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Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Chaska City Hall
April 26, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Debbie Boe, Chair
Steve Mueller, Vice-Chair
John Varone, Alternate

Commissioners Absent:

Joyce Bohn
Steve Herrmann
Mark Kalscheuer
Frank Lisa
Patty Merker

Visitors:

Walt Ripplinger

1. Proposed HPC Goals & Objectives for 2011 and Beyond.
 - a. Review, sort, and assign Goals and Objectives:

Designations / Nominations

1. Pursue nomination of the Jonathan neighborhood as a National and / or Local Historic District.

Discussed Jonathan ‘New Town’ Lake Village Historic District. Walt Ripplinger expressed some of his concerns about the designation and stated he felt the Jonathan Association’s Historic Preservation Committee should be the group determining their historic needs.

Commissioner Boe asked Walt about a number of properties and how their history has been handled, i.e. vinyl siding on buildings originally clad in wood materials, how the recent changes to the Tree Loft apartments were handled (also now clad in vinyl,) and how the Jonathan Association’s Architectural Review Committee only reviews the color of a home’s cladding without regard to the building materials.

Commissioner Boe cited the 2006 City of Chaska Context Study and its recommendation for designations in the Jonathan areas. Walt was not aware of the report. The report has been available on the city of Chaska site for a number of years.

The Jonathan Association invited Commissioner Mueller and Commissioner Boe to their May 12, 2011 board meeting to discuss the proposed Jonathan 'New Town' Lake Village Historic District. They agreed to attend.

2. New Discussion: Burial Mounds in and near City Square Park in Chaska.

Knowing Commissioner Varone and visitor Walt Ripplinger have shown an interest in the burial mounds in and near the City Square Park in Chaska in the past, Commissioner Boe asked them what they thought about alerting the State Archeologist about Chaska's proposed street reconstruction projects in the coming years and the possibility of unearthing human remains or other items from the burial mounds. All agreed this was a good idea.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.