

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF MEMORANDUM

ITEM: HPC 2019 Workplan - Chapter 74 (guidelines) consolidation and rewrite: Phase 1

DATE OF MEETING: August 12, 2019

STAFF REPORT: George Gause

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

consolidation and rewrite of Chapter 74 Preservation Plans and find ways to add clarity or simplify the guidelines. Exploration of sustainability opportunities in the guidelines. This project corresponds with Comprehensive Plan goal 1 & 3 and policy 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13. The HPC has had monthly discussions concerning individual guideline topics and will continue these discussions into 2020.

B. OUTCOME GOAL:

The long-term goal for this process is to establish a new Legislative Code Chapter 74 that addresses issues that have been brought up by residents of the heritage districts: Equitable for all residents, sustainability opportunities, easy to understand and simple to use.

C. STAFF COMMENTS

Currently, each historic district and site have separate guidelines (*Preservation Program for the Preservation and Architectural Control*). These guidelines have been found to have inconsistencies and omissions. During the Chapter 73 update meeting in May 2018 and in the listening sessions this fall the guidelines were stated as a concern. We received comments such as:

Guidelines are not clear with unrealistic expectations which hurt residents.

More flexibility on window replacement-consider energy efficiency.

Consider modern materials and building options, including energy efficiency.

More dynamic and creative new construction.

Work that cannot be seen should be allowed.

The draft guidelines are derived and condensed from the existing guidelines. New language has been added to aligning guidelines with City policy and code. The guidelines will be utilized Citywide for all locally designated historic sites and districts.

C. NEXT STEPS

1. HPC decide if further Commission committee is needed or completed drafts can move forward.
2. Hire a graphic artist to design layout and incorporate clear demonstration graphics.
3. Super user review 1: American Institute of Architects (AIA) comments.
4. Super user review 2: Establishing a District Resident Feedback Group.
5. Schedule community meetings for feedback.
6. Continue work on Phase 2: Renovation & Restoration Guidelines, anticipated spring 2020 review

D. ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Introduction to guidelines
2. Draft New Construction guidelines
3. Draft Sign guidelines