

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

July 15, 2019

Present: Barbara Bezat, Steve George, Paul Nelson, Joe Peroutka, Richard Dana, Leetta Douglas, Michael Justin, Stuart MacDonald

Absent: Teresa Kimker, Casie Radford, Bill Lightner, Robert Lubke, David Wagner

Staff Present: George Gause

Number of Public Present: 6

I. Call to Order 3:30pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda *Commissioner Justin moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *None.*
(Commissioner Dana arrives)

IV. Minutes

Minutes for June 17, 2019 were reviewed.
*Commissioner Dana moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner Peroutka seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

V. Public Hearing

A. 855 W. Seventh St., Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. Heritage Preservation District: Installation of solar panels on the roof. (Boulware, 266-6715)

Commissioners stated that they would have liked to see elevation drawings with the proposed panels.

Discussion about the material finish of the solar frame.

Discussion about other solar installations in the districts.

The applicants were asked if other technology was considered.

Commissioner Dana moved to approve the application to install solar panels on the roof of the Stahlmann-Schmidt-Bremer House at 855 West Seventh Street as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report, with the nine conditions, as listed. Commissioner MacDonald seconded the motion.

Motion passed, 7-0

B. 26 Exchange Street E., St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music and Arts Heritage Preservation Site: Installation of signage. (Gause 266-6714)

Discussion about details of the proposed signage.

Commissioner George moved to conditionally approve signage installation at 26 Exchange Street per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report with the four conditions. Commissioner MacDonald seconded the motion.

Motion passed, 7-0

VI. New Business

402 Hall Avenue – Dwight and Clara Watson House: Certified Local Government comment on the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. (Boulware, 266-6715)

Commissioners discussed the standards for designation

Clear that this property meets the standards

Suggestion to expand the period significance to 1914-15

Discussion concerning changes to the structure over time

The commissioners agree that the nomination meets Criteria C in the area of architecture. The commissioners also provided the following comments:

- The massing and eccentric details are wonderful.*
- The final paragraph of the nomination eloquently summarizes my sentiments.*
- The barn is a contributing element; although reoriented on the property c. 1914, it retains integrity and significance.*
- The 1909 alterations to the porch are compatible and follow the Gilbert's design for the house.*
- The period of significance should be expanded to include the alterations to the front porch and the reorientation of the barn.*

The Commission allowed for public comment but did not receive any comments. The HPC fully supports the nomination of the Dwight and Clara Watson House to the National Register of Historic Places and strongly supports the inclusion of the barn as a contributing feature of the site.

VII. Adjourn 4:50pm