

SAINT PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

SAINT PAUL 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Saint Paul now has a chapter in its Comprehensive Plan that is devoted solely to historic preservation. This new Historic Preservation chapter is joined by five other components of St. Paul's ten year plan for the future: Land Use, Transportation, Parks and Recreation, Housing, and Water Resources. State law requires the City to update its Comprehensive Plan every ten years and to include a protection element for historic sites. This preservation plan examines past preservation activities in the community and identifies new strategies and policies. While much of the activity of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) has remained focused on evaluation, designation, and design review of historic sites, the new Plan recommends a variety of policies that address the growing preservation field and best practices from other communities.

The main objectives of the new Plan are to provide a guiding vision for historic preservation in Saint Paul, formalize City policy regarding historic preservation, guide public and private investment to further preservation goals, advocate for historic preservation, and guide the work of the HPC.

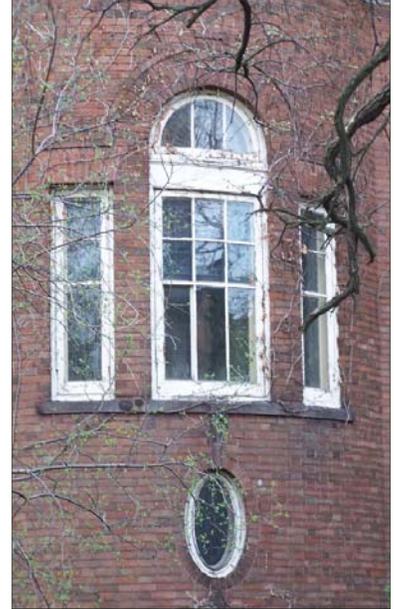
The City's first Historic Preservation Plan has been a long time coming, but the collaborative effort produced a final product worth waiting for. This effort was led by City staff, The 106 Group Limited, Stark Preservation Planning LLC, a Task Force of community leaders and those with expertise in historic preservation, and a Core Team made up of City department leaders. The funding was made possible through a grant from the National Park Service through the Minnesota Historical Society with matching funds approved by the City Council and Mayor's office.

The Historic Preservation Chapter of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan can be viewed at:

<http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=11880>

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

The HPC was involved in several environmental reviews given federal funding regulations requiring consideration of historic resources. Specifically, the HPC created committees to address impacts to historic properties at the 3M Main Plant and the Public Safety Building. The Commission continued to be involved in the Central Corridor and the Union Depot projects as well as reviewing telecommunications proposals across the city.



The Palladian window gracing the facade of 123 Farrington Street also serves as the cover image for the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Saint Paul 2030 Comprehensive Plan.



The Public Safety Building at 101 East Tenth is planned for demolition for a future development. Due to federal involvement, the project required Section 106 review of The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.



PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Heritage Preservation Commission, in collaboration with the Saint Paul Chapter of the Minnesota Society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), held the 19th Annual Heritage Preservation Awards Ceremony on May 19, 2009, in the Saint Paul City Hall Ramsey County Court House. Nine awards were presented to individuals or organizations for their efforts to preserve historic buildings or to enhance the historic character of Saint Paul and are listed throughout this report.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AWARD

**Dayton's Bluff
Vacant Building Home Tour**

*Dayton's Bluff Vacant Building Committee
Saint Paul Association of Realtors*



RESTORATION/REHABILITATION AWARDS

**Gardner Row
89-97 Leech Street**

*Gardner Row Association
Good News Construction
Historic Saint Paul*

**Stick Style House
99 Mackubin Street**

Daniel Weber

**P.A. Anderburg House
855 Ashland Avenue**

*Lalin and Doreen Theverapperuma
Martin Renovation Group*

DESIGN REVIEW

The HPC protects buildings and districts designated for heritage preservation by reviewing all building permits and other exterior work for these areas. The HPC works with property owners to ensure that exterior changes are compatible with the original architectural design and materials of the buildings. The Commission has published design review guidelines for each district which facilitate the review of projects. The HPC also advises the City Council and Mayor on city-sponsored projects which will affect historic districts and sites.

The HPC reviewed 348 applications during 2009, twenty-three less than the 371 applications reviewed in 2008. Twenty-five were reviewed by the Commission and 323 were reviewed and approved by staff. The HPC also conducted three pre-application reviews for new construction or rehabilitation projects, eleven historic resource reviews, and three after-the-fact reviews.

