

BIENNIAL REPORT 2002-2003

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TO: MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

FROM: St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board

Laws of Minnesota for 1988, Chapter 684, Article 1, Sections 13-18 [138.761] established in Minnesota Statute (138.761-766) the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Interpretive Zone encircling the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis as well as a St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board with the purpose of developing “a comprehensive plan to interpret historical resources in that area to start the process of encouraging development of that area’s historical resources.” Sections 13-17 charge the Board with developing and implementing a comprehensive interpretive plan for the St. Anthony Falls area, complementing existing planning and development activities on the riverfront by using state, federal and local funding for historic preservation.

The St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board hereby issues this report, as required in Section 15, Subdivision 1. This is the eighth biennial report to be filed.

St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board Membership

The Laws of Minnesota for 1988, Chapter 684, Article 1, Section 15, as amended in 1996, states that the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board be comprised of 22 members from the following entities: Minnesota Historical Society, Mayor of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, Minnesota House of Representatives, Minnesota State Senate, Minneapolis City Council, Minnesota State Review Board, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, Hennepin County History Museum, and citizen appointees by the Park Board (one) and by the Chair of the Board (two).

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Members of the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board:

2002:

Nina Archabal, Director, Minnesota Historical Society
R. T. Rybak, Mayor, City of Minneapolis
Mike Opat, Chair of Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Bob Fine, President, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Mary Merrill Anderson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Representative Gregory Gray
Representative Arlon Lindner
Senator Lawrence Pogemiller
Senator Linda Higgins
Joseph Biernat, Member, Minneapolis City Council
Barbara Johnson, Member, Minneapolis City Council
Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Edward Solomon, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Walt Dziedzic, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Steven Edwins, State Review Board
Phillip Koski, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission
Donna Stephenson, Board Member, Hennepin History Museum
Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, Minnesota Historical Society
Don Nikkola, Appointee, Minneapolis Park And Recreation Board
John Sarna, Appointee, Minnesota Historical Society
Sage Cowles, Appointee, Minnesota Historical Society

2003:

Nina Archabal, Director, Minnesota Historical Society
R. T. Rybak, Mayor, City of Minneapolis
Mike Opat, Chair of Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Bob Fine, President, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Mary Merrill Anderson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Representative Keith Ellison
Representative Arlon Lindner
Senator Lawrence Pogemiller
Senator Linda Higgins
Don Samuels, Member, Minneapolis City Council
Barbara Johnson, Member, Minneapolis City Council
Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Marie Hauser, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Walt Dziedzic, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Steven Edwins, State Review Board
Phillip Koski, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission
Donna Stephenson, Board Member Hennepin History Museum
Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, Minnesota Historical Society
Don Nikkola, Appointee, Minneapolis Park And Recreation Board
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**Summary of meetings and actions taken by the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board,
2002 – 2003.**

February 27, 2002:

Nina Archabal, Chair, introduced the four new Board Members, Mayor R. T. Rybak, Bob Fine, Phillip Koski and Don Nikkola.

Approved the minutes from the meeting of November 13, 2002.

Board Coordinator, Deborah J. Johnson presented the eight grant projects that were successfully completed during 2001. They were:

- Update of the Mills District Master Plan
- Design for the West River Parkway/Plank Road
- Guthrie Site Archaeology
- Design for Mill City Museum exhibitions
- Archaeology of the Washburn Crosby B and C Mill Sites
- Education Specialist for Heritage District program analysis
- Milwaukee Depot Interpretive Plan
- Phase I of Mill Ruins Park

The Board reviewed and recommended that six previously approved projects be canceled and their funds (a total of \$194,000) be released back into the Heritage Board budget.

These projects were:

- Facilitator and Consultants for West Side Mills District Collaborative Programs
- Reuse Study for the Washburn Crosby Grain Elevators and Pillsbury A Mill
- Heritage District Archaeology
- Project Consultant Team for Heritage Trail
- Design work for the East Side of the Stone Arch Bridge

The 2002 calendar year budget and work plan was reviewed and approved. Projects receiving funding were:

- Up to \$100,000 for the creation of a Master Signage and Wayfinding Plan into and around the St. Anthony Falls Historic District.
- Up to \$42,000 for the evaluation of 1990 Interpretive Plan with subsequent funding earmarked for the revision of the plan.
- \$15,000 to the Minnesota Historical Society for the investigation, planning and design leading to the restoration of the Mill Stone Plaza.
- \$40,000 to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for design and engineering for the lower tailrace in Mill Ruins Park.
- \$20,000 to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the research and development of an archaeology education program at Mill Ruins Park.

