

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

May 06, 2019

Present: Richard Dana, David Wagner, Michael Justin, Leetta Douglas, Steve George, Robert Lubke, Paul Nelson, Joe Peroutka, Casie Radford

Absent: Barbara Bezat, Teresa Kimker, Stuart MacDonald, Bill Lightner

Staff Present: George Gause, Allison Suhan

Number of Public Present: 5

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 8-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *None.*

IV. Minutes

Minutes for April 8, 2019 were reviewed.

*Commissioner George moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***

V. Old Business

HPC Recommendation to Saint Paul Public Works

Summit Avenue between Syndicate & Griggs Streets – Ayd Mill Road Bridge – West Summit Avenue Heritage Preservation District.

Brent Christensen with Saint Paul Public Works Department explained the project to replace the non-contributing bridge with a new bridge.

Commissioners questioned the stone abutments and why the railing height became higher over the railroad right-of-way.

Commissioners expressed that this was a major improvement, but the change in railing height was inappropriate.

Commissioner Lubke moved to recommend that the City of Saint Paul Public Works Department move forward with the demolition and reconstruction of the Summit Avenue bridge over Ayd Mill Road as per presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report.

Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wagner suggested an amendment to the motion that the change in railing height to 10' over the railroad right-of-way was too high for the pedestrian environment and inappropriate to the scale of the historic district.

Commissioner Lubke and Peroutka accepted the amendment.

Motion passed 8-0.

HPC CLG Consultation-National Historic Preservation Act

Summit Avenue between Syndicate & Griggs Streets – Ayd Mill Road Bridge – West Summit Avenue Heritage Preservation District.

Commissioners utilized the information from the previous item (same information) for the CLG consultation.

Commissioner Lubke moved to recommend a finding of no adverse effect of the demolition and reconstruction of the Summit Avenue bridge over Ayd Mill Road, with a concern that the change in railing height to 10' over the railroad right-of-way was too high for the pedestrian environment and inappropriate to the scale of the historic district. Commissioner Peroutka seconded

Motion passed 8-0.

VI. New Business

Heritage Preservation spring intern, courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society, Tyler McDaniel presented his work to expand the African-American Cultural Resources Context and to initiate survey of significant African-American Cultural areas in Saint Paul.

VII. Guidelines Discussion

Windows. The Commission continued a year-long series of discussions on the Legislative Code Chapter 74 Preservation Plans, otherwise known 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.

Commissioner discussion:

Energy efficiency needs to be a major focus of window guidelines.

How do we address sustainability yet be respectful of the historic fabric?

Should we have a facade requirement-which is stricter on the front?

Should we require a minimum U-Value for replacement windows?

We should invite several manufacturers to present what they can do?

We need a framework to evaluate energy efficiency.

VIII. Adjourn 5:00pm