

ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
City Hall/Court House, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Lower Level - Room 40,
September 10, 2015

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

Absent: Matt Mazanec (excused), Amy Meller (excused)

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

PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGN REVIEW

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:07 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Trimble seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***
- III. **Conflicts of Interest:** *None stated.*
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Macalester-Groveland Community Plan (District 14)**, by the Department of Planning and Economic Development, adopt resolution providing recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and Planning Commission. **File #15-MACGROV** (Spong, 266-6714)
*Commissioner Bezat moved to approve staff's proposed resolution. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to reconsider the motion and expand LU3.3 of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Bezat accepted the amendment to the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **445 Smith Avenue North, Limestone Properties Heritage Preservation Site**, this item is laid over from the August 27th HPC Public Hearing for a Design Review Committee to convene and for revisions to the plans to be completed. Updated plans will be considered during the October 8th HPC Meeting. This meeting will only make a final HPC decision on the required mitigation for the pending demolition of the existing rear addition. File #15-040 (Spong, 266-6714)
*Commissioner Wagner moved to adopt the drafted letter with edits to include a condition to submit plans. Commissioner Riehle seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***
- VI. **Pre-Application Review**
 - A. **928 West Seventh Street, Keg House, Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company Heritage Preservation District**, by EHT Tracerics, Inc., for a preliminary review to rehabilitate the property for commercial uses (Spong, 266-6714)
The Commission provided feedback regarding the importance of glass block, designing the train door opening to read more of the historic use, eliminating the sign on the roof, and discussed if the loading dock changes how the corner reads.
- VII. **Public Hearings/Design Review**
 - A. **2455 University Avenue, University-Raymond Commercial Heritage Preservation District**, by Paul Johnson, Signarama, for a sign permit to install an aluminum panel sign (96 sq. ft.) on the building façade. **File# 15-041** (Dermody, 266-6617)

*Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to deny the application. Commissioner Trimble seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0, Commissioner Bezat abstained.***

- B. 302 Summit Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, by Chris Anderson, Les Jones Roofing Inc., for a building permit to install three skylights at the residence. **File# 15-042** (Suhan, 266-6643)

*Commissioner Wagner moved to adopt the staff recommendation with modifications. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-3 with Commissioners Bezat, Lightner, and Trimble against.***

- C. 141 Fourth Street East, Pioneer Endicott Building – Individual Heritage Preservation Site**, by Alissa Kellogg, Pioneer Endicott LLC, for a sign permit to install a projecting, multi-tenant sign at Fourth and Robert Streets and window graphics in first and second floor window on the primary elevations. . **File# 15-043** (Dermody, 266-6617)

*Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to adopt the staff recommendation. Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.***

VIII. New Business

- A.** Provide Public Comment on the EAW for partial roof demolition of **844 Fairmount Avenue**, National Register and State Register Hill Historic District, by City of Saint Paul (RGU). (Spong, 266-6714)

Commissioner Wagner moved for the HPC to comment that the loss of the perimeter roof eave, the ridgeline, and the breaking of the eave line is a significant loss of the historic fabric. Appropriately designed and scaled dormers could work and the HPC encourages the owner to take mitigating measures. Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

IX. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to approve the minutes with minor edits. Commissioner Trimble seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.***

- A.** August 13, 2015 Business Meeting
B. August 27, 2015 Public Hearing

X. Chair Announcements- None

XI. Staff Announcements

- A.** 500 Cedar Street is appealing the metal ridge cap condition given by the HPC at the August 27, 2015 public hearing.
B. There was a Macalester Park Survey kickoff meeting.
C. Staff received preliminary comments for the Legacy Grant for the Hill Survey and all are manageable. Staff will better develop the budget and break it down. The deadline is the end of September.

XII. Adjourn: 8:16 pm

Submitted by A. Suhan