

**Minutes**  
**Minnetonka Community Heritage Commission**  
**Meeting of August 14, 2006**

**1. Roll Call**

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

Staff: Laura Ronbeck, Jacque Larson

Chair Van Sloun called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. Discussion Items:**

**a. Minutes**

Hakensen moved, Olson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2006, community heritage commission meeting. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**b. May boards and commissions training**

Van Sloun said the May boards and commissions training was interesting and constructive. Johnson said the training was useful because it gave the commission a concrete, real-life example to discuss – the future of the Minnetonka Mills area in light of planned Minnehaha Creek corridor improvements.

**c. Ice cream social report**

Ronbeck provided a report on the June ice cream social. She felt the house was busier this year, and George concurred. Johnson suggested more food lines to keep things moving. It was also noted the portable restrooms need to be kept up better during the day; Ronbeck will check with parks staff on this item as well as providing more garbage receptacles next year.

**d. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Larson provided an overview of planned activities for the Aug. 22 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Jubilee anniversary, and asked for volunteers for the time capsule activity.

**e. Open house activity**

Larson explained that as the final 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, the commission will host a time capsule activity at Open House Oct. 10. She asked for volunteers for the activity. The following people volunteered for these time slots:

- 5-6 p.m.: Dewey Hassig, Betty Johnson
- 6-7 p.m.: Jenna Burfeind, Joe Van Sloun
- 7-8 p.m.: David Hakensen, David Olson

f. **Burwell House items**

- Park clean up

Commission members agreed to meet at the Burwell House Saturday, Oct. 28, at 9 a.m. to clean up the park. George will open the house.

- Dog sculpture

Commission members agreed it would be good to move the dog to a place in city hall or the community center where it would get more visibility and serve as a marketing device for the Burwell House.

- Garden model

Ronbeck reported that Sheila Wilson is working on a garden model for the Burwell House to be done by Labor Day.

g. **Charlene Roise workshop**

Commission members discussed Nov. 14 or 28 as a date for this workshop. Possible invitees include the public, the senior center, and members of the Minnetonka Historical Society. Hakensen will provide a list of invitees from a January 2006 Local History Services Workshop. The event will be sponsored by the community heritage commission. Larson will contact Roise on dates and reserve a room.

h. **Preserve Minnesota conference**

Hakensen and Van Sloun expressed interest in attending. They will let Ronbeck or Larson know if they are available, prior to the Sept. 8 registration deadline.

i. **Progress report on:**

- 2006 work plan

George stated that progress on the first goal, seeking partnerships, is coming along nicely with the school program. Gatewood, St. Therese and possibly Deephaven elementary schools are all involved in the school program. Also mentioned were the recent Almanac story by Marilyn Hammer and the planned Charlene Roise workshop.

On the second goal, participating in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and other events, commission members Van Sloun, Hakensen and Johnson have all been heavily involved in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The third goal, working to provide opportunities for teen involvement, has been fulfilled through working with high school

senior Sheila Wilson on the garden model and having high school students clean up the Burwell Park as part of their community service requirement.

- Awareness activities

The commission reviewed the awareness activities. Individual photos were taken prior to this meeting for the Web site. Ronbeck will take down out-of-date items on the display board at Burwell House.

**j. September meeting**

Members agreed a September meeting would be appropriate.

**3. Other business**

Van Sloun mentioned that if anyone tries to contact the Minnetonka Historical Society, President John Breyfogle is tied up with work the next three or four months, so contact Van Sloun or Chuck Donley instead.

**4. Adjournment**

Hakensen moved, George seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted "yes."  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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