

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
**May 24, 2012**

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**Present:** Richard Dana, Jennifer Haskamp, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter, Michael Justin, Rich Laffin, John Manning, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel, David Wagner

**Absent:** Robert Ferguson (excused), Matt Mazanec (excused), David Riehle (excused)

**Staff Present:** Christine Boulware, Amy Spong, Renee Cohn

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:01 p.m.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** – Commissioner Dana motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Justin seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 – 0.
- III. **Conflicts of Interest** – Commissioner Dana recused himself from the public hearing for Agenda item V.A. 555 Grand Hill, as his firm was retained for the project.
- IV. **Chair’s Announcements** – Chair Laffin thanked former Commissioner Mark Thomas at the Heritage Preservation Awards for his service. Commissioner Haskamp was also thanked for her 2 ½ years of service. This was the Commissioner’s last HPC meeting and was presented with a poster print of Saint Paul. The awards were a great evening with wonderful speeches. Chair Laffin also attended the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards Luncheon. There is now a video of the Saint Paul Awards posted on the Saint Paul HPC webpage on the city’s website.
- V. **Staff Announcements** – There were none.
- VI. **Permit Review/Public Hearings**
  - A. **555 Grand Hill, Hill Historic District**, by JET Construction and Remodeling, for a building permit to demolish the existing garage and construct a second residence with parking at the rear of the lot. **File #12-033** (Spong, 266-6714)  
Staff read the report recommending approval of the application.  
Charlie Dana, JET Construction, was present to discuss the proposal.  
Commissioner Trout-Oertel motioned to approve the staff report with a revision to condition #6 to read “Windows and doors shall be reviewed to be more compatible with the size, profile and details of the mullions and frames of the main house and placement of windows shall be revised and reviewed by HPC staff.”  
Commissioner Manning seconded the motion.  
**The motion passed 8 – 0.**
- VII. **Old Business** - None
- VIII. **New Business**
  - A. **500 Cedar Avenue Central Presbyterian Church Addition.** Pictures were shown of the mock-up. The width of the mortar joint and the brick size were questioned. The mortar mix appeared to be correct.
  - B. **Central Corridor Light Rail Station Mock-ups.** Union Depot LRT station received HPC approval in May 2010 for a bronze and copper metal railing and grey concrete. The material board was different than what is shown in the mock-up, the metal has a shiny finish similar to chrome and the concrete is more tan in color. The staff recommendation was to reduce the

number of materials and finishes used. HPC recommended to remove the condition stating that the mock-up panels were okay as presented at the hearing. Staff spoke with Jackie Sluss at MnDOT and emailed Kathryn O'Brien and Alicia Vap that this cannot move forward until the HPC can review and comment. The Design Review Committee (Commissioners Laffin, Dana and Manning) of the HPC will meet with Ms. Vap on site.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn:** 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by: H. Holmes