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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Preservation Commissioners
FROM: George Gause, Heritage Preservation Supervisor
RE: September 20, 2018 HPC meeting – Dayton's Bluff Pop-Up meeting survey results
DATE: September 6, 2018

We held a Pop-Up meeting in the Dayton's Bluff Historic District at the Mississippi Market (740 East 7th Street) August community dinner on Thursday, August 23 from 5-7pm.

Commissioners and staff gathered public comment from residents via a survey. We had 101 responses which is a new record for a Pop-Up meeting. Here is a break-down of the results:

84 support preservation of historic structures or the job of the HPC
9 had no opinion or comments
8 did not support the HPC

Comments:

Doing wonderful job/Support the work of the HPC/Thank you HPC (multiple comments)
Strengthens the character and sense of place for the city (multiple comments)
We should keep historic structures
The heritage of Saint Paul is priceless
Too much has been lost, we need preservation
It important, we don't want to become Minneapolis
Preservation saved Dayton's Bluff-Thank you

Community needs to be informed of meetings
Need less and easier to understand regulations
Too many hoops to jump through/ Confusing-regulations don't make sense- hinder homeowners
Too strict, unrealistic expectations and hurt low income homeowners

Have you heard or worked with the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation office? 49 yes

When I hear that an old or historic place is threatened with demolition, I:

- A. Want someone to explore options for saving the structure. (83)
- B. Draw up talking points to make the case to city officials. (5)
- C. Worry about the environmental impacts of demolition. (3)
- D. Excited for the possibility that there will be a space for something new. (5)

Have been to a city meeting before? Yes (44)

Did you feel that this pop up meeting was an easy and engaging way to be a part of City planning?
Yes (18), Maybe (4), No (3)

Next listening session will be in the Irving Park Historic District on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 6:30-7 p.m. at Forepaugh's Restaurant, 276 South Exchange Street.