

**CITY OF CHATFIELD  
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Council meeting room in Thurber Community Center  
Chatfield Municipal Building, 21 Second St. SE**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**Agenda**

- I. Call to order
- II. Approve minutes of July 26, 2022 regular meeting
- III. Reports
  - 1. Chatfield Center for the Arts Phase II progress report
- IV. Unfinished business
  - 1. Haven Wall master plan
  - 2. 2023 heritage preservation budget
- V. New business
  - 1. Installation of interpretive signs at Chatfield Center for the Arts
- VI. Other new business
- VII. Miscellaneous
- VIII. Adjournment

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A meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was held in the council chambers at City Hall on July 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Frederichs at 7:00 P.M.

**Members present:** Ben Frederichs, Myrthis Griffith, Mike Martin, and Ruth Ann Lund. Chris Giesen, Sara Sturgis and Pam Bluhm were absent.

**Others present:** Preservation Planner Robert Vogel.

**Approval of minutes:** Fredericks moved to approve the draft minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Lund and unanimously approved.

**CCA progress report:** Preservation Planner Vogel provided an update on the status of the arts center renovation and modernization project and asked the commission to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for landscaping, which is required by the city's preservation ordinance. Martin moved to approve the COA, subject to the revised plans provided by the project architect; the motion was seconded by Lund and unanimously approved.

**2023 budget:** Vogel advised the commission that he had been informed by City Clerk Young that funds for the Haven Wall accessibility design work could be taken from the reserve fund and therefore did not require an increase in the 2023 budget.

**Haven Wall signage:** There was discussion of the need for some kind of signage at the Haven Wall, 212 Winona St., that would identify the historic site as public open space. The consensus was to place two flat steel sign panels supported by U-channel posts on either side of the stone wall, each sign to read "Haven Wall 1927-1964" and displaying the city logo. Preservation Planner Vogel was directed to obtain a cost estimate for fabricating the signs from public works director Brian Burkholder and report back to the HPC.

**Heritage tourism:** The commission reviewed the following list of Chatfield heritage tourism attractions provided by Preservation Planner Vogel:

Historic Chatfield High School and Auditorium-Gymnasium Addition (Chatfield Center for the Arts), 405 Main St. S. Renovated 1916 school building and 1936 auditorium adapted for use as a regional performing arts center.

Downtown Commercial Historic District, Main St. between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sts. 22 buildings constructed between 1874 and 1948, including several with restored brick facades occupied by restaurants, bars, stores and other establishments.

Chatfield Public Library, 304 Main St. S. One of Minnesota's original Carnegie Libraries, built in 1913 and recognized as an outstanding example of Prairie School architecture.

Historic Ellen M. Lowell House ("Oakenwald Terrace"), 218 Winona St. Bed-and-breakfast in a restored 1896 Colonial Revival style house, one of four Chatfield homes listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Haven Wall, 212 Winona St. Replica of a traditional New England stone fence built in 1926-1964; located next to Old Territorial Rd. behind the historic George H. Haven House ("The Oaks").

Thurber Municipal Building, 21 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE. Moderne style office building originally built in 1930 for the Security Mutual Fire Insurance Co., converted to use as the city hall and police station in 2003. The lower level contains the Pease Museum and the Chatfield Historical Society Museum.

City Park, on Main St. between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sts. Chatfield's oldest community open space, laid out in 1854 (the same year Henry David Thoreau published *Walden*). Amenities include landscaped grounds, band shell, playground, visitor center and public restrooms.

The consensus of the members present was that these preservation resources represented critical assets for community development and should be the focus of heritage tourism program development. Staff was directed to assemble pertinent information about each property (detailed description of the heritage resource, location and directions, accessibility, hours of operation, etc.) for use in developing plans to help market these attractions to residents and visitors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Vogel

Preservation Planner