

**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 27, 2015**

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**Present:** Richard Dana, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter Barnes, Barbara Bezat, Robert Ferguson, Michael Justin, Bill Lightner, Matt Mazanec, David Riehle, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel, David Wagner

**Absent:** Amy Meller (excused)

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

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**PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGN REVIEW**

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:06 pm
  
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Commissioner Hill moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***
  
- III. **Conflicts of Interest:** *Commissioner Ferguson acknowledged he had personal associations with Agenda Item IV.D. but perceived no conflict of interest. Commissioner Hutter Barnes indicated that she is a MNDoT employee and would recuse herself from Agenda Item IV.D. due to proposed improvements along Smith Avenue.*
  
- IV. **Public Hearing/Designation:**
  - A. **500 Cedar Street, Central Presbyterian Church – Individual Heritage Preservation Site**, by Fluryanne Leach, representative for Central Presbyterian Church, for a building permit to replace the asphalt single roof with stone-coated, steel shingles. **File #15-036** (Suhan, 266-6643)

*Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the staff recommendation for denial and direct HPC Staff to work with the applicant to approve administratively. Commissioner Trimble seconded the motion. **Motion defeated 3-8 (Yes: Commissioners Bezat, Riehle, and Trimble; No: Commissioners Hill, Ferguson, Hutter Barnes, Justin, Lightner, Mazanec, Trout-Oertel, Wagner).** Commissioner Lightner moved to approve the application with conditions. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-3 (Yes: Commissioners Hill, Ferguson, Hutter Barnes, Justin, Lightner, Mazanec, Trout-Oertel, Wagner; No: Commissioners Bezat, Riehle, and Trimble).***
  
  - B. **190 Fifth Street East – Gordon and Ferguson Building, Lowertown Heritage Preservation District**, by Elizabeth Gales, Hess Roise and Company, for permits to rehabilitate the building for apartments. **File #15-037** (Boulware, 266-6715)

*Commissioner Hill moved to approve the staff recommendation for approval*

*with conditions. Commissioner Hutter-Barnes seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***

- C. Saint Albans Street between Summit and Grand Avenues, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, by Tony Wendland, Xcel Energy, for approval to replace, where necessary, sandstone curbs with colored concrete and granite curbs in-kind. **File #15-038** (Dermody, 266-6617)

*Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the staff recommendation for approval with conditions with the deletion of “or other stone such as granite” from condition #2. Commissioner Trout-Oertel seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***

- D. 445 Smith Avenue North, Limestone Properties Heritage Preservation Site**, for permits to demolish the historic, rear, 1 ½-story frame addition and construct a new 1 ¾-story rear addition with a side porch, a one-story vestibule, and a two-story brewing building. **File #15-040** (Spong, 266-6714)

*Commissioner Trimble moved to adopt the staff recommendation to lay over a decision and convene a design review committee consisting of Commissioners Trout-Oertel, Wagner, and Ferguson. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 9-0.***

## **V. Chair Announcements**

- A.** Vice Chair Hill announced that the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota has announced their annual Preservation Awards in advance of their October 8 Gala Awards at the Saint Paul Athletic Club.

## **VI. Staff Announcements**

- A.** Ms. Spong announced that Commissioners Dana and Justin and Staff Spong, Boulware, and Suhan are attending the Statewide Preservation Conference in Little Falls, Minnesota.
- B.** Ms. Spong announced that the Certified Local Government Ordinance Grant paperwork awarded last year is due on Monday.
- C.** Ms. Spong is hoping to add Ordinance Review for the properties within State and National Districts in order to better address EQB EAW requirements.
- D.** Ms. Spong announced that the City Council upheld the Appeal from Exeter to construct a five-story addition onto the General Motors Truck Building. City Council determined that HPC had “erred” in denying an application.

## **VII. Adjourn: 8:38 pm**

Submitted by S. F. Counts