



Minutes
CHASKA HERITAGE PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

HPC members present: Anne Bohnen, Steve Mueller, James Pleis, Tom Racijs, and Scott Welvaert

HPC members absent: Chairperson Kristine Kohman, and Gregg Davies

Staff present: Elizabeth Hanson – City Planner
2. Roll Call
Roll call was taken.
3. Adopt the Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Welvaert, second by Commissioner Racijs to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Visitor Presentation
There was no one under visitor presentation.
5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
5A. Approve the June 6, 2023, HPC Meeting Minutes

A motion by Commissioner Racijs, second by Commissioner Welvaert to approve the June 6, 2023, HPC meeting minutes. Motion carried.
6. Consent Agenda
There were no consent agenda items.
7. Action Items
There were no action items.
8. Discussion Items
There were no discussion items.
9. Other Business
9A. December 5th HPC memo
City Planner Hanson presented the 2023 year in review. She reviewed the improvements to Highway 41 that was constructed through downtown Chaska to

Chaska boulevard. The improvement started this summer and finished in the middle of November. The underpass between the Chaska Mill building, and the Chaska depot is set to be completed next year. Landscaping will also be finished next year.

City Planner Hanson reviewed the Downtown Chaska Business Rear Entrance Design Guidelines. This gives business a guide to use as a resource to enhance the back side of their businesses to be used as a primary pedestrian entrance. She discussed that they have updated their financial incentives they offer for downtown businesses.

City Planner Hanson reviewed the SAP for Chaska Yards (211 and 217 Walnut Street). This plan proposed the rehabilitation of the Ernst home. They also proposed that the three owner occupied units be targeted at a more affordable income price point, this would allow for another owner-occupied option for people of downtown Chaska.

City Planner Hanson reported another SAP project for 210 Chestnut Street or the Meyers building. The SAP was to restore the storefront on this building to the original structure.

City Planner Hanson reported the updates of the Heritage Columns on Highway 41.

City Planner Hanson reviewed the goals for 2024 as follows: 1. Update the Walnut Street National District with the State Historic Preservation Office. 2. Revisit the Local Designation List to see if more properties can be added. 3. Stay engaged and involved with the City Square West project. 4. Revisit the City Historical Documents for potential updates, such as the Historic Context Study, every 5-10 years. Commissioner Welvaert asked what work is required for goals 1 and 4. City Planner Hanson responded that there might be some grants available to help with those projects. The commission agrees to revisit the goals in the new year.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Bohnen, second by Commissioner Welvaert to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.