



Chatfield Heritage Preservation Commission

Duties / Accomplishments / Goals

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHATFIELD HPC

- Safeguard the heritage resources of the city by preserving buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts which reflect significant aspects of Chatfield's cultural, social, economic, political, visual and architectural history.
- Protect and enhance the city's appeal to residents, visitors and tourists.
- Foster civic pride in the beauty and notable accomplishments of Chatfield's past.
- Promote the preservation, protection and continued use of historic buildings, archaeological sites, landscapes and neighborhoods for the education and general welfare of the community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHATFIELD HPC

- o Conduct a continuing survey to identify and collect information about buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts which may be significant for their historical, cultural, architectural or archaeological values.
- o Develop and implement a comprehensive heritage preservation plan for the city.
- o Maintain an inventory of buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts within the city limits which have been determined historically significant and worthy of preservation.
- o Nominate significant heritage resources for designation as Chatfield Heritage Landmarks.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHATFIELD HPC

- Serve as a resource and advisor to the owners of heritage preservation resources.
- Preserve the records of city planning and development for deposit in the archives of the Chatfield Historical Society.
- Submit an annual report to the State Historic Preservation Officer summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the city preservation program.

HPC Accomplishments

2008

- Amended ordinance, adopted policy statement & developed comprehensive preservation plan (part of city comp plan)

2009

- Potter Auditorium determined eligible for the National Register (SHPO finding) & Celebrated first annual Preservation Month

2010

- Awarded a \$5000 CLG grant for a study of 300+ historic house
- Hosted open house & tours of CCA

HPC Accomplishments

2011

- Demolition of 1954 building at CCA (architectural recordation & monitoring)
- Issued findings of heritage landmark eligibility for 34 historic homes....

2012

- Chatfield Center for the Arts designated a Chatfield Heritage Landmark

2013

- “Legacies of the New Deal” symposium at CCA
- HPC workshop on marketing historic buildings for redevelopment

HPC Accomplishments

2014

- HPC brainstorming re: revitalization of Main Street commercial area
- Prioritization of Main Street façade improvement needs

2015

- HPC review of landscaping project at Chatfield Public Library
- 14 Certificates of Appropriateness approved for CCA Phase I work

2016

- o Celebrated centennial of Chatfield High School building
- o Provided technical assistance to Oakenwald Terrace re: restoration of stone walls

