

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
**February 26, 2015**

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**Present:** Richard Dana, Matt Hill, Renee Hutter Barnes, Matt Mazanec, Amy Meller, Michael Justin, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel, David Wagner

**Absent:** Barbara Bezat (excused), Robert Ferguson (excused), Bill Lightner (excused), David Riehle (excused)

**Staff Present:** Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Allison Suhan, John Beaty

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**PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGN REVIEW**

- I. **Call to Order** 5:04 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** - Chair Dana stated that Item IV. E. 532 Ashland Avenue was been withdrawn by the applicant. ***The agenda was approved, 8-0.***
- III. **Conflicts of Interest** – There were no conflicts stated.
- IV. **Public Hearing/Permit Review**

**A. 746 Portland Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, by Gary Thomas, owner, for a building permit to remove the slate roof and install asphalt shingles. Continued from the November 6, 2014 public hearing with additional information provided by owner and review by the Design Review Committee. **File #15-007**

*Commissioner Wagner moved to adopt staff recommendations in the memo with an added clarification that the shingles shall have square/90 °corners. Commissioner Meller seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***

**B. 1440 Summit Avenue, Summit Avenue West Heritage Preservation District**, by Mike Killa, Authentic Construction Co., for a building permit to replace the wood roof with asphalt shingles and replace the wood shakes on the dormers with fiber-cement siding. **File #15-018**

*Commissioner Wagner moved to layover the HPC decision until the Commission receives samples of the roofing material options as well as have the applicant bring forth other materials that more closely resemble the shingle look. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. **Motion passed 8-0.***

**C. 480 Grand Hill, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, by Charlie Simmons, designer, and Dave Fellon, owner, for building permits to reconstruct the wall along Lawton and construct a conservatory addition atop the garage. **File #15-021** (Boulware, 266-6715)

*Commissioner Hutter Barnes moved to approve staff recommendations. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to provide a deeper recess where the existing stairs are being removed, pull the conservatory structure to the west and north so it is behind rather than on the parapet, have railings pulled behind rather than on the parapet wall and meet the conservatory, create a hipped roof rather than a ridgeline for less impact, and have a rectilinear pattern preference for the windows. **Motion passed 8-0.***

**D. 1082 Summit Avenue, Summit Avenue West Heritage Preservation District**, by Matthew Layman and Julie Switzer, owners, for permits to demolish

the contributing two-stall garage with addition and construct a two-level garage (29' x 26'). **File #15-017** (Spong, 266-6714)

*Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to approve staff recommendations.*

*Commissioner Hutter Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioner Mazanec added a friendly amendment to include that the bargeboards and rafter tails on the garage shall relate in profile and size to the detail on the historic garage. **Motion passed 8-0.***

**E. ~~532 Ashland Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District, by Window World, for a building permit to replace window. File #15-022 (Boulevard, 266-6715) Withdrawn by applicant.~~**

**V. New Business-** None.

**VI. Chair Announcements**

- A.** Reminder that the DoCoMoMo conference will be held in Minneapolis in June. The memory care center project at the historic Ashland Hotel is progressing nicely. The Hyatt Hotel is moving in to what was the downtown post office. Nomination forms are available for AIA/HPC awards.

**VII. Staff Announcements-**

- A.** The post office/Custom House is not locally designated but is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There are covenants tied to it in perpetuity that ensures that work is done according to Secretary of the Interior's Standards both inside and out.
- B.** Lucy Thompson of PED raised \$230,000 to begin schematic planning for a river balcony that goes from Science Museum to Union Depot and the Post Office. A team is being assembled for the project and a model is being created to better inform the process. Preservation consultants and a preservation architect will be on the team.
- C.** The call for nominations for the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Awards has been posted by AIA Minnesota. The Saint Paul Chapter of the AIA has proposed a reduced budget. Amy will bring forth last year's budget to evaluate how to structure this year's budget. Deadline for nominations will be extended by another week.

**VIII. Adjourn 7:32 pm**

Submitted by A. Suhan