

Agenda
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, October 10, 2024

7:00PM

City Council Chambers, Maplewood City Hall

A. ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 11, 2024

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Preserve MN Review
2. Strategic Planning
 - Need commissioner bios
 - Maplewood Historical Timeline
 - Identified Historical Locations
 - Poor Farm Cemetery as a Heritage Site
3. Annual SHPO Report
4. Poor Farm Barn Signage
5. New member recruitment
6. Meeting schedule
7. Green Book, Maplewood Entry
8. Maplewood Area Historical Society Update
9. Demo Permits (TBD)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mapping Potentially Historic Structures Update

F. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

G. ADJOURNMENT

RULES OF CIVILITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Following are rules of civility the City of Maplewood expects of everyone appearing at Commission Meetings - elected officials, staff and citizens. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone's opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. We appreciate the fact that when appearing at Commission meetings, it is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

- Speak only for yourself, not for other Commission members or citizens - unless specifically tasked by your colleagues to speak for the group or for citizens in the form of a petition.
- Show respect during comments and/or discussions, listen actively and do not interrupt or talk amongst each other.
- Be respectful of the process, keeping order and decorum. Do not be critical of Commission members, staff or others in public.
- Be respectful of each other's time keeping remarks brief, to the point and non-repetitive.

MINUTES
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A. ROLL CALL

- Present: Boulay, Cardinal, Currie, Gaspar, Hughes, Koski

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Currie motions to approve with amendment that Maplewood Area Historical Society should have its own entry under New Business and Visitor Presentation should reflect any visitors presenting at that meeting; chair moves to vote with no 2nd. Passes on a voice vote with no objections.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 11, 2024

- Boulay motions to approve minutes; Gaspar 2nd, approved voice vote, no objection.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning

- Commissioner Bios
- Establish Maplewood Timeline
- Poor Farm Barn as a Heritage Site

2. Appointment of Ramsey County Historical Society Rep

- Hughes notes he'd like to step aside
- Cardinal motions to appoint Gaspar as Maplewood's RCHS rep; Hughes 2nd, approved voice vote, no objection.

3. SHPO Review

4. Poor Farm Barn Signage

5. New member recruitment

6. Meeting schedule

- Boulay motions to request to the City Manager the meeting schedule is amended from quarterly to every other month (6x/year); Cardinal 2nd; passes 5-1, with Hughes no.

7. Demo application(s) 1310 Frost Avenue – Funeral Home

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mapping Potentially Historic Structures Update
2. PreserveMN 2024 Red Wing, September 18-20

2024-2025 Proposed goals and tactics:

1. Use Context Study and SHPO data to identify and inventory potentially historic locations in Maplewood:

Outcomes	Tactics	Timeline
Create interactive map for web	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect properties from 60 Stories, historical context study, other city material. • Ensure partners and schools are aware of the resource. 	

2. Oral history of recent community members:

Outcomes	Tactics	Timeline
At least two oral histories recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with MAHS on grant to fund oral history project • Work with expert to craft questions/script • Conduct interviews 	
	<p>Items to be aware of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hmong are refugees (not immigrants) • Need to build connections with individuals and family • Interview intergenerational (first generation though today) • Honor the stories (need a depth of interview) 	

3. Maplewood Timeline:

	See what we have so far at the Maplewood Area Historical Society	
	Assign people to cover eras or sections	

HPC 2023 - 2024 Annual Report

Purpose

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) is charged with preserving significant historic resources in Maplewood. It pursues this by recommending to City Council sites to designate as historic landmarks and by providing design review for designated sites.

Commissioners

Bob Cardinal, Chair

Appointed 1/25/2016; term expires 4/30/2024

John Gaspar, Vice-Chair (Architect)

Appointed 1/14/2013; term expires 4/30/2025

Richard Currie,

Appointed 7/26/2004; term expires 4/30/2026

David Hughes (Historian)

Appointed 10/25/21; term expires 4/30/2026

Laura Koski (Field Archeologist)

Appointed 11/10/2022; term expires 4/30/25

Peter Boulay

Appointed 04/10/2024; term expires 4/30/2027

Outgoing board member

Barbara Kearn (Historian)

Appointed 10/25/21; term expires 4/30/2024

Accomplishments:

Actively recruiting for someone from a diverse community or who has one of the professional credentials required by SHPO.