HPC Accomplishments

2017

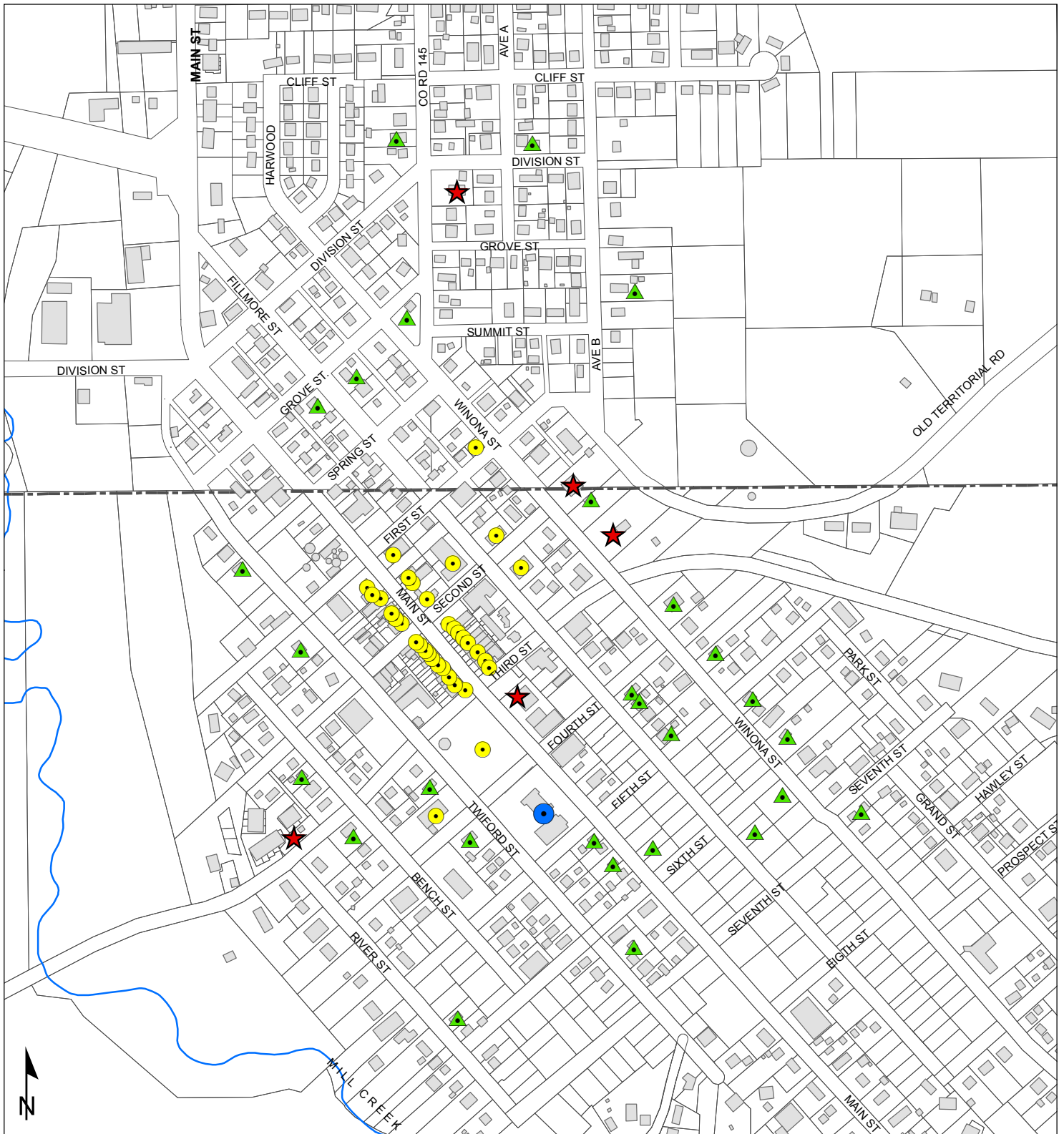
- o Adopted public education goals and priorities
- o Main Street façade improvement grant project completed (\$28,000 in EDA funds leveraged to finance 7 façade renovation projects worth \$40,000+)

2018

- o Met with township officials to discuss preservation of the historic Elmira Town Hall
- o \$11,000 CLG grant received to design 8 outdoor interpretive signs

2019

- o Worked with library board and staff to design entrance renovations
- o Met with MnDOT staff to discuss plans for replacement of Highway 30 bridge



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National Register



Chatfield Heritage Landmark



Potentially Significant



Eligible for Chatfield Heritage Landmark

HERITAGE PRESERVATION GOALS

- o Identify, preserve and protect significant heritage sources within the city limits.
- o Prevent the destruction of heritage resources by activities permitted, funded, licensed or assisted by the City of Chatfield.
- o Identify and evaluate all buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts over 50 years old to determine their historical, architectural, archaeological and cultural significance.
- o Designate significant heritage resources as Chatfield Heritage Landmarks.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION GOALS

- o Encourage appropriate management and treatment of heritage preservation resources.
- o Promote heritage preservation as an economic development tool and provide incentives that encourage it.
- o Create public awareness and appreciation for the value of Chatfield's heritage resources to empower a diverse and growing constituency for heritage preservation.
- o Integrate heritage preservation with other city planning for community development, housing, parks and recreation, utilities and public works.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION POLICIES

- o Preservation program activities will be carried out in a manner consistent with the goals and policies established by the Heritage Preservation Plan.
- o The Heritage Preservation Commission shall periodically review and update the Heritage Preservation Plan.
- o Heritage preservation will be integrated with other city planning for community development.
- o The Heritage Preservation Commission shall develop master plans for the preservation, protection and use of city-owned heritage resources.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION POLICIES

