ms. Carr thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to serve as chairperson and added that she will be following the upcoming activities of the HPB with great interest.

X. STAFF COMMENTS None

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE March 12, 2013

XII. ADJOURNMENT 8:40 p.m.

Member Davis moved for adjournment at 8:40 p.m. Member Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Vogel
Preservation Planning Consultant
And
Claudia Carr
Chair, Heritage Preservation Board