

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
City Hall/Court House, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Lower Level - Room 40,**

August 13, 2015

Present: Richard Dana, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter Barnes, Robert Ferguson, Michael Justin, Bill Lightner, Amy Meller, David Riehle, Steve Trimble

Absent: Barbara Bezat (excused), Matt Mazanec (excused), Diane Trout-Oertel (excused), David Wagner (not excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Bill Dermody, Allison Suhan, Fred Counts

BUSINESS MEETING/PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:13 pm

- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Commissioner Riehle moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

- III. **Conflicts of Interest:** *Commissioner Hutter Barnes indicated that she is a MNDoT employee and would recuse herself from both agenda items due to proposed improvements along Smith Avenue. Commissioner Ferguson and Commissioner Justin both acknowledged they had personal associations with the agenda items but perceived no conflict of interest.*

- IV. **Approval of Action Minutes:**
 - A. July 9, 2015 Business Meeting
 - B. July 23, 2015 Public Hearing*Commissioner Meller moved to approve both sets of action minutes. Commissioner Trimble seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

- V. **Public Hearing/Designation:**
 - A. **Limestone Houses Thematic Designation, 383 Goodhue Street, 178 Goodrich Avenue, 202 McBoal Street, 252 Seventh Street West, 445 Smith Avenue North**, public hearing to consider designation of the properties as Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Sites and make a recommendation to the City Council. (Spong 266-6714)

*Commissioner Riehle moved to approve the nomination for designation of the properties. Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.** Commissioner Riehle moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

VI. Public Hearing/HUV:

- A. 445 Smith Avenue North, (pending) Limestone Properties Thematic Nomination, Heritage Preservation Site**, by owners Tom and Ann Schroeder, for an Historic Use Variance, to consider allowing the use of the property as a commercial, beer-only tap room/microbrewery in an R4-One Family zoned neighborhood. File #15-037. (Spong, 266-6714)

Commissioner Hill moved to recommend approval of the Historic Use Variance adopting the findings and recommendations. Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

VII. Chair Announcements

- A.** Chair Dana discussed the Pioneer Press article detailing his and Ms. Spong's ongoing involvement with Exeter's plan to construct an addition onto the General Motors Truck Building in the University-Raymond Commercial Heritage Preservation District.

VIII. Staff Announcements

- A.** Ms. Spong announced the successful receipt of a scholarship grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to send staff member Suhan, Chair Dana, and Commissioner Justin to the Statewide Preservation Conference in Little Falls, Minnesota.
- B.** Commissioner Riehle announced that a historic plaque commemorating the 1934 Teamsters strike in the Warehouse District of Minneapolis was revealed on July 18.
- C.** Ms. Spong announced that Historic Saint Paul has hired Tom Zahn & Associates to survey the Macalester Park neighborhood.

IX. Adjourn: 8:29 pm

Submitted by S. F. Counts