

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard
January 10, 2013

Present: Richard Dana, Robert Ferguson, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter Barnes, Michael Justin, Rich Laffin, John Manning, Matt Mazanec, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel, David Wagner

Absent: David Riehle (not excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware

BUSINESS MEETING

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:05 p.m.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Commissioner Dana moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Mazanec seconded the motion.
- III. **Conflicts of Interest:** There were none stated.
- IV. **Approval of the meeting minutes** Commissioner Dana moved to approve the minutes that were presented; Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion.
 - A. October 4, 2012
 - ~~B. December 6, 2012~~
 - C. December 20, 2012
- V. **Chair's Announcements:** There were no chair announcements.
- VI. **Staff Announcements:**
 - A. 2013 HPC Meeting Schedule (included in Commissioner Packets)
 - B. 25 Empire Drive – The building will be shored up for the next six months. HPC staff, the Legislative Hearing Officer and an engineer toured the building. Staff is applying for a small Legacy grant for structural assessment and a work program. The application for the grant was brought before the City Council on January 9 and received unanimous support.
 - C. Macy's Closing – The building was designed by architect Victor Gruen and is a contributing property in the National Register eligible Urban Renewal Historic District. It is on the Minnesota Modernism Tour. Commissioner Dana asked if it is old enough to qualify for Historic Tax Credits. It is old enough.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. Amend resolution that was originally adopted by the HPC for the Great River Passage Plan on September 20, 2012. (Spong, 266-6714) **The amendments to the resolution were accepted as proposed.**
 - B. Commissioner Dana commented on the visibility of the solar PV installation at 2279 Summit Avenue. He noted that it does not look like what the HPC reviewed.
 - C. 1824 Marshall Avenue – Staff has tried to make contact with the board members, but there has been no response. Staff will try to reach out to other contacts. Commissioner Wagner is still willing to work with the board to resolve the work that was completed without review and create an appropriate solution for the historic building.
 - D. 451 Selby Avenue – The owner and contractor met with HPC staff, the LHO and Noel Nix. There is a work plan and a budget. They are moving forward with applying for building permits and HPC approval.
 - E. 466 Iglehart – Time is running out for the owner. He has let other buildings be demolished by the city in the past. There are people in the neighborhood that want

to purchase and rehabilitate the building. The owner is not willing to sell the property.

F. Minnesota Milk Company, 370 University Avenue – Commissioner Trimble asked for clarification about an article he read in the Villager regarding money that the Metropolitan Council was awarding. He was concerned that the building may be demolished. Staff informed that the Met. Council is paying to have a National Register nomination completed for the building but are not sure of the status of the RFP. Tom Zahn and Bethany Gladhill have contacted staff regarding completing Part One for the Historic Tax Credit applications.

VIII. New Business

A. Commissioners Trimble and Justin gave an update on Indian Mounds Park. An informational meeting was held on January 9. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is nominating the site to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

IX. Presentation

A. Preserving the Real Street Bed: Rondo, by Frank White.

Mr. White gave a brief presentation about the history of the Rondo neighborhood and Rondo Avenue. He showed maps that illustrate how Concordia Avenue does not follow the historic Rondo street bed east of Dale. He asked the HPC to support his request to accurately identify “Old Rondo”, through correctly placed signage, with a resolution to Council Member Carter and City Council. Staff will draft a resolution for the HPC to review and adopt at the February business meeting.

X. Annual Meeting

A. Draft Annual Report and permit statistics were reviewed and discussed. Minor edits were noted.

B. 2013 HPC Work Plan – Commissioners identified the need to pursue Legacy Grants, complete the Lowertown Historic District revised design guidelines & infrastructure design guidelines as well and guidelines for public art in historic districts.

C. Election of officers for 2013 (Nominating Committee: Manning & Wagner)
The 2012 Executive Officers were nominated to serve in the same positions in 2013. Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to approve the nominations of Commissioner Laffin as chair, Commissioner Dana as vice-chair and Commissioner Hutter Barnes as secretary; Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Motion to Adjourn: 6:24 p.m.

Submitted by: C. Boulware