

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
**August 14, 2014**

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**Present:** Barbara Bezat, Richard Dana, Robert Ferguson, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter, Michael Justin, William Lightner, Amy Meller, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

**Absent:** Matt Mazanec (excused), David Riehle (excused), David Wagner (excused)

**Staff Present:** Christine Boulware, Renee Cohn, John Beaty

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**BUSINESS MEETING**

**I. Call to Order 5:02**

**II. Approval of the Agenda** Commissioner Hutter moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of the meeting minutes** Commissioner Ferguson and Commissioner Trout-Oertel submitted minor changes to staff.

**A.** July 10, 2014 Business Meeting

**B.** July 24, 2014 Public Hearing

Commissioner Justin moved to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes; Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Chair's Announcements**

**A.** Chair Dana encouraged the Commissioner to attend CAMP and the Minnesota State Preservation Conference being held in conjunction with the AASLH conference in St. Paul this year. Ms. Boulware noted that she and Commissioner Ferguson will be attending the conference this year, as they had received scholarships. The cost of attending is significantly higher than that of past state conferences.

**V. Staff Announcements** None were stated.

**VI. New Business/Discussion**

**A. 740 Seventh Street East, Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District**, owner City of Saint Paul, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, by the Planning Director to provide a recommendation on the proposed lot split. (Boulware, 266-6715)

Staff read aloud the report and the proposed recommendation for the Commission to provide to the Planning Director.

Commissioner Trimble noted that an earlier name for the Hospital Linen Site was Mother's Friend Laundry.

Ms. Boulware stated that staff anticipates that a small, rear, portion of parcel "A" will be split off onto a neighboring property and requested the HPC grant staff the permission to review and approve the lot split administratively.

Commissioner Bezat moved to allow staff to approve potential small lot split on parcel "A"; Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion.

A discussion was had regarding the context of this portion of the lot.

Commissioner Trimble inquired as to whether the City has ever joined lots and if the process is the same; Ms. Boulware confirmed that the City has joined lots; the Heritage Preservation Commission reviewed the splitting and joining of the lot at 689 Fourth Street East while reviewing the rehabilitation of the neighboring properties.

**Commissioner Ferguson moved to adopt the staff recommendation and to give staff permission to approve the small lot split administratively; Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. Committee Reports**

**A.** Commissioner Ferguson discussed the potential sale of several HRA owned lots on the West Side. It was pointed out that one of the lots is sited at the southwest corner George Street and Humboldt Avenue. The Riverside Carnegie Library occupies the northeast corner and the Rau-Strong House occupies the southeast corner. There is concern about what would be constructed at the vacant lot and compatibility with the historic context of the intersection.

**B.** Commissioner Hill announced that he has drafted a letter to send to Jonathan Sage-Martinson, the new Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development, on behalf of the Commission.

**C.** Commissioner Lightner requested confirmation that the hardware store on West Seventh Street will be demolished; Ms. Boulware confirmed.

## **VIII. Adjourn 5:24 pm**

Submitted by R.Cohn