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- \$14,000 to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for research and program development about the workers who built the tailraces and canals located in Mill Ruins Park.
- \$14,000 additional funds to support the design of the Chicago Avenue Plaza.
- \$15,000 to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency for the development of an Interpretive Plan for the Chicago Plaza and Guthrie area.

June 11, 2002

Approved the minutes for the meeting of February 27, 2002.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- *Minneapolis Riverfront Identity and Marketing*: Michael Rainville of the Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitor Association summarized the GMCVA's recent work, with help from consultant Padilla Speer Beardsley, to create a unified identity and marketing plan for the central riverfront.
- *2004 Grand Excursion*: Micheal Rainville, Chair, Minneapolis Grand Excursion Committee presented a short summary of the 1854 Grand Excursion and Minneapolis' plans for its 150th anniversary celebration on July 4th, 2004.
- *Guthrie Theater on the River*: Tom DeAngelo, Architectural Alliance, presented a slide presentation about the new Guthrie Theater and its architect Jean Nouvel.

November 12, 2002

Approved the minutes for the meeting of June 11,2002.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- *Mill Quarter Cohesive Identity and Marketing Plan*: Consultants from Tanaka Advertising and Maccabee Group summarized their work and presented the recommended identity and marketing plan for the West Side Mills area.
- *Minneapolis Riverfront District Master Plan for Signage and Wayfinding*: Consultants from Larsen Design and Interactive presented their work thus far to develop a master ignage and wayfinding plan for the district.
- *Chicago Avenue Plaza*: Dick Victor, Senior Project Manager, Minneapolis Community Development Agency displayed plans for the Chicago Avenue Plaza and discussed progress on the plaza.
- *BF Nelson Site, Boom Island, Archaeology and Historical Research*: Michael Rainville, President, St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization, reported on the successful completion of this project.

- *Pillsbury Mill Complex*: Developer Kit Richardson and architects from the Cunningham Group presented preliminary plans for the redevelopment of the Pillsbury Mill Complex.
- *Minneapolis Riverfront District Master Plan for Signage and Wayfinding*: Laura Bates and Michael Haug of Larsen Design and Interactive, presented the draft master plan for the Minneapolis Riverfront Signage and Wayfinding project.
- *Minneapolis Riverfront District Marketing*: Michael Rainville of the Greater Minneapolis Convention and Visitor Association presented the GMCVA's plan for the marketing and promotion of the Minneapolis Riverfront District.
- *Mill City Museum*: Nina Archabal, Executive Director, Minnesota Historical Society, reminded the Board about Mill City Museum's grand opening in September 2003.
- *Plank Road*: Rachel Ramadhyani, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, reported on construction progress of the Plank Road.
- *Guthrie Theater*: Deborah Johnson, for Mary Ann Ehlschlager of the Guthrie Theater, reported that the Governor signed the bonding bill into law, including \$25 million for the new theater.
- *Chicago Plaza*: Dick Victor, MCDA, reported on progress of the Chicago Avenue Plaza.

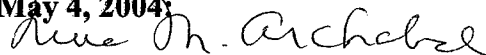
November 13, 2001

Approved the minutes for the meeting of June 12, 2003.

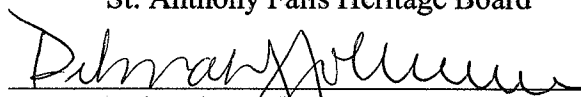
The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- *Minneapolis Riverfront District Master Plan for Signage and Wayfinding*: Laura Bates and Micheal Haug of Larsen Design presented an extensive review of the Minneapolis Riverfront District Master Plan for Signage and Wayfinding to the Board. Board was invited to see a prototype of the sign located in Mill City Museum's Rail Corridor.

This report is respectfully submitted on ~~May 4, 2004~~



Nina M. Archabal, Chair
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board



Deborah J. Johnson, Coordinator
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board