



**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.**