

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M.
EDINA CITY HALL – MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM
4801 WEST 50TH STREET**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Kojetin, Marie Thorpe, Chris Rofidal, Lou Blemaster, Arlene Forrest, Laura Benson,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Ferrara, Nancy Scherer, and Ian Yue

STAFF PRESENT: Joyce Repya, Associate Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Vogel, Preservation Consultant

PETERSON HOUSE TOUR – 5312 INTERLACHEN BOULEVARD: 6:00 p.m.

Mark and Nancy Winter most graciously opened their historic home to the Heritage Preservation Board. Board members delighted in the tour as the Winters shared their knowledge of the home and Consultant Vogel provided a historical / architectural perspective. All agreed that the City is fortunate to have Mark and Nancy as stewards of the historic Peterson House.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: 7:00 p.m.

Member Blemaster moved for approval of the minutes from the July 12, 2006 meeting. Member Rofidal seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried.

II. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – HPB ON THE WEB

Board members reviewed Consultant Vogel’s answers to the fourteen commonly asked questions which had been identified at a previous HPB meeting. All agreed that the responses did a good job of clarifying issues related to Edina’s heritage preservation practices. After providing input and clarification to some of the questions, the Board agreed to include the following additional questions to the list:

- What is the National Register of Historic Places?
- Is a Certificate of Appropriateness required for a remodel or addition to a home?
- What is the difference between the Heritage Preservation Board and the Edina Historical Society?

Consultant Vogel agreed to have the answers to these additional questions available for the next HPB meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the various ways of providing this information to the public. It was agreed that a web presence is important; however it is equally important to provide a written version. Chairman Kojetin opined that he would like to see an informational brochure available to the public. Board members agreed that would be a good idea.

Planner Repya suggested that when addressing the Heritage Preservation section on the City's web site a separate page be devoted to each of the Edina Heritage Landmarks with photographs, maps and an explanation of their significance. Board members concurred. No formal action was taken.

**III. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS (NAPC)
FORUM – BALTIMORE, MD JULY 27 – 30: Report from Consultant Vogel**

Consultant Vogel explained that the conference was well attended with heritage preservation commissioners and staff members from 44 countries. The difference between most preservation conferences and NAPC's is that the focus for NAPC is centered on providing useful information for preservation commissions

Consultant Vogel observed that he sits on the Board of Directors for NAPC and served as a speaker for a session focusing on how heritage preservation commissions work within the city government. He provided several examples to the group of how Edina's Heritage Preservation Ordinance works and the attendees were very impressed with Edina's innovative approach to addressing the preservation of heritage landmarks.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. 2006 State Historic Preservation Conference – Sept. 28 & 29 in Red Wing

Planner Repya reminded the Board that the State Historic Preservation Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29 in Red Wing, Minnesota. Because Edina is a Certified Local Government, we are required to send at least one Board member to at least one day of the conference. Chairman Kojetin has agreed to attend both the Thursday and Friday sessions. Planner Repya provided Board members with the registration forms and explained that the City will pay the registration for those wishing to attend. The deadline for registrations will be August 16th. Board members agreed that prior to the 16th they would check their calendars and let Ms. Repya know if they would be able to attend. No formal action was taken.

