

**To: Kasson City Council**  
**From: Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE)**  
**Subject: Chronology of KARE Activities**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>Nov. 7, 2006</b>	904 citizens vote to issue bonds to restore the elementary school, 1026 vote not to (a slim 6% margin); no clear mandate exists on what to do with the school.
<b>Nov. 27, 2006</b>	Kasson City Council passes a resolution to demolish the school. In a Dodge County Independent poll, 61% say the council made the wrong decision in voting to demolish the school.
<b>Nov/Dec 2006</b>	Kasson citizens meet informally to gauge interest in organizing an effort to save the school. 21 businesses support the school.
<b>Jan. 22, 2007</b>	KARE seeks advice from historic preservation experts on how to go forward under the assumption that demolition will start in June 2007 (5 months away).
<b>Jan. 24, 2007</b>	Due to the short time frame, a legal team is assembled consisting of a local lawyer and historic preservation legal experts in the Twin Cities. Legal work begins to prevent demolition if necessary.
<b>Jan. 26, 2007</b>	KARE nominates the building for the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's 2007 10 most endangered building list.
<b>Jan. 27, 2007</b>	In response to a Post Bulletin article on KARE's activities, historic preservation developers call to offer help. 2 meetings follow. Discussion is ongoing.
<b>Jan. 29, 2007</b>	Kasson Alliance for Restoration (KARE) is incorporated as a non-profit 501c corporation dedicated to preserving Kasson's historic resources (the first priority being the Elementary School).
<b>Feb. 3, 2007</b>	KARE petitions the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to require the city to conduct a Historic Resource Assessment Worksheet (HRAW) on the building. The petition is returned requesting more information.
<b>Feb. 17, 2007</b>	KARE visits the Minnesota Historical Societies' library to begin establishing the schools historic architectural and social legacy.

## **Continued: Chronology of KARE Activities**

- Mar. 14, 2007** KARE Membership is over 200, contributions total \$2,000+
- Mar. 20, 2007** Minnesota Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provides KARE with examples of Minnesota schools on the Historic Register. Outlook is for registry is explored.
- Apr. 4, 2007** A second Historic Assessment petition is prepared and forwarded to the Minnesota Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review in anticipation of submitting a second, detailed petition to the EQB in early May. Comments received.
- Information on the building is provided to SHPO's National Register of Historic Building representative in anticipation of nominating the building to the National Register in a few months.
- April 12, 2007** KARE meets with a Historic Building developer to discuss options. Private investment/ownership appears to best bet.
- April 13, 2007** Donations to KARE exceed \$15,000 membership is approaching 300.
- April 23, 2007** KARE's website launches at [www.KassonAlliance.org](http://www.KassonAlliance.org)
- April 17, 2007** KARE discusses the building with two Historic Building developers. The firm Kane and Johnson is recommended.
- April 20, 2007** Legal process and injunction are completed.
- April 28, 2007** KARE will tour the building with an architect/engineer with experience in historic building preservation. Discussions are pending with two others.
- May 1, 2007** KARE will meet with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota to review the plan formulation and legal process for saving the school.
- May 16, 2007** KARE will meet with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota to discuss the building's history, National Register nomination process and lessons learned from other restored schools in Minnesota.