

**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 28, 2015**

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**Present:** Richard Dana, Renee Hutter Barnes, Barbara Bezat, Robert Ferguson, Bill Lightner, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel, David Wagner

**Absent:** Matt Hill (excused), Michael Justin (excused), Matt Mazanec (excused), Amy Meller (excused), David Riehle (not excused)

**Staff Present:** Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan, Fred Counts

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**PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGN REVIEW**

**I. Call to Order** - 5:03pm

**II. Approval of the Agenda** -

*Commissioner Bezat moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hutter Barnes seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0***

**III. Conflicts of Interest** - None stated.

**IV. Public Hearing/Permit Review**

**A. 525 Ashland Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, by Steve Oswald - Custom Remodelers, Inc., for a building permit to install a stone-coated, steel roof with "wood grain" texture on the house and garage. **File #15-029** (Boulware, 266-6715)

*Commissioner Hutter Barnes moved to adopt staff recommendation to deny the application and encouraged the applicant to work with HPC staff to find and propose a roofing product that better complies with the heritage preservation district guidelines pertaining to profile, size, color, and texture, thus allowing for possible administrative review of a new application. Commissioner Trout-Oertel seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

**V. New Business**

**A. Washington Street Renaming**, by Ecolab, Jason Grev, for HPC review and recommendation on the proposal to rename Washington Street to Ecolab Place from Sixth Street to St. Peter Street. (Spong, 266-6714)

*Commissioner Hutter Barnes moved to adopt staff recommendations. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** The commissioners indicated that a marker or sign should be installed to identify the location of Old Washington Street.*

**VI. Chair Announcements**

- A.** Thank you to staff and Commissioner Trout-Oertel for a successful St. Paul Preservation Awards event last week.
- B.** Next week is the Docomomo Conference June 4-7.
- C.** Congratulations to Commissioner Barb Bezat who received the Steve Murray Award at the Minneapolis Preservation Awards.

**VII. Staff Announcements**

- A.** Ms. Spong presented at the Summit Hill Association Working Group meeting to discuss survey work for State and National Register. The City is hopefully creating a survey project for the 2016 budget round.
- B.** Ms. Spong will have a meeting to discuss the demolition review ordinance for State and National Register Districts. The ordinance would replace the need for EAWs for these 1,800 properties within the boundaries.
- C.** Yesterday a public hearing was held to adopt a historic use variance ordinance. It was introduced by Councilmembers Thune and Finney.

**Adjourn** 6:36 pm

Submitted by A. Suhan