



**Agenda**  
**Lake City Heritage Preservation Commission**  
**Meeting**  
**August 14, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room**

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1. Call to Order
  2. Review and adopt/amend agenda
  3. Communication Updates
    - a. Approve meeting minutes from April 8, 2024
  4. New Business
  5. Informational Reports
    - a. Update on City Hall Front Doors
    - b. Update on State Preservation Conference
    - c. Century Home Update
  6. Adjourn



**REQUEST FOR**  
**Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, August 14, 2024**

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**Agenda Item Description:** Approve meeting minutes from April 8, 2024

**Meeting:** Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 8/14/2024

**Originating Department:** City Administrator

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**Reviewed By:** City Administrator

**Preparer:** Rob Keehn, City Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▣ **HPC Minutes 4.10.2024 DRAFT**

## **HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 5:00 P.M.  
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Nancy Spooner-Walsh, Georgene Arndt, Katie Himanga

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Planning and Community Development Administrative Assistant Keeley Roach.

The meeting was called to order by Spooner-Walsh at 5:02 PM with a quorum present.

#### **REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

HIMANGA ADDED TO THE NEW BUSINESS, ADDING RECONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE ON THE FORMER POST OFFICE BUILDING. MOTION BY HIMANGA TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, SECOND BY SPOONER-WALSH. ALL AYES.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION BY HIMANGA TO APPROVE FEBRUARY, SECOND BY ARNDT. ALL AYES.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **SITE ALTERATION PLAN-PATTON PARK:**

The commission discussed the Emerald Ash Borer issue in five of the trees in Patton Park. Streets and Parks plan on removing those infested trees and installing 4 trees; 1 blue spruce, 1 swamp white oak, 2 hackberry trees.

Himanga did mention that Blue Spruce trees often get disease and are only a short-term solution. She stated that in the original Patton Park plans were to keep small fruit bearing trees. She suggested that maybe a different breed of tree in the Northwest corner of the park would be better.

HIMANGA MOVED, SECONDED BY SPOONER-WALSH TO APPROVE THE SITE ALTERATION PERMIT FOR TREE PLANTING IN PATTON PARK, AS SHOWN ON THE APPLICATION.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE ON POST OFFICE PLAQUE AT 100 E LYON AVE**

Himanga gave a brief history of “The New Block” from 1875. The block included the bank and post office. During “The Great Fire” in 1882, the post office was destroyed. Leading to the postmaster; Francis W. Seeley recuperating all the mail, supplies, and archives. The plaque that would be on the Lakeshore Drive Wall would state:

Originally the home to the Lake City Post Office, the postmaster’s residence, and numerous businesses, the building was engulfed by the Great Fire of 1882. Disregarding his own belongings,

Postmaster Francis W. Seeley saved every letter, paper and record from the flames. Following reconstruction, the Post Office remained here until 1916 when it moved to High Street.

MOTION BY HIMANGA, SECONDED BY SPOONER-WALSH TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE HISTORICAL PLAQUE ON 100 E LYON AVE. ALL AYES.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

UPDATE ON OHUTA PARK RETAINING WALL

-the current engineering states that there will be minimal change to the park and its features.

UPDATE OF CITY HALL FRONT DOORS

-there has been very little interest, staff is still looking for contractors that will handle this project.

UPDATE ON 2024 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE IN RED WING, MN

-Lake City Historic Preservation has been offered a slot to present during the conference. Two or three options were discussed, including the burial mound site transfer to the Native community.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:43 P.M. BY HIMANGA, SECOND BY SPOONER-WALSH.

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Nancy Spooner-Walsh, Chairperson