Of the total applications reviewed, only two were denied by the HPC. An HPC decision can be appealed to the City Council by an applicant or other party, and for the fiscal year 2009, only one decision was appealed. The City Council upheld, but modified, the HPC decision. This low denial rate demonstrates the Commission's desire and ability to work with applicants to reach compatible solutions while upholding historic design standards.

| Applications Reviewed by Type | STAFF | HPC | TOTALS |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| New Construction/Alteration Permits | 49 | 14 | 63 |
| Repair/Rehabilitation Permits | 191 | 4 | 195 |
| Fence/Retaining Wall Permits | 31 | 2 | 33 |
| Mechanical Permits | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| Sign/Awning Permits | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| Stucco Permits | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Demolition Permits | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Infrastructure | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 323* | 25 | 348 |

| Applications Reviewed by District | STAFF | HPC | TOTALS |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|------------|
| Dayton's Bluff | 74 | 4 | 78 |
| Historic Hill | 141 | 10 | 151 |
| Irvine Park | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Lowertown | 21 | 2 | 23 |
| Summit Avenue West | 48 | 3 | 51 |
| University-Raymond | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Individual Sites | 23 | 2 | 25 |

* Primary permit type counted. Application may have more than one type reviewed.



SURVEY & DESIGNATION

The HPC did not add any properties to the survey or propose sites to the City Council for local designation. The HPC commented favorably on two properties proposed for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the Minnesota Building at 46 Forth Street East and the O'Donnell Shoe Co. Building at 509 Sibley Street.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS & STAFF

Officers during the 2009 calendar year were Commissioner Manning, serving as Chair; Commissioner Igo, serving as Vice-Chair; and Commissioner Trout-Oertel, serving as Secretary. Commissioner Trimble served as a representative of the Ramsey County Historical Society Board and the three registered architects were Commissioners Faricy, Meyer and Trout-Oertel. The commission said goodbye to five members: Faricy, Foote, Kralicek, Larson and Wilsey.

Two new members joined the commission last year: Sherry Enzler and David Riehle. Ms. Enzler is an attorney specializing in environmental, land use, and natural resources issues and a research fellow in the Department of Forest Studies at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Riehle has spoken and written extensively on St Paul labor and working class history and is the principal author of the St Paul Labor History Map.

Amy Spong and Christine Boulware, who continue to serve as staff to the HPC, moved from the Department of Safety & Inspections to Planning and Economic Development in June. Staff and Commissioners Carey, Manning, and Trout-Oertel attended and participated in the 29th Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska on September 17 and 18. This year's theme was "Preserve Minnesota - Preserving History, Conserving Energy". Staff and Commissioner Carey also participated in the Historic Saint Paul panel discussion on Conservation Districts.

EDUCATION & POLICY

Teaching Saint Paul's residents and visitors about the City's heritage through historic buildings and the urban environment is an ongoing commitment of the Heritage Preservation Commission. The HPC also seeks to improve upon public policies to respond to the ever evolving field of historic preservation.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARDS

Saint Paul Historic Preservation Plan

*The 106 Group
Stark Preservation Planning LLC
City of Saint Paul, Historic Preservation
Plan Task Force*

Rocky Roots: Geology and Stone Construction in Downtown Saint Paul

*Ramsey County Historical Society
Paul Nelson
Sister Joan Kain*



NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADDITION AWARDS

Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church 217 Mackubin Street

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Perry Bolin, Architect
Flannery Construction*

Western Row Condominiums 80 Western Avenue North

*The Wall Companies
BKV Group
BOR-SON Construction, Inc.
BOLD Marketing*

STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Lookout Park 418 Summit Avenue

*J. Buxell Architecture, Ltd.
Lookout Park Partnership:
Public Art Saint Paul
Ramsey Hill Association
Summit Hill Association
Summit Avenue Residential
Preservation Association
St. Paul Dept. of Parks and Recreation*



**CITY OF SAINT PAUL
CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN,
MAYOR**

The Heritage Preservation Commission is staffed by the Department of Planning and Economic Development

Cecile Bedor, *Director*
Donna Drummond, *Planning Director*

**2009 HERITAGE
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Members:

- John Manning, *Chair*
- Pat Igo, *Vice Chair*
- Diane Trout-Oertel, AIA, *Secretary*
- Carol Carey
- Sherry Enzler
- Richard Faricy, FAIA
- April Haas
- Carole Kralicek
- Paul Larson
- Lee Meyer, AIA
- David Riehle
- Mark S. Thomas, MD
- Steve Trimble

Staff:

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- Christine Boulware

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**ORGANIZATIONAL
SUMMARY**

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) serves as an advisory body to the Mayor and the City Council on municipal heritage preservation matters. It was created by city ordinance in 1976 to protect and promote the heritage of the City of Saint Paul. The Commission consists of thirteen voting members who are residents of Saint Paul and are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. One of the members is a representative of the Ramsey County Historical Society and at present three of the members are professionally registered architects.

The City of Saint Paul is a Certified Local Government (CLG) in the national Historic Preservation Program. The City is certified as having a heritage preservation commission and program that meets federal and state standards. Saint Paul's status as a CLG confirms its commitment to support a qualified heritage preservation commission, maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties, enforce appropriate state and local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties and provide for public participation in its preservation program.



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**This annual report for the
Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)
for the fiscal year 1 October 2008—30 September 2009,
has been prepared according to the guidelines outlined in
“Procedures for Applying For and
Maintaining Certified Local Government Status (CLG).”
CLG Status is administered by the
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
for the National Park Service.**