

Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission

Annual Certified Local Government (CLG) Report

2011 Fiscal Year

The following is a summary of the projects, reviews, and activities reported to the Florence Township Board of Supervisors and the Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office for the fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011):

A. Local Designation of Preservation Sites:

The following properties are designated Florence Township Heritage Landmarks that reside in the Frontenac Historic District, Frontenac, MN:

1. Villa Maria – 29847 County 2 Blvd
2. Locust Lodge – 29133 Garrard Avenue (Antiblion)
3. St. Hubert's Lodge – 29055 Garrard Avenue (Flynn)
4. Greystone – 29277 Garrard Avenue (Webster)
5. Winona Cottage – 28895 Garrard Avenue (Eustis)
6. Dacotah Cottage – 28743 Garrard Avenue (Hodgson)
7. Morton Carriage House – 29219 Garrard Avenue (Johnson)
8. Haller-Koch Store (aka Schneider Tavern) – 28971 Wood Avenue (Hamilton)
9. Post Office – 29039 Wood Avenue (Augustine)
10. Brunner House – 29065 Wood Avenue (Lorenz)
11. Urbach Home – 28929 Wood Avenue
12. Engelbert Haller House – 28960 Wood Avenue (Carlson)
13. Possehl Store – 28964 Van Blarcum Avenue (Johnson)
14. Parsonage (aka Moccasin Inn) – 28927 Manypenny Avenue
15. Frontenac Inn (aka Lakeside Hotel) – 28796 Lake Avenue Way
16. Chapelwood – 28776 Lake Avenue Way
17. Pepin Hall – 28822 Lake Avenue Way (Flies)
18. Grapevine Cottage – 28775 Lake Avenue Way (Hardyman)
19. Fern Cottage – 28725 Lake Avenue Way (Sadosty)
20. Boxrud Cottage – 28650 Lake Avenue Way (Anderson)
21. Bender Cottage – 28384 Lake Avenue Way (Schroeder)
22. Wakondiota Park – Van Blarcum Avenue (east), vacated Cathcart (west)
Vacated Waconia (north), Winona Street (south)
23. Valhalla Park – Lake Avenue (east), Garrard Avenue (west)
Vacated Waconia (north), Wood Street (south)
24. Frontenac Cemetery – Green Street (north), vacated Ludlow Street (south)
Wood Avenue (east), Van Blarcum (west)
25. Christ Episcopal Church – McLean Street & Westervelt Avenue
26. Peterson Farm – 34661 McLean Street (Knudsen)
27. Pepin Oak – 34902 Barton Street
28. Joseph Wiech House – 34805 Sumner Street

- 29. Virginia Cottage – 34810 Graham Street (Koplin)
- 30. Little Dacotah – 34921 Dacotah Street (Loftus)
- 31. Honey Bee Cottage – 34921 Dacotah Street (Walter Huneke)
- 32. Henry Huneke House – 34921 Faribault Street
- 33. Baxter House – 34953 Burr Oak (Stone)
- 34. Wild Wings Museum – 34894 Johnston Street

The following property is a designated Florence Township Heritage Landmark and resides in Frontenac Station, Frontenac, MN:

- 35. Florence Township Town Hall – Highway 61

B. National Register Nominations: NONE

The following properties in Florence Township are listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- 1. Florence Township Town Hall – Highway 61 (1858)
- 2. St. Hubert’s Lodge – 29055 Garrard Avenue (1855)
- 3. Locust Lodge – 29133 Garrard Avenue (1854)
- 4. Greystone – 29277 Garrard Avenue (1860)
- 5. Winona Cottage – 28895 Garrard Avenue (1889)
- 6. Dacotah Cottage – 28743 Garrard Avenue (1862)
- 7. Parsonage – 29957 Manypenny Avenue (1869)
- 8. Christ Episcopal Church – 34660 McLean Street (1868)
- 9. Haller-Koch Store – 28971 Wood Avenue (1862)
- 10. Engelbert Haller House - 28960 Wood Avenue (1860)
- 11. Frontenac Inn – 28796 Lake Avenue Way (1859)
- 12. Joseph Wiech House - 34805 Sumner Street (1867)
- 13. Old Frontenac Cemetery – Green Street (1862)
- 14. Old Frontenac Parks– Wakondiota, Valhalla – (1859)

C. Local Inventories & Studies

Old Frontenac Historic District Properties Survey Report
 Prepared by Daniel J. Hoisington, Hoisington Preservation Consultants
 September 2003

D. Review of Design Review Applications:

- 1. Villa Angela - Kim Earnest and Brian Miller
 Demolish the Villa and construct new home.
 Plans approved.
- 2. Clear invasive species from Valhalla and Wakandiota Parks.
 Plans approved in keeping with the 2006 Park Plan.
- 3. Schaller Home - Chateau Frontenac Ltd

Renovate the Schaller property.
Plans approved. (Previously approved in 2008.)

D. Heritage Preservation Commission Membership:

1. Bill Flies, Chairman
2. Char Henn, Goodhue County Historical Representative
3. Justin Thompson
4. Laurie Hodgson
5. Kerby Rigelman
6. Arthur Hamilton, Vice Chairman
7. Mike Blair, Florence Township Representative
8. Brad Stone, Secretary

E. Assurances:

The Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission held monthly meetings except for the months of December and February. The meetings were posted and open to the public. The minutes of said meetings are recorded at the Florence Township Town Hall, Frontenac MN and are posted along with meeting agendas on the Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission web site at

<http://www.florencetwp.org/heritagecommission.html>

F. Activities Accomplished in 2011:

1. Managed park maintenance activities in historic district including the public beach
2. Administered Park Plan.
3. Continued to distribute Frontenac Historic District Resource Guide.
4. Worked with Christ Church Preservation Partners to develop the Christ Church restoration plan, develop their website, and pursue public grants.
5. Maintained web site for public access to agenda, minutes, design review applications, contact information, and a pictorial history chronology.
6. Reviewed design review applications
7. Conducted discussions with Friends of the Florence Township Town Hall and advanced the application process to establish the Town Hall as a Historic District.
8. Repaired park benches at scenic overlook vistas.
9. Worked with Florence Township Planning Commission and the township supervisors to draft a Township Park Board Commission that is responsible for all the parkland in Florence Township.
10. Encouraged and supported Township moratorium on silica mining.

G. Future Projects

1. Complete plans to establish Florence Township Town Hall as an historic district.
2. Draft and gain public approval of a revised heritage preservation ordinance that adds the Florence Town Hall Historic District and removes management of the public park lands and draft changes to the commission bylaws to administrate the revised ordinance.
3. Draft an ordinance and bylaws for a new Florence Township Parks Commission and work with the Florence Township Planning Commission and the Florence Township Board of Supervisors to gain public approval for the Parks Commission
4. Maintain and enhance the HPC web site.
5. Assist Town Supervisors in creating a Florence Township Park Board.
6. Work with Board of Supervisors to install new street signs throughout the Frontenac historic district.
7. Partner in the grant solicitation efforts for the restoration of Christ Episcopal Church.
8. Work with the Board of Supervisors to set an increased budget for improved maintenance of public lands in the historic district to include the roadway boulevards and parks.
9. Fund, select, install, and manage additional park benches in our Park Bench Sponsorship program.
10. Host a Preservation Day program that focuses on the Christ Episcopal Church restoration project.
11. Process Design Review applications.

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