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SAINT PAUL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2040

Saint Paul Planning Committee

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Agenda

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- **Brief overview of process to date**
- **Engagement**
- **Comparison of 2010 to today**
- **Goals**
- **Discussion of draft goals/policies**
- **Next steps**

PRESERVATION CHAPTER DRAFTING PROCESS



- Public priorities and issues
- Staff issues
- City Council/Planning Commission/HPC issues
- Current Comp Plan



- Implementation focus
- Usability
- Research guidance
- Staff Team review
 - HPC, PED, Parks, PW staff



- Heritage Preservation Commission review (HPC Chapter)
- Comprehensive Planning Committee review

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- First-ever for Saint Paul
- Official policy as part of the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2010
- State law requires a provision for protecting historic sites in the plan
- The 106 Group served as the consultant alongside a Planning Commission-appointed 17-member task force, working with a cross-disciplinary core team.



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Key Trends 2007-2010:

- Broadened definition of preservation
- Increased focus on sustainability
- Increased awareness of our place in history
- Awareness of economic development as a key tool
- Awareness of the city's role in education

Facts:

- Seventy one (71) pages
- Seven (7) strategies with
- Seventy (70) policies
- Most policies' topics are relevant, may need evaluation of the "methods"
- Very thorough

WHAT WE HEARD

Historic Preservation

- **Most HPC-coded comments came from events in:**
 - Payne-Phalen (District 5)
 - Thomas-Dale/Frogtown (District 7)
 - Summit-University (District 8)
 - Capitol River Council (District 17)
- **Most HPC-coded comments aligned with values around:**
 - Urban design
 - Economic development
 - Racial and social equity
 - Aging in community
 - Community engagement

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➤ Ideas:

- Preservation and expansion of housing in Railroad Island
- Minimize tear-downs
- Preserve history of the Rondo neighborhood
- Modernize the city without losing history/historic charm
- Provide funding for rehabilitation of historic homes
- Maintain affordability in historically affordable neighborhoods
- Lid over I-94

PRESERVATION GOALS

- A leader in the use of best practices towards an equitable and sustainable approach to the preservation, conservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction of publicly-owned cultural and historic resources
- The preservation and protection of built, cultural and natural environments that express the identity and sense of place of Saint Paul
- The consideration of cultural and heritage preservation goals and priorities in all City departments, initiatives, policies, practices and processes
- City investments in built, cultural and natural environments and in cultural and historic resources that reflect broader City priorities
- Broad stakeholder understanding and application of cultural and heritage preservation planning tools and resources

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 1: A leader in the use of best practices towards an equitable and sustainable approach to the conservation, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and reconstruction of publicly-owned cultural and historic resources

Policy HP-1. Prioritize publicly-owned facilities – particularly those owned, maintained or supported by the City and related development authorities – for evaluation, designation and preservation.

Policy HP-2. Preserve, rehabilitate and maintain City-owned historic resources through recognized preservation standards, including the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Policy HP-3. Pursue funding to evaluate, maintain, renovate and preserve City-owned eligible and potentially eligible property, and assist private owners to do the same.

Policy HP-4. Ensure City codes are progressive and responsive to changes in technology, practices, Federal guidance and community need, to advance and support preservation activities.

Policy HP-5. Incorporate historic and cultural resources into cultural tourism efforts.

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 2: The preservation and protection of built, cultural and natural environments that express the identity and sense of place of Saint Paul

Policy HP-6. Maintain and preserve designated and determined eligible cultural and historic resources.

Policy HP-7. Be proactive in the identification, evaluation, survey and designation of cultural and historic resources throughout the city to ensure a consistent and equitable approach to preservation that is time-sensitive and responsive to community needs.

Policy HP-8. Develop new, and expand existing, historic themes and contexts to allow for continual identification of cultural and historic resources that is time-sensitive and responsive to community needs.

Policy HP-9. Prioritize the protection of properties and districts designated for heritage preservation from destruction or alteration that would compromise the integrity of their character-defining features.

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 3: The consideration of cultural and heritage preservation goals and priorities in all City departments, initiatives, policies, practices and processes

Policy HP-10. Incorporate City cultural and heritage preservation goals when updating ordinances, policies, and other regulations, including the Saint Paul Administrative and Legislative Codes, and as part of planning, development and design processes.

Policy HP-11. Ensure that City officials and staff at all levels have a working understanding and consider the importance of designation, preservation, and protecting cultural and historic resources, focusing on recognized cultural and heritage preservation principles.

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 4: City investments in built, cultural and natural environments and in cultural and historic resources that reflect broader City priorities

Policy HP-12. Prioritize the retention of designated/listed cultural and historic resources (or those determined eligible for designation) over demolition when evaluating projects that require or request City action, involvement or funding, or those of related development authorities.

Policy HP-13. Use recognized preservation standards, including the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties when City or other development authority action, involvement or funding is requested or required.

Policy HP-14. Include preservation-related funding programs as part of the resource allocation process for funding requests for preservation-related projects.

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Continued from previous

Policy HP-15. Use cultural and historic resources to:

- improve pedestrian safety, mobility and visibility;
- foster economic development;
- support neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment, focusing increased density along transit corridors;
- prevent or minimize displacement of area residents and businesses;
- provide affordable housing; and
- celebrate the City's rich and diverse cultures and heritage.

Policy HP-16. Balance preservation of a historic and/or cultural resource and new development by considering the:

- significance of the resource;
- impact of a proposed development action on the character-defining features of the resource and its context;
- potential for displacement of area residents and businesses;
- evolution of the neighborhood and how neighborhood change is occurring;
- long-term benefit-cost analysis and impact; and
- appropriateness of mitigation activities should the resource be compromised or lost.

Goal 5: Broad stakeholder understanding and application of cultural and heritage preservation planning tools and resources

Policy HP-17. Ensure that property owners, real estate professionals and community members have a working understanding of cultural and heritage preservation regulations, principles and related available resources.

Policy HP-18. Consult with, include and educate communities regarding cultural and heritage preservation activities, benefits, funding and resources.

Policy HP-19. Prioritize the recognition of historically-underrepresented communities and their histories in:

- the designation of significant buildings, sites and districts;
- funding that supports the preservation and retention of designated historic and cultural resources; and
- community engagement so that those whose histories are being celebrated are involved in creating the narrative.

PRESERVATION GOALS AND POLICIES

Sidebar (in no particular order)

- The charge of the Heritage Preservation Commission
- Economic benefits of preservation, including practical/real examples of positive relationships between preservation and investment/value
- Economic benefits of and concept of cultural tourism;
- Definitions of key terms, such as, “preservation,” rehabilitation, “theme,” or “context”
- What cultural and historic resources are (e.g. buildings, structures, objects, etc.)
- Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation
- Maps of historic districts
- Photos

- 2018: Community-wide review of the Plan prior to adoption by the Saint Paul City Council
 - Open house meetings to present the Plan and receive comments
 - Opportunities to review and comment on the Plan on-line
 - Public hearing and adoption
 - Review by adjacent cities and overlapping jurisdictions
- December 2018 - submit City-adopted Plan to Metropolitan Council

THANK YOU!

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