



2020 Fiscal Year-Annual Report to the State Historic Preservation Office

[In accordance with CLG requirement III.E.1 and III.E.2.f]

Organizational Summary:

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) serves as an advisory body to the Saint Paul 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 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 three of the members are 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 is the annual report for the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and has been prepared according to the guidelines outlined in "*Procedures for Applying for and Maintaining Certified Local Government Status (CLG).*"

Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commissioners [III.E.2.c]

Below is a list of the current roster (2020) of commissioners including their area of interest or expertise.

Chair: Teresa Kimker

Vice Chair: Steve George

Barbara Bezat

Leetta Douglas

Rob Sebo Lubke

Stuart MacDonald (*Architect*)

Paul Nelson (*RCHS*)

Joseph H. Peroutka

David Wagner (*Architect*)

Outgoing Commissioners:

Richard Dana

Michael Justin

Bill Lightner

Casie Radford (resigned August 2020)

Incoming Commissioners:

None



BARBARA BEZAT – Appointed in 2013 - term expires 2020 - Email: bbeza03@gmail.com
2395 Benson Avenue, Unit 102, St. Paul 55116 3 Ward 15 District Council
Born in Minneapolis, MN, Ms. Bezat adopted St. Paul as her hometown in 1974. After completing two years at Macalester College in St. Paul, she was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1974 with a B.A. in Russian Area Studies. She began working in the Northwest Architectural Archives (NAA) in 1978 as a returning student and was hired to provide research for a publication detailing the process of researching a building, *Drafting a House History*. Once that project was complete, she remained at the NAA as a continuing employee to provide reference, collection processing (including the Liebenberg & Kaplan Papers, and the Papers of William Gray Purcell), and other professional duties. While at the NAA she taught one class session per semester of "Historic Preservation: Materials and Techniques" for the College of Design. Ms. Bezat retired as Curator of the NAA in 2014. She currently also serves as the Board Secretary of the Minnesota Society of Architectural Historians (MNSAH). She has provided research for several NHRP nominations, Local Designations (St. Paul), and an Historic Structures report for Macdonald Mack Architects with Rolf Anderson. She has also worked as Project Archivist for 6 MN Historical and Cultural Heritage grants.

LEETTA DOUGLAS Appointed in 2018 - term expires 2021 - Email: lmdouglas20@msn.com
730 Fuller Avenue, St. Paul 55104 1 Ward 8 District Council
Leetta Douglas enjoyed giving back to her community. She has been active on the board of Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation for 21 years and is the current Board Chair. She is an architectural designer and a retired educator with a degree in Environmental Design and a master's in education. Ms. Douglas was born and raised in the Historic Rondo Community.

STEVE GEORGE – Appointed in 2017 - term expires 2022 - Email: sdgeorge@comcast.net
493 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul 55117 5 Ward 6 District Council
Steve George, a native Minnesotan, has lived in St. Paul since 1992, first in Historic Lowertown until 1998 when he moved to his present address. He has been involved in construction and remodeling for the past 38 years and continues to consult with several remodeling companies and homeowners throughout the metro area. He has a BA in History & Political Science from the University of Jamestown (ND) and a ML (Master of Librarianship) from Emporia State University(KS). While in remodeling he was the General Manager of a company that did extensive work in historic restoration in the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District and the Summit Avenue West Heritage Preservation District as well as other historic areas of St. Paul. Mr. George has given seminars and written numerous articles regarding the remodeling business.

TERESA KIMKER – Appointed in 2017 - term expires Dec 2022 - Email: tkimker@nilanjohnson.com
1309 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul 55104 1 Ward 13 District Council
Terri Kimker has lived in Saint Paul for most of her adult life and has been in her home in the Lex-Ham neighborhood for more than twenty years. She has a B. A. in history from the University of Minnesota, where she wrote her senior thesis on the migration of African-Americans from the South to Saint Paul in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. She later graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and practiced law for more than thirty years. Now mostly retired, Terri has turned more of her attention to her original passion for history and, in particular, Saint Paul history. In addition to preserving Saint Paul's important architectural heritage, Terri has a keen interest in preserving the cultural artifacts and historical memory of the many communities who have called Saint Paul home.



ROB SEBO LUBKE Appointed in 2019 - term expires 2021 - Email: orville76@gmail.com
825 Johnson Parkway, St. Paul 55106 6 Ward 4 District Council
Robert has an avid interest in Minnesota history, in particular late 19th and early 20th century Mississippi River corridor development. A 23 Year Member City of Winona, Minnesota HPC which he served as the chair for 14 Years, he is experienced with Department of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation and has extensive experience working with property owners in historic districts, coordinating with SHPO on preservation initiatives and in developing community education efforts to support historic preservation.

STUART MACDONALD Appointed in 2017 - term expires 2022 - Email: stuartm@mmarchltd.com
1184 Saint Clair Avenue, St. Paul 55105 3 Ward 14 District Council
Stuart MacDonald is a 37-year resident of Saint Paul and principal at MacDonald and Mack Architects. Stuart co-founded MacDonald & Mack in 1976 and has served as principal-in-charge for preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, residential design, and HABS/HAER survey projects of all sizes. He is particularly knowledgeable in American building technology. Stuart previously served as the director of a Pennsylvania-based architectural preservation firm, and from 1971 to 1973, as historical architect with the National Park Service at Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he participated in the restoration of the State House of the Province of Pennsylvania (Independence Hall), the Second Bank of the United States, and Benjamin Franklin Court. His past projects have encompassed a broad array of building types including residences, commercial and governmental structures, ammunition plants, lighthouses, and even claim shanties, variously dating from the late 17th through mid-20th century and have ranged geographically, over forty states in all. His projects have featured a variety of building technologies, both archaic and modern. Most projects have been listed in local, state, and national historic registers with work being governed and guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

