

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Online *MS Teams* Meeting
November 16, 2020**

Present: Paul Nelson, David Wagner, Teresa Kimker, Joseph Peroutka, Steve George, Barbara Bezat

Absent: Leetta Douglas, Stuart MacDonald, Robert Lubke

Staff Present: George Gause, Allison Suhan Eggers

Number of Public in Call: 16

I. Call to Order 3:30pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda

*Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *None*

IV. Minutes

*Minutes for October 19, 2020 HPC meeting and November 2, 2020 Survey & Designation Committee were reviewed. Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0***

V. Public Hearing

A. 777 6th Street East; Siding and Window Work (Gause)

Applicant

Without aluminum ramp it is difficult to stop rot

Will use blue color with white trim

There was a misunderstanding with siding I thought I had the OK on the permit

Testimony

How will round feature on side of the house be covered with fiberboard

This is a continued problem property

Concerned with cement fiber board, original wood was on the house

Windows should be replicated with original wood windows

Need to respect the rules and the ordinance

The property should be put back the way it was

It is a painted lady with dragon scale shingles

There were multiple times that neighbors asked to stop removing the siding

Commissioners

We need to add to the conditions no aluminum wrap on windows or trim

Paint colors should be similar to historic houses in the area

Strongly suggest using historic colors on this property

What should siding on the curve be shingles?

Can they replicate shingles with cement fiberboard?

Should we look at the cost differences between wood and cement fiberboard?

There are many different sustainable, maintenance free materials that replicate historic materials we need to promote those.

Issued permit is an issue

We need to work at an acceptable compromise since something was written from the city that indicates approval

I move to approve the application for replacement of siding and windows at 777 6th Street East as per the findings of fact and condition in the draft resolution, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report and amending the draft resolution that there will be no metal wrapping of windows, eaves, soffits, etc. also that it is revised that the applicant investigate appropriate trim as related to other restored residences on Keller Row to replicate the decorative shingle materials on the rounded bay.

Commissioner Bezat amended her motion to encourage the applicant to investigate historic period paint colors or selections that contain two or three colors from the appropriate time period. Blue and white is not compatible with this time period or row of residences. Commissioner George accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Nelson proposed an amendment to required that the features that were destroyed with the removal of the siding, must be faithfully replicated. Commissioner Bezat and George accepted the amendment.

Motion passed 5-0.

B. 1498 Summit; New Construction (Suhan-Eggers)

Commissioners:

Are metal roofs compatible

Is metal an approved material in the guidelines?

Distance between houses seems narrower than typical

Guidelines do discuss distance between buildings

It is a buildable lot according to the city

Is the garage setback from the alley similar to that of others on the alley?

While there are a large number of windows on the front façade, they do help break up the massing of the structure.

Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the draft resolution which approves construction of the new single-family residence at 1498 Summit Avenue as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report. Commissioner George seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-1 (Nelson).

VI. Business

A. 2021 HP Staff Workplan-Draft (Gause)

PED-HP staff work Plan for 2021 was discussed.

We should add something on training commissioners

The virtual items are an opportunity to engage with communities

This is very good that we are inserting ourselves positively into various city work

VII. Adjourn 6:11pm