

### **HPC Listening Session October 6, 2020 at 4:30pm**

The heritage preservation profession has been very active lately on the topic of bias and exclusion as a byproduct of designated districts. Two distinct points have been articulated concerning bias and exclusion:

- 1. Heritage preservation could result in economic exclusion creating a form of 'redlining'*
- 2. Designation can perpetuate a divisive form of nostalgia and may tell narratives of the culturally privileged.*

The Heritage Preservation Commission has begun forming action items addressing these issues for the Commission and/or City staff. The initial list of items is:

1. Find ways to focus on community preservation
2. Create heritage preservation equity goals
3. Create educate opportunities for Commissioners, City staff, elected officials and the public
4. Consider what a cultural district (non-architecture based) would entail

There are also three questions that the HPC is considering:

- Focus on effectively serving and engaging ALL residents of Saint Paul?
- Being respectful of dissenting opinions towards HP
- Represent more 'everyday-common' history?

The HPC and City staff will hold a public listening session to consider public comment on the questions and action items. ALL are welcome to participate in the MS Teams virtual meeting.

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm**

**Call in number: (612) 315-7905**

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