

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

April 22, 2019

Present: Barbara Bezat, Leetta Douglas, Steve George, Teresa Kimker, Bill Lightner, Stuart MacDonald, Paul Nelson, Joe Peroutka, Casie Radford, Richard Dana, David Wagner

Absent: Michael Justin, Robert Lubke

Staff Present: George Gause, Christine Boulware

Number of Public Present: 8

I. Call to Order 3:30pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda *Commissioner Dana moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 10-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *None.*

IV. Pre-Application

A. 617 Laurel Avenue-Hill Heritage Preservation District, Pre-application review for construction of cottage cluster housing on vacant lot.

As a pre-application review, the Commission offered comments on the proposal:

Adjacency to neighbor is concerning

Lack of rear yard

Carriage house is enormous

Need drawings to show context with neighbors

Need info on what has been previously approved

Structures should have an exposed foundation that show the floor line

Why backdoors? They lead into a fence.

Can the structures be moved on the site to create better open space?

Board 'n batten should end at the floor line

Need more details

V. New Business

A. Hannah Burchill: PED Marketing & PR Manager and Joe Mendyka: Community Engagement Coordinator addressed forming a public communications plan for the HPC.

Commissioners discussed what they wanted the community to know about their work.

Clearing up misconceptions

Providing more education about the City Ordinance that governs HPC's work

Engaging in more community dialog

B. 412 Holly Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District, for the abatement of a nuisance condition as declared by the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement. The property is a Vacant Building Category 3.

Based on the findings, the HPC concurred that the property has incredible historic significance and architectural value. The HPC recommended that 412 Holly Avenue should not be demolished and encouraged the City Council to delay an order to demolish the property and allow the owner time to undertake an option for rehabilitation, so the residence may continue contributing to the historic and architectural character of

the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District.

Moved by Commissioner Dana and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, the motion passed 10-0

Commissioner Wagner leaves the meeting

C. 536 Holly Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District, provide a recommendation to the planning director on the proposed subdivision (lot split).

Staff explained that further details on the proposal were not received. No further action was taken.

VI. Announcements

A. Ramsey Hill meeting on 4/9/2019

Staff and Commissioners were invited to attend a meeting with the Ramsey Hill Association. Staff shared the comments from the meeting with the HPC.

VII. Adjourn 5:25pm