

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
Online MS Teams Meeting  
May 3, 2021**

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**Present:** Teresa Kimker, Barbara Bezat, Stuart MacDonald, Joseph Peroutka, Steve George, Leetta Douglas

**Absent:** Robert Lubke, David Wagner, Paul Nelson

**Staff Present:** George Gause, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan-Eggers

**Number of Public in Call:** 4

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**I. Call to Order** 3:42pm

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.***

**III. Conflicts of Interest** *None*

**IV. Minutes**

Minutes for March 22, 2021 HPC Meeting were reviewed along with the minutes for April 19, 2021 HPC Education & Outreach Committee meeting.

*Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner Douglas seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0***

**V. Business**

**A. 170 Western Avenue South**

Consultation and comment for Winslow Commons proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) a new four story, multifamily apartment building providing 47 units of affordable senior housing. The SHPO recommended that the HPC be contacted for comments.

Commissioner Comments

*How do the Section 8 vouchers work?*

*Does another property lose its vouchers?*

*Some of the research should have follow-up.*

*Commissioner Bezat moved that the HPC concurs with the finding of No Adverse Effect for 170 Western Avenue South as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.***

**B. Commission Discussion: Justice and Equity in Historic Preservation**

A virtual research symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland: School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation. The symposium highlights historic preservation research and activism centered on advancing justice and equity.

Commissioner Comments

*Where does the disabled community fit in with historic preservation?*

*The term public history needs to be better defined.*

*Our common preservation language can't be focused in academia, it can't be jargon.*

*It is necessary to have a high-level survey.  
Saint Paul needs to establish a group of grassroots preservationists.  
Need to reach out to underrepresented communities.  
We need to think about cultivating interesting ideas for participation.  
The focus needs to move off of a singular culture.  
Need to increase our education and outreach initiatives.  
Creatively think how to represent cultures that may not have a physical structures.  
We should consider a follow up listening session.  
The narratives of common workers should also be important to history.  
Work should focus on recognition of sites that are not Eurocentric.*

**V. Adjourn 4:30pm**

The meeting recording is available on the City of Saint Paul YouTube site, under the playlists tab-HPC.