

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Online *Skype for Business* Meeting
October 19, 2020**

Present: Paul Nelson, David Wagner, Stuart MacDonald, Teresa Kimker, Joseph Peroutka, Steve George, Robert Lubke, Barbara Bezat

Absent: Leetta Douglas

Staff Present: George Gause, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan Eggers

Number of Public in Call: 17

I. Call to Order 3:30pm

II. Adoption of the Agenda

*Commissioner Lubke moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

III. Conflicts of Interest *None*

IV. Minutes

*Minutes for October 5, 2020 HPC meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Bezat moved to recommend approval of the minutes. Commissioner George seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-1-0** (Lubke abstained - missed that meeting).*

V. Public Hearing

A. Selby Dale; New Construction & Demolition (Suhan-Eggers)

Commissioners asked questions about the age of the structure.

There was a comments concerning economic value and cost benefit of the structure.

Concern about lack of details of potential replacement.

Context is gone from area, everything is new.

New vitality to the area and affordable housing make the project attractive.

Demolition negatively affects the historic district.

Economic vitality is key.

Commissioner Bezat moved to adopt the proposed resolution to deny the application as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report. Commissioner George seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-2.

B. 777 6th Street East; Siding & window work without a permit (Gause)

Commissioners questioned what siding and windows remain on the structure.

Commissioners asked if there was a language barrier with the applicant.

Commissioners questioned the City permit process.

Staff read three letters of testimony that were received.

It was stated that the owner has multiple rental properties.

The purpose of a district is to invest in our heritage resources.

Project needs to be assessed and move forward, correctly.

We are in extraordinary times and communications were a challenge.

Commissioner Lubke moved to adopt the draft resolution to deny the application as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report. Commissioner George seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7-0.

VI. Recommendation

B. 80 4th Street S; George Latimer Central Library Hall (Gause)

Commission asked for review of mock-up materials and specifications.

*Commissioner Nelson recommended moving forward with the proposed work with review of mock-up materials and specifications as per the findings of fact, presented testimony, submitted documentation and information provided in the staff report. Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.***

VI. Business

A. 2020 CLG Year End Report draft

Staff explained that the CLG Year End was due to SHPO by October 30, 2020.

Commissioners had some edits of their information.

B. HPC Listening Session comments

Possible Workplan Items were discussed:

- *Establish an economic hardship policy*
- *Establish a definition and standard for application of guideline and regulation flexibility*
Seek professional equity training for the Commission (working) Race: Power of Illusion Episode #3
- *Seek to translate overarching guideline concepts in spoken languages of Saint Paul*
- *Establish HPC equity goals with specific policy objectives*
Host HPC meetings or staff office hours in different communities to lessen the burden of seeking assistance.
- *Establish a cultural district recognition*

VII. Adjourn 6:07pm