

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
Online *MS Teams* Meeting  
May 17, 2021**

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**Present:** Teresa Kimker, Barbara Bezat, Stuart MacDonald, Joseph Peroutka, Steve George, Paul Nelson, Leetta Douglas (joined at 3:37)

**Absent:** Robert Lubke, David Wagner

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

**Number of Public in Call:** 3

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**I. Call to Order** 3:31 pm

**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 May 3, 2021 HPC Meeting were reviewed.

*Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-1-0** (Nelson abstained-was not a meeting)*

Commissioner Douglas joins meeting.

**V. Business**

**A. 966 Mississippi Blvd.**

The development of Emma Norton Residence 2.0 on the Ford redevelopment site to create new permanent supportive housing. Project includes acquisition of a parcel of vacant land and new construction of a five-story, mid-rise, mixed-use building with underground parking.

Commissioner Comments

*Would this be the primary site for Emma Norton?*

*How many will this facility serve?*

*This is a great project.*

*Commissioner Bezat moved that due to a lack of area historic resources and that the Ford site has been previously cleared, the commission does not anticipate that the land acquisition and construction would have a direct, indirect, or cumulative effect on potential historic resources. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.***

**B. Commission Discussion: Saint Paul Stories event**

The Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission's Education and Outreach Committee has discussed hosting virtual preservation events this year. Heritage Preservation staff propose that the HPC host weekly "Saint Paul Preservation Stories" for the month of June. The goal is to host one new topic a week for the public to learn about different aspects of historic preservation in the City.

Possible topics include:

- The use of historic tax credits at Customs House and Euclid Flats
- The development of Keg & Case
- Debut of Heritage Preservation videos created to help the public plan projects in local historic districts and explain what the HPC does.
- An HPC virtual listening session (HPC can discuss a possible focus for this)

Commissioner Comments

*Timeline should slide to July.*

*This should focus on HPC sites and districts only.*

*Highland Water Tower could be a future topic.*

*Staff will assist with conversations, but this is mostly commissioners.*

*Presentation should focus on the HPC involvement.*

**V. Adjourn 4:20pm**

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