

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
City Hall/Court House, 15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Lower Level - Room 40,**

January 14, 2016

Present: Richard Dana, Matt Hill, Robert Ferguson, Michael Justin, Bill Lightner, Matt Mazanec, Amy Meller, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel. David Riehle, David Wagner

Absent: None

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan, Fred Counts

PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGN REVIEW

- I. **Call to Order:** 5:07 pm

- II. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Chair Dana announced that Item IV would be laid over to the next business meeting. Commissioner Mazanec moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Justin seconded the motion. **Motion passed 9-0.***

- III. **Conflicts of Interest:** *Commissioner Meller stated that her firm is involved in the River Balcony project, but she does not have a conflict of interest.*

- IV. **Approval of the meeting action minutes**
 - A. ~~December 3, 2015 Business Meeting~~
 - B. ~~December 17, 2015 Public Hearing~~

- V. **New Business/Presentations of 8-80 Vitality Projects**
 - A. River Balcony Master Plan, by project manager Lucy Thompson, Department of Planning and Economic Development, to adopt a resolution providing recommendations regarding impacts to historic resources. File #16-RiverBalcony, (Spong, 266-6714).

Project manager Lucy Thompson and consultant Carol Zellie presented St. Paul's River Balcony: A Land Use History and Review of Historic Resources. Commissioner Trimble suggested that public art be incorporated into the design to convey the history of where people are on the balcony as well as interactive ways to tell the story. Commissioner Trimble also commented that the term 'pre-history' in the report is inappropriate to indigenous peoples and suggested they use a different term. Commissioner Wagner was concerned about how the buildings abutting the river balcony will be designed because he is worried about buildings conveying 'fake history.' Ms. Thompson stated that the buildings will be reflective of their time.

 - B. Grand Round, by project manager Kathleen Anglo, Department of Parks and Recreation, to adopt a resolution providing recommendations regarding impacts to historic resources. File #16-GrandRound, (Spong, 266-6714).

Project manager Kathleen Anglo and consultant Carol Zellie presented The North Loop of St. Paul's Grand Round: A History and Preliminary Evaluation of Historic Resources. Staff informed the HPC that once the inventory forms for the project are completed, it will come back before the HPC for comment.

 - C. Capital City Bikeway, by project manager Reuben Collins, Department of Public Works, to adopt a resolution providing recommendations regarding impacts to historic resources. File #16-CapitalBikeway, (Boulware, 266-6715).

Project manager Reuben Collins and consultant Carol Zellie presented the Capitol City Bikeway: Historic Resources Summary Report. Commissioner Hill commented that he has been on the bike loop committee for the past eight months and has been very happy with staff's sensitivity throughout the project.

D. Nominate 2016 Awards Jury for the annual Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Awards

Commissioners Mazanec and Meller volunteered to serve on the Awards Jury.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Boulware has been meeting about the Dayton's Bluff HRA properties and they have committed to issue an RFP for six properties in the spring.

VII. Annual Meeting

A. Draft Annual Report and permit statistics

Staff presented the annual report and statistics for the 2015 fiscal year.

B. Election of officers for 2016 (Nominating Committee: Ferguson, Mazanec, Trout-Oertel)

Commissioners nominated Chair Dana to serve as Chair, Commissioner Hill to serve as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Justin to serve as Secretary.

Commissioner Riehle moved to elect by acclamation. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0. Chair Dana also appointed Commissioner Wagner to serve as the architect on the Executive Committee.

C. 2016 HPC Work Plan

Staff presented the 2016 work plan, highlights include the Hill Historic District Survey, Macalester Park Survey, Hamline Midway Survey, and the St. Paul African American context study.

VIII. Chair Announcements

Chair Dana encouraged members to attend the Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (C.A.M.P.) in Winona, MN February 12-13. It is free of charge and very informative.

IX. Staff Announcements

HPC Staff will look into the parking situation for commissioners now that the new evening parking fees are in effect. Staff also encouraged commissioners to attend the 8-80 events coming up and will add them to the email list so they stay informed about future presentations and guest speakers.

X. Motion to Adjourn: 8:05 pm

Submitted by A. Suhan