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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Preservation Commissioners
FROM: George Gause, Heritage Preservation Supervisor
RE: November 15, 2018 HPC meeting – Jacob Schmidt Brewery, Como Shops, Jackson Street historic districts and property owners of Saint Paul’s individual historic sites
DATE: October 19, 2018

We held a listening session for the property owners located within the Jacob Schmidt Brewery, Como Shops, Jackson Street historic districts and property owners of Saint Paul’s individual historic sites at Schmidt Artist Lofts-Community Room: 900 West 7th Street on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

Two Commissioners and staff gathered public comment from residents via a survey and three interactive boards. We had 6 individuals attend representing Jacob Schmidt Brewery site, Jacob Schmidt Brew Masters House, Jackson Street and Anthony Waldman House. Staff received email comments from 4 other property owners representing the Pioneer-Endicott, Burbank Row, Church of Saint Casimir and Saint Paul Public Library’s (representing 4 properties).

Comments:

Rules need to be practical for building owners and take into consideration costs.
Modern, sustainable materials should be allowed.
Grain belt sign on 7th needs to be restored-it looks awful.
We need relief for windows-repair only ‘kicks the can’ down the road.
Thank you for preserving these structures for the future.

Survey:

1. Do you own/represent property in an historic district? **100% yes**
2. Have you heard of or worked with the Saint Paul HPC or staff? **67% yes**
3. When I hear that an old or historic place is threatened with demolition, I:
 - A. Reach out to city officials to save the structure. **67%**
 - B. Am excited for the possibility that there will be a space for something new. **0%**
 - C. Worry about the impacts, such as to the environment, neighborhood character, etc. **33%**
4. Overall, how do you rate the area your structure is located? **Very good-100%**
5. Overall, how do you rate the City’s existing approach to Heritage Preservation in providing protection for historic areas and buildings in Saint Paul? **Very Good-67% Good-33%**
6. How do you believe heritage preservation has impacted your community?
 - A. Historic preservation has made a positive impact on my neighborhood. **100%**
 - B. Historic preservation has not had an effect on my neighborhood. **0%**
 - C. Historic preservation has made it challenging to improve my neighborhood. **0%**
 - D. I am unfamiliar with Heritage Preservation. **0%**

Attendees were each given two dots and allowed to vote on several different topic areas on two boards as listed below. Percentages are calculated per each board.

Board: *What area of the existing guidelines needs to be improved or changed?*

1. Mechanical, HVAC, Solar, Mini-Splits **100%**

Board: *An area that Saint Paul Heritage Preservation needs to improve:*

1. Length of review **57%**
2. Use of modern materials **29%**
3. Support energy efficiency **14%**