

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

February 11, 2019

Present: Michael Justin, Barbara Bezat, Leetta Douglas, Steve George, Teresa Kimker, Robert Lubke, Bill Lightner, Stuart MacDonald, Paul Nelson, Joe Peroutka, Casie Radford,

Absent: Richard Dana, David Wagner

Staff Present: George Gause, Christine Boulware

Number of Public Present: 5

I. Call to Order 3:35pm

II. Swearing in of New Commissioners *New Mayoral appointees to the Commission; Robert Lubke and Paul D. Nelson (RCHS representative) were sworn in by the City Clerk Shari Moore.*

III. Adoption of the Agenda *Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***

IV. Conflicts of Interest *None.*

V. Minutes

Minutes for December 6, 2018 and December 20, 2018 were reviewed. A correction to the December 6th minutes was pointed out by the Commission.

*Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend approval of both sets of minutes, with the discussed corrections. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 9-0-2.** (Commissioner Lubke and Nelson abstained since neither were members of the Commission at the time of these meetings).*

VI. National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation

*255 Western Avenue, in vicinity of the Historic Hill Heritage District-financing from HUD
The Applicant explained that they would like to make upgrades to the city triangle property adjacent and that this will be market rate apartments.*

Commissioners questioned the size, felt that it was an issue

Development misses the 'sense of place'

Concern with resources across the street

Concerned about height and interface with historic

Thought that there should be a better relationship with Rondo and low-income residents

Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend to the SHPO modifications to the proposal including breaking up overall scale, better visual interface to area historic resources and inclusion of an affordable component. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion.

Motion passed 11-0.

VII. New Business

Staff presented the 2018 Year-End Report and the 2019 Workplan which will be forwarded on to the SHPO.

VIII. Old Business

HPC By-Laws update was introduced for a third time for Commission review.

A few minor corrections were proposed.

*Commissioner Kimker moved to recommend approval, with the discussed corrections. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***

IX. Policy & Procedure

Policy #17-004: Public Testimony to the HPC revision was introduced for the second time to the Commission.

Commissioners discussed the two-minute time allowance and reiterated that the Chair can extend testimony time on a per-case basis.

*Commissioner Kimker moved to recommend approval. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0.***

X. Guidelines Discussion

New Construction. The Commission began a year long series of discussions on the Legislative Code Chapter 74 Preservation Plans, otherwise know as the design guidelines. This was an informal discussion that will provide the initial thoughts on direction of any possible rewrite of the guidelines and focus for future public, professional and trades input.

Commissioners discussed finding flexibility with new construction guidelines.

The Commission formed a new construction committee consisting of commissioners George, Kimker, Wagner and Dana.

XI. Elections

Commissioner George of the Nominations Committee announced that the committee was nominating Commissioner Bezat as HPC Chair, Commissioner Kimker as HPC Vice-Chair and Commissioner Radford as HPC secretary. Commissioner George opened the nominations for any other candidates. No other nominations were received.

*Commissioner George moved to recommend approval of the 2019 HPC Officers. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0-3**, with Commissioners Bezat, Kimker and Radford abstaining.*

XII. Adjourn 5:30pm