PAUL NELSON Appointed in 2019 - term expires 2021 - Email: ashland1661@gmail.com
1661 Ashland Street, St. Paul 55104 4 Ward 13 District Council
Born and raised in Ohio's Connecticut Western Reserve, PN has lived in St. Paul's Merriam Park neighborhood for nearly 50 years. An amateur historian, he is the author of two books, Fredrick L. McGhee, *A Life on the Color Line*, and (with the late Sister Joan Kain) *Rocky Roots: Geology and Stone in Construction in Downtown St. Paul*; over 20 articles of local history published mainly in *Ramsey County History* and *Minnesota History* magazines; and more than 40 entries in the Minnesota Historical Society's MNopedia project. He is the Ramsey County Historical Society's nominee to the HPC and a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

JOSEPH H. PEROUTKA Appointed in 2017 - term expires 2022 - Email: pero0004@umn.edu
350 Saint Peter Street, Unit 905, St. Paul 55102 2 Ward 17 District Council
Joe Peroutka was born and raised in Saint Paul and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He has a passion for public sculpture, social history and American vernacular architecture. Currently he resides at the former Lowry Medical Arts building (Kees and Colburn, 1912) where he has dreamed of living since he visited the Frank Murphy dress shop there as a child.



DAVID WAGNER - Appointed in 2011 - term expires 2020 - Email: dwagner@salaarc.com
1049 Linwood Avenue, St. Paul 55105 2 Ward 16 District Council

David is a principal and owner of SALA Architects, a Twin Cities based firm with broad experience in both residential and institutional design. David received a BS in Architecture and a BA in Architecture from Washington State University in 1993. David is a member of the American Institute of Architects, is NCARB certified, and is a registered architect in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Washington State. Prior to joining SALA Architects, David worked for several Seattle area firms noted for their regionally sensitive design work including Cutler Anderson Architects, The Henry Klein Partnership, Olson Kundig Architects, and NBBJ.

Local Designation [III.E.2.a]

Designation: None

Design Review [III.E.2.b]

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and its staff review, approve or deny, permits for exterior work on designated heritage preservation sites and in designated historic districts. Based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the Commission and staff utilize the design guidelines (Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 74) to provide a framework for making consistent decisions.

HPC Design Reviews - 24 reviews, 1 City Council appeal, 9 pre-applications

Staff Design Reviews – 199 administrative reviews (average 380 per year)

Certified Local Government (CLG) Reviews: 4

Legislative Hearing Nuisance Abatement HPC reviews: 4

Recommendations to Planning Director for lot splits or boundary adjustments: 2

Recommendations to City Departments: 4

Historic Use Variances - 0

As per Saint Paul Legislative Ordinance Chapter 73, an HPC decision can be appealed to the Saint Paul City Council by an applicant or other party. For the fiscal year 2020, one decision was appealed to Saint Paul the City Council.

National Register Nomination Comments [III.E.2.d]

Hope Engine Company #3, 1 South Leech Street, Saint Paul, MN

Inventoried Properties within Saint Paul City Limits [III.E.2.e]

Local District parcels: 2,149

Local Individual sites: 70

State District parcels: 3,029

State Individual parcels: 15

National District parcels: 1,886

National Individual parcels: 111

Surveyed parcels (not within any of the above): 4,553

The HPC maintains a digital record inventory of each locally designated property, categorized either by its specific historic district or as an individual site with information about each property. The inventory is located on the City of Saint Paul servers.



CLG Reviews [III.E.2.g]

FTA Gold Line Programmatic Agreement
FTA Rush Line Section 106

Survey [III.E.2.g]

Context: SPFD Engine Houses 1869-1930 Historic Context

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Review [III.E.2.g]

Historic EAW inquiries (that go no further) - 74
Historic EAW threshold determinations – 2
Historic EAW reviews – 0

Education & Outreach [III.E.2.g]

HPC roundtable/retreat on bias and exclusion in historic preservation (8/24)
Saint Paul Legislative Hearings Involvement (continual)
Commission in the Community: Dayton’s Bluff Historic District Listening Session (11/7)
Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Week planning (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Other Significant Projects or Activities [III.E.2.g]

Created and implemented paperless office and meeting policy/procedure
Created HPC Virtual/Online Meeting process and procedure
Participated in architecture and history study for Allianz Field development
Conducted *Statewide Preservation Plan Meeting in a Box*
Staff member presented at the 2019 *Green Conservation of Cultural Heritage Conference* in Porto, Portugal
3 HPC commissioners attended the 2019 *Statewide Historic Preservation Conference*
2 staff members attended the 2020 *Statewide Historic Preservation Conference*
3 staff and 2 Commissioners attended *Dismantle Preservation Virtual Unconference*
3 staff and 1 Commissioner attended the 2020 *NAPC Forum Conference*

Commission Meeting Cancellations

November 4 HPC meeting – No applications
December 30 HPC Meeting – No applications
March 23 HPC meeting – COVID-19 City closure
April 6 HPC meeting – COVID-19 City closure
May 5 HPC meeting – No applications
June 1 HPC meeting – No applications
June 15 HPC meeting – No applications
June 29 HPC meeting – No applications
July 13 HPC meeting– No applications
July 27 HPC meeting– No applications
August 10 HPC meeting– No applications

Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Staff:

George Gause, Heritage Preservation Supervisor
Christine Boulware, Historic Preservation Specialist
Allison Suhan-Eggers, Senior Historic Preservation Planner