- o The preservation planning process shall include public participation at every step, with the Heritage Preservation Commission providing a forum for open discussion of issues to ensure early and continuing citizen involvement in decision making, rather than public review of decisions already made.
- o The City of Chatfield will continue to participate in the federal-state-local government preservation partnership as a Certified Local Government pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
- o The results of heritage resource surveys will be integrated into the preservation planning process to ensure that evaluation decisions are based on the best available information.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION POLICIES

- o All heritage resources identified by survey will be evaluated against the eligibility criteria for designation as Chatfield Heritage Landmarks. The Heritage Preservation Commission may issue a finding of significance for any property which it determines eligible for designation as a heritage landmark.
- o The Heritage Preservation Commission will maintain an inventory of heritage resources worthy of preservation, including all properties designated or determined eligible for designation as Chatfield Heritage Landmarks, and will make this information available to city officials and the public.
- o In determining whether or not a heritage resource is eligible for heritage landmark designation, its age or date of construction shall not be the primary factor in evaluating its historical significance.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION POLICIES

- o Except in extraordinary circumstances, no property will be designated a Chatfield Heritage Landmark without the consent of the owner. In the case of historic landmark districts, consent of a majority of the property owners within the district boundaries may be required.
- o The City Planner shall record the locations of all designated Chatfield Heritage Landmarks on the official zoning map.
- o Public access to information on the precise location of archaeological sites may be restricted in cases where the city has reason to believe that the integrity of the resource may be threatened by the release of such information.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION POLICIES

- o The City will demand excellence in the stewardship of publicly-owned heritage preservation resources.
- o The Heritage Preservation Commission shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on all plans for public works and other development projects for their potential effects on significant heritage resources.

HPC Implementation Benchmarks to Achieve By 2025

- o Raised the visibility of the city preservation program.
- o Provided more technical assistance to owners of historic properties.
- o Undertaken archaeological surveys to identify sites associated with the heritage of Native Americans.
- o Developed voluntary, non-regulatory guidelines for the treatment of heritage resources, applicable to projects that do not require design review.

HPC Implementation Benchmarks to Achieve By 2025

- o Adopted architectural standards for new construction in historic commercial and residential neighborhoods.
- o Developed a comprehensive strategy to promote heritage tourism and the development of cultural and recreational enterprises based on local heritage resources.
- o Adopted innovative zoning regulations that encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of older buildings by increasing land use flexibility and redevelopment options in the city's older residential and commercial districts.

HPC Implementation Benchmarks to Achieve By 2025

- o Developed user-friendly, sustainable financial assistance and economic incentive programs for the rehabilitation, maintenance, enhancement and adaptive reuse of heritage resources.
- o Improved the condition of the older buildings within the Main Street commercial historic district through building maintenance and façade improvement programs.
- o Increased media coverage for heritage preservation activities.
- o Updated the heritage resources inventory to meet current preservation standards and make the information more widely available.

Goals & Objectives 2020

1. Hold monthly regular meetings of the HPC on the fourth Tuesday of every month, with special meetings as needed.
2. Identify, recruit and recommend prospective new members to fill all HPC vacancies.
3. Provide educational workshops for the mayor and council, city staff, and other boards and commissions.
4. Send as many HPC members and other city officials as possible to the statewide preservation conference in Stillwater (September 17-18, 2020).

Goals & Objectives 2020

5. Re-register the five properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places as Chatfield Heritage Landmarks.
6. Complete the downtown interpretive sign project.
7. Develop a preservation plan for the Haven Wall.

Goals & Objectives 2020

8. Work with MnDOT to rehabilitate the historic wayside and monument on Highway 52.
9. Seek nominations and present the Preservation Award during Preservation Month (May).
10. Develop a government access cable television program to showcase the work of the city preservation program.



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Valuing the Culture of the Community