

SAINT PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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House of Hope Presbyterian Church
797 Summit Avenue

Restoration Award

Roof Spec, Inc.

Laura Faucher, Architect

Meyer Borgman Johnson

Berwald Roofing

Building Restoration Corporation



Union Depot
214 East Fourth Street

Rehabilitation Award

Ramsey Country Regional Railroad Authority

HGA Architects and Engineers

Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners

URS

Mortenson Construction

Luken Architecture

RRTL Architects



Karin DuPaul

Professional/Volunteer Award

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.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DISTRICT

STAFF REVIEWED

187

56

46

20

17

11

5

HPC REVIEWED

16

7

6

5

3

1

1

Historic Hill

Dayton's Bluff

Irvine Park

Lowertown

Individual Sites

Summit Ave. West

University-Raymond

Jackson Street Shops

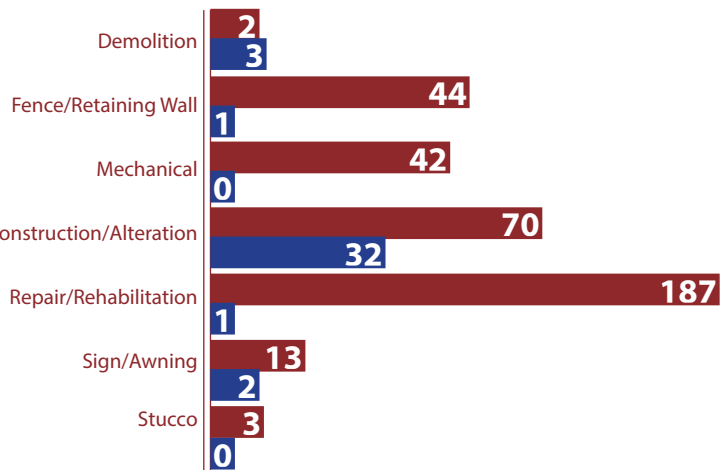
The HPC reviewed 381 applications during 2014, 14 more than the 367 applications reviewed in 2013. A total of 39 (3 after-the-fact) were reviewed by the Commission and 342 (22 after-the-fact) were reviewed and approved by staff. The HPC conducted six pre-application reviews. One historic resource review was completed for 838-840 Goodrich which is a Category III Vacant Building and identified as a potential historic resource.

Of the total applications (39) reviewed by the HPC, seven were denied by the HPC. Three of those denied were appealed to the City Council who in turn overturned two. One has not been brought before the council yet at the request of the property owner.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY TYPE*

Staff Reviewed

HPC Reviewed



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

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Francis M. Finch House
839 Osceola Avenue

Stewardship Award

Brian and Robin Belisle

David Heide Design Studio

Next Level Renovation

SPOTLIGHT ON DESIGN REVIEW

In 2010, the State of Minnesota passed a 20 percent tax credit for qualified historic rehabilitation projects. The state credit is similar to the 20 percent federal tax credit in that projects must meet the Secretary of Interior's standards for rehabilitation. The enactment of the state credit has since stimulated rehabilitation projects all over the state, and Saint Paul has been no exception.

During 2014, the HPC allowed for public comment and commented on four National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations which were for Euclid View Flats (234-238 Bates Avenue), Minnesota Milk Company Building (370 University Avenue West), the expansion of the National Register boundary of the Saint Paul Union Depot (214 Fourth Street East), and the United States Post Office and Custom House (180 East Kellogg Blvd.).

The HPC also conducted telecom review for 79 Western Avenue, 612 Selby Avenue, 1065 Summit Avenue, and the Verizon Downtown Small Cell Network.



Great Houses of Summit Avenue and the Hill District

Cultural Heritage Award

Karen Melvin, Bette Hammel, Paul Clifford Larson, Dave Kenney, Melinda Nelson, Garrison Keillor, Ellen Green, Shari Wilsey

PLANNING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Heritage Preservation Awards: The Heritage Preservation Commission, in collaboration with the Saint Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), held the 24th Annual Heritage Preservation Awards Ceremony in May 20, 2014, in the Saint Paul City Hall Ramsey County Court House. Six awards were presented to individuals or organizations for their efforts to preserve historic buildings or to enhance the historic character of Saint Paul. The awards included recognition of Karin DuPaul for the Professional/Volunteer Award, the Restoration Award for House of Hope Presbyterian Church, the Stewardship Award for the Francis M. Finch House, the Adaptive Reuse Award for the Frank and Anna Shepard House, and the Rehabilitation Award for Union Depot. Award recipients are highlighted throughout this report.

Preservation 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 to respond to the ever evolving field of historic preservation. Chair Laffin spoke to the Ramsey Hill Association in November while Amy Spong educated new council member Dao Thao in Ward 1 on preservation in January. She also lectured on preservation and design review for SARPA in February, and led a walking tour of historic Lowertown for a Preservation & Sustainability course for the University of Minnesota in April. Christine Boulware taught an Old Home Certified course for the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) in July.



Frank and Anna Shepard House

325 Dayton Avenue

Adaptive Reuse Award

Andy and Whitney Blessing

325 Dayton LLC

The New Victorian Mansion Bed & Breakfast

A-Squared Design + Build + Remodel

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN,
MAYOR

The Heritage Preservation Commission is staffed by the Department of Planning and Economic Development
Jonathan Sage- Martinson, *Director*
Donna Drummond, *Planning Director*

2014 HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioners:

Richard Dana, Chair
Matt Hill, Vice Chair
Renee Hutter Barnes, Secretary
Barbara Bezat
Robert Ferguson
Michael Justin
William Lightner
Matt Mazanec
Amy Meller, AIA
David Riehle
Steve Trimble, RCHS
Diane Trout-Oertel, AIA
David Wagner, AIA

Outgoing:

Richard Laffin

Staff:

Amy Spong
Christine Boulware
Bill Dermody

Interns:

Renee Cohn
John Beaty
Allison Suhan

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS & STAFF

Officers during the 2014 calendar year were Commissioner Dana, serving as Chair; Commissioner Hill, serving as Vice-Chair; and Commissioner Hutter Barnes, serving as Secretary. Commissioner Trimble served as a representative of the Ramsey County Historical Society Board and the three registered architects were Commissioners Meller, Trout-Oertel and Wagner. The commission said goodbye to commissioner and Chair Richard Laffin and welcomed Commissioner Meller. Amy Spong and Christine Boulware continue to serve as staff to the HPC. Ms. Spong attended the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum in Philadelphia, PA in July. Commissioners Justin and Meller participated in the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) which was hosted by the City of Faribault in August. Commissioner Ferguson and Ms. Boulware attended the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) conference held in conjunction with the Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in Saint Paul in September.

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.

This annual report for the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) for the fiscal year 1 October 2013-30 September 2014, 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.



A Look Back at Saint Paul's National Register Nominations of 2014...



Minnesota Milk Company Building
NHRP Nomination



Euclid View Flats
NHRP Nomination



United States Post Office and Custom House
NHRP Nomination

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