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Enclosed please find the biennial report 2000-2001 for the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board, Laws of Minnesota for 1988, Chapter 684, Article 1, Sections 13-18 [138.791] established in Minnesota Statute 138.761-766, as required in Section 15, Subdivision 1.

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BIENNIAL REPORT 2000-2001

TO: MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

FROM: St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board

The Laws of Minnesota for 1988, Chapter 684, Article 1, Sections 13-18 [138.761] established a 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 charges the Board to develop and implement 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 seventh 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 agencies: 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 three citizen appointees appointed by the Park Board (one) and by the Chair of the Board (two).

Members of the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board:

2000:

Nina Archabal, Director, Minnesota Historical Society
Sharon Sayles Belton, Mayor, City of Minneapolis
Mark Stenglein, designee, Chair of Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Edward Solomon, President, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Mary Merrill Anderson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Representative Gregory Gray
Representative Arlon Linder
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
Mike Opat, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Dean Zimmermann, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Walt Dziedzic, Member, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Steven Edwins, State Review Board
Tom Holman, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission
Susan Larson-Fleming, Trustee, Hennepin History Museum
Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, Minnesota Historical Society
James A. Young, Appointee, Minneapolis Park And Recreation Board
John Sarna, Appointee, Minnesota Historical Society
Sage Cowles, Appointee, Minnesota Historical Society

2001:

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Mike Opat, Chair of Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
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**Summary of meetings and actions taken by the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board,
2000-01**

January 27, 2000:

Approved the minutes from the meeting of December 17, 1999.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- Guthrie Theater: David Hawkanson discussed the theater's desire to combine their current five facilities under one roof at a location on the riverfront.
- St. Anthony Falls Heritage Center (Mill City Museum): Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, MHS reported on MHS's search for a development partner.
- State Bond Funds: Report was made summarizing bond funds being sought by member agencies from the State in 2000 for projects in the central riverfront.
- Grand Excursion 2004: Ann Calvert, Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, summarized the goals of the event.

The 2000 calendar year work plan and budget were reviewed and approved. Projects receiving funding were:

\$40,000 for the coordination of program planning for the West Side Milling District, to include programs in the Heritage Center and Mill Ruins Park, to:
Provide an integrated public experience
Inform park design, program development and connections
Create a seamless and safe visitor experience
Define program, responsibilities and program interactions.

May 2000: (Follow up to January 27, 2000 meeting)

Four motions were submitted and approved by mail

- A. To authorize a grant of \$40,000 to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency to contribute toward resolution of design/fit, circulation and parking issues through the updating of the *Historic Mills District Master Plan*.
- B. To authorize a grant of \$45,000 to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for elements of design/fit, circulation and integration of designs of the Mill Ruins Park, plank roadway, canal and nearby museum.
- C. To authorize a grant for \$50,262 to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for purposes of archaeological documentation at Mill Ruins Park.
- D. To authorize a grant of up to \$15,000 to CSM to be used on a reimbursement-of-cost basis, for research that will support development of exhibits and other interpretive efforts in and around the Milwaukee Road Depot.

July 28, 2000:

Approved the minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2000.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- *Historic Mills District Master Plan*: Ann Calvert, Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, noted that there was a need to update the 1999 plan to accommodate current developments. Jack Byers presented slides and gave an explanation of major issues and needs.
- *Public Placemakers (Planners, Designers & Developers of Visitor Environments)*: Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, MHS, summarized a report submitted to the Board by consultant, Jim Zien.
- St. Anthony Falls Heritage Center (Mill City Museum): Bill Keyes, Construction Manager, MHS, presented a brief report on the progress of the museum.
- Mill Ruins Park: Rachel Ramadhyani, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, reported on the progress of the park.
- Main Street Station Dam: Betsy Doermann, Heritage Zone Coordinator, reported on the emergency repairs made at the Main Street Station.

Introduction of the new Heritage Zone Coordinator, Deborah Johnson, was made. Ms. Johnson will replace Betsy Doermann, who retired.

