

Minutes
Minnetonka Community Heritage Commission
Meeting of March 20, 2006

1. Roll Call

Commission members present: DeeAnn Bloom, Jenna Burfeind, Fred Clark, Joan George, David Hakensen, Dewey Hassig, Betty Johnson, David Olson, Joe Van Sloun

Staff: Laura Ronbeck

Chair Van Sloun called the meeting to order at 6:35. New members were welcomed and introductions were made.

2. Discussion Items:

a. Minutes

Olson moved, Hakensen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2006 community heritage commission meeting as corrected. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

b. 50th Anniversary Celebration status report

Hakensen updated the commission on the planned activities, and said there will be something done at the Ice Cream Social. Ronbeck will advise Hakensen of the social planning meeting date so that a representative from the 50th Anniversary group can be invited to the meeting.

c. Orientation of new members

Ronbeck reviewed the Community Heritage Commission Resource Manual.

Current members shared the aspects of history in which they are interested:

Van Sloun: collections, windshield survey
George: Burwell House (furnishings and tours)
Hassig : windshield survey, streetcars, farms
Hakensen: awareness
Johnson: oral histories
Olson: lost neighborhood signs, Town Hall

New members shared their interests and what drew them to Minnetonka history.

Bloom

- Farms, horses
- History-- putting a face on the community
- Changes over time
- Is working on her family's oral history

Burfeind

- Windshield survey
- Farms
- How did the community come to be

Clark

- Raising awareness of the city, area
- Historical signage

- d. Adopt a Park**
The commission wants to continue to adopt Burwell Park.
 - e. Joint meeting with historical society**
The commission would like the meeting agenda to include discussions about the Ice Cream Social, and the society's exhibit schedule.
 - f. Partnership Opportunities**
Ronbeck asked for clarification on who to invite to the presentation by Charlotte Roisse on recent history. The commission felt it should be an inclusive event rather than an exclusive one. They wanted to invite commissions and historical societies from Eden Prairie, Richfield, Edina, Bloomington, West Tonka, Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Excelsior, Wayzata, and Hopkins. Hakensen suggested hosting it in the fall. Ronbeck will explore options for a spring or fall event.
- 3. Meeting Evaluation / Set next agenda**
The group felt that the meeting kept on task.
 - 4. Adjournment.**
George moved, Hakensen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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