

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

**March 12, 2015**

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

**Absent:** Renee Hutter Barnes (excused)

**Staff Present:** Amy Spong, 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 V. A. was postponed to receive more information. ***The agenda was approved, 9-0.***
- III. **Conflicts of Interest** – There were no conflicts stated.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Saint Paul Street Design Manual** - Brief presentation on the draft manual and adoption process which the HPC will provide review and comment on at a later date (Jerve, 266-6567).

*PED staff, Anton Jerve provided a presentation regarding the background of the draft Street Design Manual as well as details about their outreach, development, and organization of the design. The Commission had questions regarding neighborhood involvement and traffic calming measures.*

**B. 535 Dayton Avenue, Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District**, owner, Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, by the Planning Director to provide a recommendation on the proposed lot split. (Boulware, 266-6715)

*Commissioner Bezat moved to approve staff recommendations with an addition that the first sentence of finding #6 that states "Any new construction will need to comply with the Hill Historic District Design Review Guidelines and applicable zoning standards" become a separate finding. Commissioner Riehle seconded the motion. Commissioner Trout-Oertel added a friendly amendment adding the wording to the end of finding #4 "upon verification of the construction date of the wall." **Motion passed 10-0 with Commissioner Wagner abstaining.***

**V. Public Hearing/Permit Review**

**A. ~~Third Street East Reconstruction, between Maple and Arcade, Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District~~**, by Barbara Mundahl, City of Saint Paul Public Works—Street Engineering, for permits for new street, curbs, bump-outs, sidewalks, boulevards, street lights, pedestrian ramps, and trees. **File #15-023** (Spong, 266-6714) This item will be heard at the March 26 HPC Meeting in order for City staff to obtain additional details.

**B. 668-670 Conway Street, Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District**, for the demolition of a nuisance property declared by the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement. The property is a Vacant Building Category 3 and has been issued an Order to Abate. **File #15-024** (Boulware, 266-

6715).

*Staff presented the staff report recommending delaying demolition. Commissioner Riehle moved to approve the staff recommendations and to have staff draft text that includes a sense of urgency and the need for a delay until after the tax forfeit. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **Motion passed 10-0.***

#### **VI. Approval of the action minutes**

**A.** February 12, 2015 Business Meeting

**B.** February 26, 2015 Public Hearing

*Commissioner Trout-Oertel moved to approve the meeting minutes with a minor correction to clarify that Item IX on February 12 is about 321 Irvine Avenue. Commissioner Bezat seconded the motion. **The minutes were approved: 11-0.***

#### **VII. Chair Announcements**

*The HPC is still soliciting nominations for the preservation awards. Also, a reminder about the Docomomo Conference in the Twin Cities and an update that Ms. Boulware is taking the lead on applying for legacy grants for staff and commissioners to attend.*

#### **VIII. Staff Announcements- None**

**IX. Adjourn 6:45 pm**

Submitted by A. Suhan