

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
MAY 17, 2011
5:37 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Answering rollcall were Members Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, and Mayor Hovland. Member Bennett entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Board Members attending included: Terry Ahlstrom, David Anger, Claudia Carr, Ross Davis, Jean Rehkamp Larson, Katherine McLellan, Robert Schwartzbauer, and Joel Stegner. Board member absent was Colleen Curran.

Staff attending the meeting included: Scott Neal, City Manager; Cary Teague, Director of Planning; Joyce Repya, Associate Planner; Ceil Smith, Assistant to the City Manager; Ari Klugman, Student Observer and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to review several issues of mutual concern. Following introductions of all present, Mayor Hovland asked Chair Stegner to lead off the Heritage Preservation Board's agenda.

SOUTHDALE CENTER Chair Stegner explained the Board's interest in the recognition, documentation, protection and display of original architectural elements of Southdale Center for their cultural value since as Southdale was the first enclosed mall in the United States. The Council and Board discussed various strategies to develop an inventory of what is left, possibly find space for a permanent display at Southdale and engage the staff of Southdale in pursuing the preservation. Of particular interest were the Harry Bertoia Sculpture, the clock and the architectural clerestory windows. Member Swenson offered to accompany Board Members in approaching Southdale with the hopes of obtaining an inventory of available artifacts.

NEIGHBORHOODS The Board explained that it might work on the identification and preservation of neighborhoods, detailing each neighborhood's overall character and outstanding heritage elements. The Council noted it was slated to have a work session on neighborhood associations on June 21, 2011. Discussion included: the process of defining the boundaries of a neighborhood and developing neighborhood signage, undesirability of designating an entire neighborhood "historic" (as the case of the historic "plat" in the Country Club District), the possibility of developing public education about historic properties and community education classes on house history research, potentially identifying iconic properties and possibly developing an annual home tour. Also discussed was the possibility of designing a commemorative plaque that could be posted near historic homes within neighborhoods.

BOARD PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNICATION Briefly discussed were some recent activities within the City as it related to the Heritage Preservation Board, such as reviewing the air conditioning installation at Cahill School and the Grange Hall and the impact on the Board of the updated City Code relating to advisory boards and commissions.

HPB ACCOMPLISHMENTS REVIEWED The 2010 Certified Local Government (CLG) Report was reviewed, noting work done by the Board relative to: Local Designation of Preservation Sites, Requests for Certificates of Appropriateness Reviewed, National Register Nominations, and Local Inventories and Studies

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2011 HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD WORK PLAN – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES The Council and HPB briefly reviewed the proposed work plan for 2011. Several items had already been accomplished including: orientation of new members, recognition of departing members, election of officers, review of possible Heritage Award nominations, goal setting for the year, review of HPB budget, approval of Heritage Award winners and “Preservation Month” planning, Preservation Month proclaimed, and joint activity with Edina Historical Society. Still ahead on the plan were: White Oaks Neighborhood walking tour, MN Historic Preservation Annual Conference on September 22-23, 2011, goal review and the development of a work plan for 2012.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD’S CURRENT INITIATIVES Highlighted for the Council were current initiatives such as: HPB’s receipt of a \$6,000 CLG Grant to designate six Morningside bungalow properties Edina Heritage Landmark status, walking tours to evaluate how best to recognize unique historic neighborhoods such as: White Oaks and West Minneapolis Heights; consideration of a Preservation Road Show – preservation workshop with experts in construction, landscapes, and archaeology to be coordinated with the Edina Community Education.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, June 7, 2011

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor