ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

City Hall Annex, 25 4th Street, 13th Floor Conference Room

July 12, 2018

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

Absent: David Wagner

Staff Present: George Gause, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan, Lucy Thompson

- I. Call to Order 5:00pm
- **II.** Adoption of the Agenda Commissioner Dana moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 11-0**.
- III. Conflicts of Interest None
- IV. Public Hearing/Designation None
- V. Public Hearing/Permit Review None
- VI. Old Business None
- VII. New Business
 - **A.** Commissioner roundtable discussion on preservation plans.

The commissioners had an open discussion concerning the current preservation plans for Saint Paul historic structures and other ideas.

Select comments from the discussion:

Regulatory function may be too much

Should we give design review approvals and advice for a better project?

We are faceless regulators-we need to get out more

Outreach is important

An improved website is important

Need to meet with more residents who are our customers

Should we be constantly flexible?

Need to relay a caretaker philosophy with preservation

Help the public accomplish success

Reinforce our partnerships

Search for unique partnerships with non-traditional groups

Instate a customer feedback form

Get information to new owners

How do we become a better resource for the public?

Need more illustrations in Chapter 74 and good examples

Clarify and announce that applicants should meet with staff early

- VIII. Policy & Procedures None
- IX. Committees None
- X. Chair Announcements None
- XI. Staff Announcements

Staff announced that because of work in the regular meeting space the HPC will meet in the Council Chambers for the next few meetings.

XII. Adjourn 6:50pm