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MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JUNE 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm GLEN PARK PAVILION

HPC Members Present: Jayne Hoffman, Mark Anderson, Pam Friede, Julie Huebel, Denton Anderson,
Ben Plunkett
HPC Members Absent: Heidi Heinze (not in full attendance, but present at times)
Staff Present: Brandy Howe
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

HPC MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

1 hour – M. Anderson met with Mike Stifter, Operations Director, to discuss potential location of The Glen sign.
1 hour – Heinze met with Mike Stifter, Operations Director, to discuss potential location of The Glen sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021

M/D. Anderson, S/M. Anderson – motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Power Plant

The Power Plant discussion was postponed until June 16th.

2. The Glen interpretive sign

M. Anderson reported that he and Heinze met with Mike Stifter, Operations Director, to discuss potential location of The Glen sign. There was some discussion on partnering with the Park Board on creating an interpretive trail system, complete with directional/distance markings between signs. M. Anderson will contact iZone (fabricator) to get the dimensions of a curved sign that they have produced (see 6/9/21 staff report for example). He will then work on a layout. It was determined that The Glen sign will be the prototype for any future signs. The HPC then had a short discussion on possible topics/locations for future signs:

- The old rail depot area – former site of a creamery, laundry, grain elevator and depot.
- Native American history – more research needs to be done on this, but the topic is underrepresented. Fort Snelling might be the best source for historical information.
- Lime kilns and pot kilns along the Kinnikinnic.
- Environmental history of the river – pollution to clean-up. There used to be slaughterhouses and different cultural practices that made the lower Kinni very dirty compared to the upper Kinni. This history, combined with current focus on dam removal and river restoration, offers a unique story opportunity.

3. WHS CLG grant

Heinze reached out to the 3 property owners that indicated interest in National Register Nomination. Howe will mail letters to the list of all property owners reminding them of the opportunity for possible NR designation. The HPC will schedule a public meeting with Jason Tish from WHS in September (either 9/11 or 9/18). Howe can assist with the grant application to WHS this fall.

4. Future Interpretive Sign – Glover School

There was a short discussion on this topic. Hoffman will research the history on Glover School and look for more photos. It was suggested that this may be another opportunity to partner with the Park Board.

CALENDAR

Next Historic Preservation Commission meeting July 14, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Heinze called for adjournment at approximately 7:15.