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Date: April 8, 2024  
To: Heritage Preservation Commission  
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Re: Public Comment for Section 106 CB Ford Site II (2260 Bohland Avenue)

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### **SECTION 106 PROCESS**

Throughout the Section 106 review process, agencies utilizing federal funds must consider the public's views. This is particularly important when an agency is trying to identify historic properties that might be affected by a project and is considering ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate harm to them. Agencies must give the public a chance to learn about the project and provide their views regarding what properties are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, how the proposed project may affect them, and/or any important properties that the public believes have been overlooked or incorrectly evaluated.

Consultation does not mandate a specific outcome. Rather, it is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the public's views about how project effects on historic properties should be handled.

### **BACKGROUND**

The proposed CB Ford Site II project will involve the new construction of a four-story, 60-unit apartment building for seniors. The proposed development will be comprised of 54 one-bedroom units and 6 two-bedroom units. Seven of the units will be set aside for High Priority Homeless (HPH) individuals. Income and rent limits will be restricted to 30% and 50% of Area Median Income. The proposed design will cater to the needs of future residents and the topography of the land. The building's density will be oriented along Bohland Avenue and Mount Curve to activate the street and allow first-floor walkout opportunities for residents to local amenities. The first floor will be designed to show active uses, with a community room located at the building's most prominent corner. With the land sloping down from east to west, the access point for the underground parking will be located on the west side of the building at the low point of the site.

### **HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS**

As part of the Certified Local Government (CLG) contract between the City of Saint Paul and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the HPC can review and comment on proposals that utilize federal funds and provide an opportunity for public comment. HPC's comment is focused on the project's effects on the historic heritage of the city.

**HPC will take no action. The HPC may give comments if they choose.**

**Anyone from the public may comment for the record.**

**Comments are forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).**

**For more information about the Section 106 process visit:**

**<https://www.achp.gov/citizens-guide-section-106-review>**

