

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
City Hall/Court House, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Council Chambers**

January 14, 2019

Present: Michael Justin, Barbara Bezat, Richard Dana, Steve George, Teresa Kimker, Bill Lightner, Stuart MacDonald, Joe Peroutka, Casie Radford, David Wagner

Absent: Leetta Douglas

Staff Present: George Gause, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan

Number of Public Present: 22

I. Call to Order 3:30pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda *Commissioner George moved to adopt the agenda.
Commissioner Lightner seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *Commissioner Bezat announced that she would recuse herself on the Saint Andrew's Church designation.*

IV. Pre-Application Review

A. 2250-2264 University and 731 Hampden Avenue, University-Raymond Commercial Heritage Preservation District, for preliminary review of a proposal to construct a multi-story, mixed-use building. (Suhan, 266-6643)

Commissioners asked for clarity on what will be demolished.

Commissioners requested a context of how the building will 'fit' into district, specifically asking for an orthographic drawing.

There was concern with the glass base and the relationship with the overall structure and lack of piers being grounded.

First floor needs to be grounded somehow, cornice should be more substantial.

4:30: Commissioner Bezat leaves meeting

V. Public Hearing/Designation Review

A. Saint Andrew's Church Designation, 1031-1051 Como Avenue West, Public Hearing to consider the boundaries and program for preservation of the site and make a recommendation to City Council (Boulware, 266-6715)

Commissioner Bezat left the room for the duration of the agenda item.

Commissioners had questions about the proposed guidelines

Staff provided clarification regarding the notification process for public hearings

Commissioners commented: "This is a hard situation; an adaptive reuse plan needs to be performed" and "Preservation of the church should be encouraged"

Commissioners asked how the proposed boundary conformed to the historic boundary

Commissioners stated: "If the building is demolished, that is final", "The school is asking for demolition after a very short association with the structure" and "The role of the HPC is to support preservation of important structures in Saint Paul"

The public hearing was opened.

9 of people present to testify before the HPC

1 of written testimony received

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Peroutka moved to recommend approval of the proposed preservation plan and boundary to City Council for Saint Andrew's Church Designation at 1031-1051 Como Avenue

West. Commissioner Kimker seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-2.** (Commissioner Dana felt the designation was a burden on the school, Radford felt the structure had lost architectural integrity with the addition to the apse)

VI. Announcements

A. HPC Annual Retreat

Staff shared that the annual retreat will be February 7, 2019 at 3:30pm.

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VII. Adjourn 5:40pm