ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard April 12, 2012

Present: Richard Dana, Robert Ferguson, Matt Hill, Michael Justin, Rich Laffin, John Manning,

Matt Mazanec, David Riehle, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: Jennifer Haskamp (excused), Renee Hutter (excused), David Wagner (excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Call to order: 5:05

- II. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. Conflicts of Interest There were none stated.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously.
 - A. March 8, 2012 Business Meeting
 - B. March 22, 2012 Public Hearing

V. Chair's Announcements

A. Chair Laffin informed the commission that ten Heritage Preservation nominations were awarded and will be honored at the Heritage Preservation Awards ceremony on Tuesday May 15th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

VI. Staff Announcements

- A. March Design Review Statistics (submitted)
- B. April Legislative Hearing Notification (submitted)

VII. New Business

A. Presentation by Powerfully Green, Rebecca Lundberg, to discuss solar technology.

Ms. Lundberg gave a brief presentation on the basics of solar power including technologies, mounting options and current incentives. Her Powerpoint presentation illustrated solar thermal and solar electric installations as well as costs and incentives for the installation of solar energy systems. The Commissioners has many clarifying questions and showed great interest in how solar energy could be integrated sensitively into historic sites and districts.

B. Anne Hunt, Mayor's Office, Environmental Policy Director, to discuss City Grants related to solar technology and review processes for homeowners and contractors.

Ms. Hunt explained to the Commission that Saint Paul is one of the Solar American Cities and received a planning grant from the Department of Energy. She pointed out that the permits for solar installations in Saint Paul have nearly tripled between 2009 and 2011. She identified the Xcel Solar Reward and Minnesota Made bonus as being catalysts in the increase in applications. Commissioners discussed training or education options for contractors or owners who want to explore solar options in historic districts and sites.

VIII. Old Business There was none.

IX. Committee Reports

- **A.** Education Committee (Ferguson, Trout-Oertel) The Education Committee noted that the Greater Lowertown Master Plan will be reviewed at City Council on April 18th.
- B. 3M Advisory Committee/Workgroups update (Trimble, Mazanec) There will be another Committee meeting in April.

X. Adjourn: 6:50

Submitted by: H. Holmes