



TO: Faribault Heritage Preservation Commission

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MEETING DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Meeting in a Box Review

The Meeting in a Box to receive feedback for the State and Local Historic Preservation Plans was held on February 3. A summary of the meeting is attached.

Threats to Historic Preservation

Rank	Threat
1	Public does not value historic preservation
2-tied	Lack of understanding of existing and potential resources
2-tied	Low lawmaker interest in historic preservation
3-tied	Too much emphasis on development
3-tied	Perception that new is better than old
4-tied	Economy
4-tied	Too many other priorities
4-tied	Not enough people do preservation work
4-tied	Safety concerns (code issues, school safety, active shooter situations, etc.)
4-tied	Site vulnerability
4-tied	Gentrification and displacement
4-tied	Changes in worship, recreation, transportation, and other cultural norms
4-tied	Other: Politicization of historic preservation due to SHPO move from Historical Society to Admin Department
No votes	In-and-out migration of rural communities
No votes	Shifts in the state's racial and ethnic makeup
No votes	Underrepresentation of certain groups or cultures
No votes	Natural disasters or climate change
No votes	Housing needs, including affordability
No votes	Public infrastructure changes and needs

What could be done to address these threats?

Solicit public feedback/notice in advance of demolition or other impacts to historic resources

Conduct inspections of historic properties on a regular basis

Provide state/local history education, especially in school, but also for all ages

Be proactive with building owners about maintenance, building possibilities, etc.

City/state commitment to historic preservation

Promote skilled trades, knowledge about maintaining historic buildings

Shift SHPO back to Minnesota Historical Society from Administration Department

Make historic materials from demolitions available to other property owners

Reduce strings/red tape associated with grants (e.g., prevailing wage, hiring requirements, etc.)

Raise awareness of threats

Allow funding to be used for a greater variety of historic structures (e.g., bring back 10% tax credit for structures not on N.R.)

Slow down demolition process, require historic assessment, pictures

Repurpose buildings, allow flexibility for new uses

Engaging publicity (e.g. checkpoint selfie program)

Reasons Historic Preservation is Important

Rank	Reason
1	Preservation of cultural identity/heritage
2	Ability to learn about history
3	Economic Vitality
4	Preservation of sacred spaces or places
5 - tied	Good urban design
5 - tied	Ensuring future generations have access to resources
6	Ability to teach about history
7 - tied	Allows for community-focused public spaces
7 - tied	Ability to conduct historical research

Ways to Promote Historic Preservation

Demonstrate cost of preserving buildings vs. cost of building the same building new vs. the cost of substantial rehab later

Make history fun (e.g., staycations, treasure hunt, etc.)

Where we spend money shows what we value

Historic resources forms our identity

More funding for preservation

Re-enactments (skits, singing, etc.)

History needs to be personal and "behind-the-scenes"

Passport program for historic sites similar to State Park passport program

How-to classes

Increased support for maintaining buildings

Smaller historic information pieces (e.g., videos, podcasts, etc.)

State Resources to Preserve

St. Cloud Prison
Fort Snelling
Blue Mounds State Park
Split Rock Lighthouse
State Capitol
Charles Thompson Memorial Hall
Stillwater Prison
Minnehaha Falls
Summit Ave
Pike Island
James J. Hill House and Library
Glensheen
Swedish Institute
Orpheum Theater
Basilica
Owatonna Orphanage
Carleton College
St. Olaf College
Train Depots
Historic Water Towers (e.g., Pipestone, Brainerd)
Watkins Facility
Barns, schools, churches
Soudan Mines State Park
Litomysl Church
Mississippi River
Itasca State Park
Wabasha Street Caves
Foshay Tower

Faribault Resources to Preserve

Faribault State Hospital Buildings

Johnston Hall

Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour

Alexander Faribault House

Downtown Historic District

Shattuck St. Mary's (esp. the Arch and the Clock Tower)

MSAD/MSAB

Olof Hanson buildings

Faribault Waterworks Facility

Buckham Library

Limestone Caves

Buckham House

Congregational Church

Stone houses

Woolen Mill Factory

River Bend Nature Center

Lakes/trails

Klemer General Store

Viaduct

Peace Park

Farmer Seed & Nursery building

Robie Allen house

City Hall

Meehl's Gas Station