

SAINT PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

A LOOK BACK AT 2010

HPC PROMOTES REDEVELOPMENT OF SCHMIDT BREWERY THROUGH DESIGNATION

Saint Paul was awarded a \$7,000 Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund grant to hire historian, Paul Clifford Larson, to prepare the nomination for the local designation of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company Historic District for approval by the City Council. Certification of the district by the National Park Service will allow for use of federal and state historic tax credits for rehabilitation and redevelopment of several brewery structures.

THE DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2009-2010 Façade Program encouraged appropriate improvements to historic buildings in downtown Saint Paul in order to highlight the city's rich architectural heritage as well as maintain and enhance the vibrancy of the downtown area. Applications went through an HPC design review process and staff worked with building owners to insure compliance with design guidelines. In 2010 the HPC reviewed and ranked proposals and submitted funding recommendations to the City Council for three applications.

SAINT PAUL 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council on February 24th, 2010. For the first time, the City's Comprehensive Plan includes a chapter that is devoted entirely to historic preservation and planning for the future of Saint Paul's historic resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

In 2010 Saint Paul HPC staff reviewed several Section 106 requests for properties that received funding through the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). HPC staff commented on installations of solar arrays in fourteen Saint Paul locations participating in the Solar America Cities Program.

HPC Commissioners and staff served on multiple committees in 2010. Commissioner Trimble was appointed to the 3M Advisory Committee, while HPC staff served on both the 3M Historic Preservation Work Group and the 3M Design Work Group. The HPC also assisted in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding as a consulting party for the demolition of the Public Safety Building and participated as a Section 106 consulting party on the Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit Center project.

PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Heritage Preservation Commission, in collaboration with the Saint Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), held the 20th Annual Heritage Preservation Awards Ceremony on May 18th, 2010, in the Saint Paul City Hall Ramsey County Courthouse. Nine awards were presented to individuals or organizations for their efforts to preserve historic buildings or to enhance the historic character of Saint Paul. Award recipients are listed throughout this report.

NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADDITION AWARD



Sitzmann Hall

2055 Summit Avenue West
University of Saint Thomas,
Center for Catholic Studies
Anderson Dale Architects, Inc.
McGough Construction

CULTURAL HERITAGE AWARD
Subterranean Twin Cities
University of Minnesota Press
Greg Brick

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ADAPTIVE REUSE AWARD

Municipal Elevator Head and Sack House

Saint Paul Housing and
Redevelopment Authority
Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation
Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle
Frerichs Construction Company
The 106 Group Ltd.
Blue Rhino Studio

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AWARDS



Save the Victoria Theatre

District 7 Planning Council
Kurt Gegenhuber
The New Victoria Theatre Project
Hai Truong



Dayton's Bluff Historic District Houses

Various addresses

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 422 applications during 2010, seventy-four more than the 348 applications reviewed in 2009. Forty-three were reviewed by the Commission and 379 were reviewed and approved by staff. The HPC also conducted six pre-application reviews for new construction or rehabilitation projects, and six after-the-fact reviews.

Of the total applications reviewed, ten 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 2010, five decisions were appealed. The City Council upheld two of the HPC decisions and overturned the remaining three.

Applications Reviewed by Type*	STAFF	HPC	TOTALS
New Construction/Alteration Permits	49	26	75
Repair/Rehabilitation Permits	259	5	264
Fence/Retaining Wall Permits	23	0	23
Mechanical Permits	31	0	31
Sign/Awning Permits	11	5	16
Stucco Permits	5	1	6
Demolition Permits	1	3	4
Infrastructure	0	3	3
TOTALS	379	43	422

Applications Reviewed by District	STAFF	HPC	TOTALS
Dayton's Bluff	66	10	76
Historic Hill	206	14	220
Irvine Park	16	1	17
Lowertown	14	6	20
Summit Avenue West	46	4	50
University-Raymond	5	6	11
Individual Sites	26	2	28

*The primary permit type counted. An application may have more than one permit type reviewed.

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SURVEY & DESIGNATION

The HPC did not add any properties to the survey or make recommendations 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 Sam S. Shubert Theatre and the Shubert Building at 10 Exchange Street East and 488 Wabasha Street North.

Begun in 2009, HPC staff continued conducting initial surveys of Category III Vacant Buildings slated for repair or removal. HPC staff surveyed approximately fifty properties and made recommendations to the Legislative Hearing Officer based on their historic preservation potential.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS & STAFF

Officers during the 2010 calendar year were Commissioner Manning, serving as Chair; Commissioner Igo, serving as Vice-Chair; and Commissioner Mazanec, serving as Secretary. Commissioner Trimble served as a representative of the Ramsey County Historical Society Board and the three registered architects were Commissioners Laffin, Meyer and Trout-Oertel.

The commission said goodbye to three members: Carol Carey, Sherry Enzler, and April Haas. Three new members joined the commission last year: Robert Ferguson, Jennifer Haskamp and Richard Laffin.

Amy Spong and Christine Boulware continued to serve as staff to the HPC. Staff and Commissioner Ferguson attended the 30th Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in Winona on September 16th and 17th. This year's theme was "A Time to Celebrate!"

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 in response to the ever evolving field of historic preservation. Ms. Boulware participated in a Breakfast with a Preservationist panel discussion on "The Future of Preservation."

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD



Eastside Heritage Park

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
District Councils 5, 4, 2 and
Lower Phalen Creek Project
Thorbeck Architects
Lane Design Group, Inc.
SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
Copeland Building Corporation
Kaufman Sign Company

RESTORATION/REHABILITATION AWARDS

783 Carroll Avenue

Jean Schroepper
Glenn Heise
William Davis

529 Holly Avenue

George Pfeifer

PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL AWARD



Richard T. Faricy, FAIA

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN,
MAYOR

The Heritage Preservation
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2010 HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Matt Mazanec, Secretary
Robert Ferguson
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Jennifer Haskamp
Lee Meyer, AIA
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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 2009—30 September 2010,
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.