

# Preservation Alliance of Minnesota

## 10 Most Endangered Historic Minnesota Properties

### 2007 Nomination Form

**Submission deadline: January 26, 2007 (5:00 p.m.)**

#### Part A: Property Information

1. Name of property \_Kasson Public Elemetary School
2. Address/location \_\_101 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW
3. City/county/ZIP \_Kasson, MN 55944
4. Owner of property \_City of Kasson
5. Owner's address \_\_401 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE
6. Owner's city/state/ZIP \_Kasson, MN 55944
7. Owner's phone(s) \_507.634.7071
8. Does owner know this property has been nominated? Yes \_\_\_\_ No X
9. Type of ownership: Public X Private \_\_\_\_

#### Part B: Additional Information:

On a separate sheet, please answer questions #10-22 listed at right as completely as possible. Mark all materials clearly with the name of the property. Nominations and materials will not be returned unless requested.

#### Part C: Nomination Information

21. Nominator \_Diane O'Brien -Berge
22. Nominator's address \_71528 260<sup>th</sup> Ave
23. Nominator's city/state/ZIP \_Hayfield, MN 55940
24. Nominator's phone/fax \_507.365.8324
25. Nominator's email \_\_\_\_
26. Contact Person (other than Nominator)\*\_Spencer Stevens
27. Contact Person's phone/fax\_507.634.2679Work 507.269.2679Cell
28. Contact Person's e-mail copycat@kmtel.com
27. Current designation status of property (Check all that apply):  
\_\_\_\_ National Register of Historic Places \_\_\_\_ Local designation  
X Nomination for designation in process now Local X National \_\_\_\_  
X Other designations (please list): Applying for designation
28. Submit one each of original photos plus 15 black and white photocopies of all photos, 15 of additional materials and 15 of this form. Nominations must be received by January 26, 2007. Questions: Call 651-293-9047. **MAIL TO:**

**Preservation Alliance of Minnesota**

**219 Landmark Center, 75 W. Fifth St., St. Paul, MN 55102**

\*All nominations must have a local contact name that will be provided in the PAM press release. The contact name need not be the same as the nominator.

#### Additional Information:

10. Briefly describe the property.
11. Why is it endangered?
12. How can the threat be eliminated?
13. What is the historic date of this property and why is it significant?
14. Is there any opposition to the preservation of this property?
15. How would listing this property on the 10 Most Endangered Historic Minnesota Properties list help?
16. What are your next action steps to save the property?
17. Other than listing this property as endangered, what can the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota do to alleviate the threat?
18. Any additional comments?
19. List other local persons, organizations and groups who support the nomination and give their contact information.
20. Please provide names, titles, phone, and email of any appropriate contacts other than those already listed.
21. Check additional materials herewith?  
X black&white or color photos(*req'd*)  
X articles, documents  
X letters of support
- How are additional materials being sent?:  
\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
\_\_\_\_ mailed separately  
\_\_\_\_ sent via web or email
22. Has this property been previously nominated? Yes \_\_\_\_ No X

Additional Information:

10. The Kasson Public School was constructed in 1917-1918. The architect was Nels S. Jacobson Jr. . The engineer was Frank Tustison Co.,Mpls. The builder was Madsen and Peterson. It is neoclassical in design and consists of three 2-story conjoined buildings that occupy an entire city block. The exterior is pressed brick trimmed with terra cotta coping, cornice and roofs. The condition is good to very good, with no additions and alterations to windows and doors only. The interior is fair to deteriorated with updates, yet many original features and architectural components exist.
  
11. The city of Kasson now owns the property and is collecting bids for demolition.
  
12. We are trying to prove that the community was confused, uninformed and the vast majority prefer to save it and re-use,.
  
13. The school was built in the same year as Kasson's Municipal Building which is on the National Register.( Now privately owned and on Main Street, thriving as a commercial offices building ) Other significance as to the year the school was built would be this country's involvement in WW1. We haven't had time to research beyond this.
  
14. If there is opposition to preserving this school, it appears to be coming from the city council.
  
15. If this school were placed on the endangered list, the entire community would understand the real value of this building, it might sway the city council to rethink their actions and if necessary, being on the list might give our group leverage if we litigate.
  
16. Our next step is to file a citizens petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet to be prepared. And we will be seeking legal advice.
  
17. We have received great advice from Bonnie McDonald and your Crisis Handbook has become our bible! We are anxious for any guidance or recommendations from you.
  
18. The Kasson city council is hiding behind the failed referendum on the November ballot. We have approached them with a clear vision and proper arguments, We have presented them TWO interested buyers of the property.( Whose interest is in adaptive re-use. These people are already invested in Kasson! ) The city council shows no interest and has ended the debate.

19. Supporters include: Dodge county Historical Society Mantorville, Mn. 55955  
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Melisa Firris 204 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Kasson, MN 507-634-6692

20. Randy Carlson-local newspaper-"DCI" 507-634-7503 [www.dcinews.com](http://www.dcinews.com)  
Paul and Heidi Alberts 25510 625<sup>th</sup> St Kasson, Mn 55944 507-634-4080  
Karen Carlson and D.J. 303 Main St W Kasson, Mn 55944 507-634-2551  
Carroll Ramer 108 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW Kasson, Mn 55944 507-634-2411 owner of  
"Leuthold House" on registry

20. enclosed

21. no