November 29, 2000:

Approved the minutes for the meeting of July 28, 2000

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- B. F. Nelson Site: Michael Rainville, President, St. Anthony West Neighborhood Association, presented the Board with a brief summary of contaminants existing at the site and the neighborhood's desire to research and preserve the site's history.
- Mill Ruins Park: Rachel Ramadhyani, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, reported on the progress of the park.
- St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center: Nina Archabal, Chair, spoke of the St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center and the need to address its transformation during Minnesota's Historical Society's building of its new museum.
- Washburn Crosby Complex: Dick Victor, Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, spoke of the progress at this site.
- St. Anthony Falls Heritage Center (Mill City Museum): Bill Keyes, Construction Manager, MHS, presented a brief report on the progress of museum.

February 12, 2001:

Approved the minutes for the meeting of November 29, 2000.

Resolution in support for the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization's efforts to document the history and historic features at the former BF Nelson site on Boom Island was presented and approved.

The 2001 calendar year budget was reviewed and approved. Projects receiving funding were:

- \$20,000 for an Education Specialist to study and inventory the organizations and programs active or anticipated in the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Zone and for the coordination for Heritage District interpretive planning.
- \$50,000 to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the development of a Preservation Plan for Mill Ruins Park.
- \$30,000 for an archaeological investigation of the former WCCO Elevator 2 and 3 and adjacent railroad sites.
- \$20,000 towards planning of the Chicago Avenue Plaza.
- \$30,000 to the St. Anthony West Neighborhood Association for the historical research and archaeological monitoring during the EPA work at the BF Nelson Site.
- \$15,000 awarded as a challenge grant to the Lake Superior Big Top Chautaugua for the commission of a song about the St. Anthony Falls District to be used in their interpretive musical about Minnesota.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- Presentation: Deborah Johnson, Mill City Museum Director and Heritage Zone Coordinator, gave a presentation summarizing the history of the St. Anthony Falls area and plans for the new Mill City Museum.
- Hennepin Island: Rachel Ramadhyani, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, presented the Park Board's master plan for a public park on Hennepin Island.

June 11, 2001

Approved the minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2001.

The following progress reports and project updates were heard:

- Archaeological Investigations, Guthrie Theater Site: Ann Calvert Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, updated the Board on the archaeological investigations at the future site of the Guthrie Theater.
- Archaeological Investigations, B. F. Nelson Site: Consultants from the 106 Group presented an overview of their historical research and archaeological investigations thus far.
- St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center: Nina Archabal, Chair, summarized the work plan for the St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center for the 2001 season.

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- Mill City Museum: Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, MHS, summarized recent developments that have presented challenges for the Mill City Museum and how the Minnesota Historical Society plans to overcome these.
- Guthrie Theater: Mary Ann Ehlschlager, Associate Manager for the Guthrie, spoke of the process and selection of their architect Jean Nouvel. Shelia Livingston, Education Coordinator for the Guthrie, shared the organization's vision for the new theater.
- Central Riverfront Regional Manager: Rachel Ramadhyani, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, announced the appointment of Eileen Kilpatrick to this position.

November 13, 2001

Approved the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2001 with one correction.

Board recognized departing members, Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and Park Board Commissioner Dean Zimmermann.

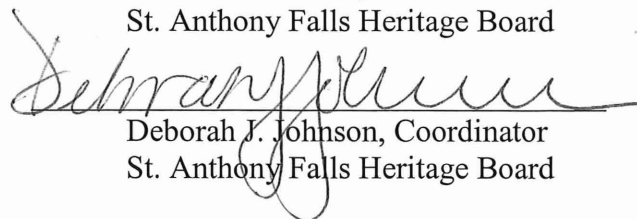
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- Archaeological Investigation, Guthrie Theater Site: Ann Calvert Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, announced the findings of archaeological investigation.
- Mill Ruins Park: Mary Merrill Anderson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board spoke of the Mill Ruins Park opening event.
- Plank Road, West River Road Parkway: Rachel Ramadhyani, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, shared the Park Board's plans for the Plank Road.
- Mill City Museum: Ian Stewart, Deputy Director, MHS, presented a brief progress report on Mill City Museum.
- St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center: Erin Vasseur, Program Associate, MHS, reported on the 2001 season.
- Central Riverfront Partners Marketing Project: Ann Calvert, Senior Project Coordinator, MCDA, and Deborah Johnson, Heritage Zone Coordinator reported on the progress of this project.

This report is respectfully submitted on January 7, 2002:



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



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