Commission members Laura Koski, David Hughes and John Gaspar attended the Preserve MN Conference in Red Wing, September 2024.

Property Preservation Efforts

Consulted historic property inventory. Assessed potential preservation sites.
Began filling out local designation for the Ramsey County Poor Farm Cemetery

Documenting Properties:

Began a project to document all homes that are at least 100 years old. The database was integrated into multimedia software program that will allow the commission and city staff to sift through as see is any of the homes could qualify form local or state historic designation.

106 Reviews:

Legacy Funeral Home (1310 Frost Avenue)
Trunk Highway 5 Improvement Project
Metro Storm-wide management plan
Potential G-Line BRT, along Rice Street

Updated the three-year strategic plan**It includes:**

- Creating an interactive website documenting key dates in the city's history
- Oral history of residents from diverse backgrounds on why they chose Maplewood.
- Maplewood Historical timeline

Preservation Programs

National Register of Historic Places

Ramsey County Poor Farm Barn
Owner: Ramsey County

Maplewood Heritage Locally Designated Landmarks

Bruentrup Heritage Farm
Owner: City of Maplewood

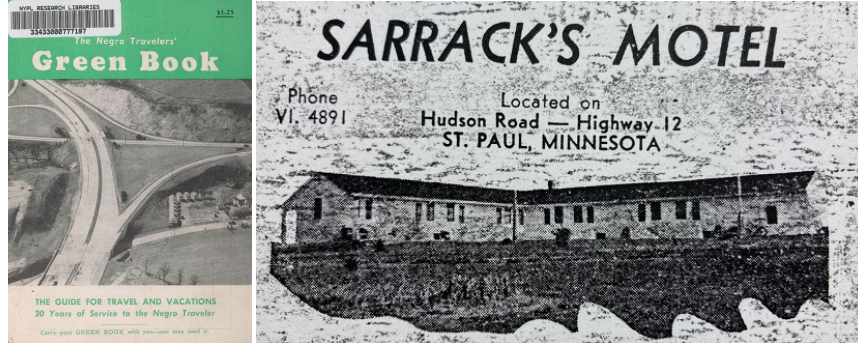
Gladstone Savanna Neighborhood Preserve

Owner: City of Maplewood

Century Homes

More than 130 homes over 100 years old

Maplewood and the “Green Book” (Pete Boulay) (Draft)



From the Library of Commerce: “The Green Book was annual guidebook for African-American roadtrippers founded and published by New York City mailman Victor Hugo Green from 1936 to 1967. From a New York-focused first edition published in 1936, Green expanded the work to cover much of North America. The Green Book became “the bible of black travel” during the era of Jim Crow laws, when open and often legally prescribed discrimination against African Americans and other non-whites was widespread. Green wrote this guide to identify services and places relatively friendly to African-Americans so they could find lodgings, businesses, and gas stations that would serve them along the road. It was little known outside the African-American community. Shortly after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed the types of racial discrimination that made the Green Book necessary, publication ceased and it fell into obscurity. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2016298176/>” Many of the locations mentioned in the guide book are gone in the Twin Cities. One that still exists today is the Lexington Restaurant in St. Paul.

One location in Maplewood was mentioned in this guide book. Sarrack’s Motel was located near the intersection of McKnight and Old Hudson Road. *From a newspaper article in 1967:* “In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Sarrack opened the Gopher State Motel on highway 12 west of the junction of highway 100 (Century Avenue.) The eight-unit motel featured television, full one and two room units and some kitchenettes. Mr. and Mrs. Sarrack operated their motel for many years, until 1957 when 3M Company asked to buy the property for their giant complex. The Sarracks sold their motel, then with 23 units, and retired. Today some of the original evergreens which graced Sarrack’s lawn dot the 3M landscape.”

