

Heritage Preservation Commission
March 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – Duluth City Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Chair Jessica Fortney called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Attending: Ken Buehler, Stacey DeRoche, Jessica Fortney, Michael Poupore, and Zandy Zwiebel

Absent: Mike Malone

Staff Present: Jenn Moses and Cindy Stafford

2. Public Hearing

A. Historic Construction/Demolition Permit for Improvements to Lincoln Park Pavilion, 411 Lincoln Park Drive, by City of Duluth

Staff: Jenn Moses presents the applicant's proposal and gives an overview.

Applicant: Mike Labeau, Property and Facilities Maintenance, addresses the commission. There was a fire five years ago which damaged the roofing along with smoke damage throughout. They will replace the damaged roofing with similar materials to those installed in 2000. In order to repair the bathrooms, it needs to meet current codes which needs to be ADA compliant. Moses explains there is a detailed list of repairs in the application packet, which includes pictures. Ken Buehler asks if funding has been provided, and Labeau confirms multiple grants are funding the repairs. Michael Poupore asks if bids have been put out yet and Labeau says they are working on finalizing the bid materials. The intention is to replace the roof structure with the same configuration of timbers and the interior mechanical room will remain the same. The exterior doors will expand to give access to the bathrooms. The windows will not be replaced at this time; they were sealed to prevent vandalism. Chair Fortney asks what type of doors will be installed. The applicant states they will need to be durable and they will try to replicate what was there previously. Poupore asks about feedback from SHPO. Erik Birkeland of Property and Facilities Maintenance addresses the commission. He states they had a phone conference with a SHPO architect who will review it. Because it's tied to a 106 review, SHPO will need to sign off on it.

Public: There were no speakers.

Commissioners: N/A

MOTION/Second: Poupore/Buehler motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness for the exterior and interior improvements to the Lincoln Park Pavilion as long as they follow any required SHPO process before they begin.

VOTE: (5-0)

3. New Business

A. Consultation on Adverse Effects to Lincoln Park Per Section 106 Process, by City of Duluth – Moses explains that Lincoln Park will be implementing its master plan. Unlike the Certificate of Appropriateness, which was just for the Pavilion, the Section 106 process covers all proposed work in the park. Lisa Luokkala of Parks and Recreation addresses the commission. She attended last month and asked the HPC to be the consulting party and is returning this month to again review the project and anticipated adverse effects. The park is special to the community and is a flagship park. Over the

years it has experienced a lack of ongoing maintenance. They have received funding from many sources including two federal agencies (HUD and the National Parks Service). It is anticipated that HUD will take the lead review role, with the City of Duluth executing the historic process via its programmatic agreement; the City will work closely with SHPO. Improvements in the park will be ADA compliant. BARR was consulted for an Archaeological and Cultural Resource Survey. They have been working with SHPO on the project including remedying any anticipated adverse effects, which includes the removal of vehicular access from a portion of Lincoln Park Drive and removal of two stone walls. These walls contain large slabs of granite or blue stone ranging from fair condition to failing. Removal of one of the walls will restore the park to a topography similar to 1939. Mitigation recommendations include reusing salvaged stone throughout the park, with larger stones serving as markers along trail edges and parking areas. Interpretive signage and documentation could also be considered. Zwiebel confirms the stone walls that will be removed will become sloped areas. Luokkala explains the current basketball court will be reconfigured as a parking area. A trail will run adjacent to the parking area. A new basketball court will be built on the upper terrace. Stacy DeRoche asked what the building was in the picture. Luokkala states it was demolished this past year. It was a cinder block warming house which was built in the 1980s. Poupore asks what the latest comment from SHPO was. Luokkala states they are waiting to receive approval from the National Park Service for the city to move forward with the process. DeRoche asks about the neighbors' comments. Luokkala notes the mini-master plan which was passed in 2016. They did a community charrette in 2017 introducing the plan for a pedestrian pathway. The reconfiguration adds extra security for park-goers safety. Chair Fortney encourages signage which could include an explanation of former design of the park. This will add to the historic fabric. Zwiebel thanks the applicant for her efforts. Poupore asks what they are tasked to do today. Moses encourages weigh-in on the mitigation of adverse effects. Poupore is interested how SHPO reacts to changing the park's footprint. Moses agrees to share any information the city receives from SHPO. The HPC thanks the applicant.

4. Old Business

- A. Nomination of Minnesota Point Lighthouse as a Historic Resource – Moses has not heard anything. Poupore would like to bring it back to the HPC next month. Moses states they need to have an application.

5. Communication and Other Business

- A. Pastoret Terrace Section 138 Consultation: March 21, 2:00 pm, Moses states an email was sent inviting the HPC to attend. It will either be in room 303 or in the 4th floor administrative meeting room. May 1st is the workshop for the joint commission meeting, which is 5:30 – 7:30 at the Morgan Park Goodfellows Community Club.
- B. SHPO Correspondence: Twin Ports Interchange – Moses gives an overview from the letter they received. SHPO concurred there are no adverse effects.
- C. Correspondence: Friends of Skyline Parkway Wish List – Moses shares the four items on the wish list, which is in the commissioners' packet.
- D. Public Comments – N/A

E. Planning Commission Update – Zandy Zwiebel states this evening is the EAW for Essential Health Vision Northland building. There are no historic properties being demolished.

F. Consideration of Minutes – January 8, 2019

MOTION/Second: Buehler/Poupore approve the minutes

VOTE: (5-0)

G. 2019 Work Plan – Poupore notes a speaker from the Armory will speak at a future meeting. He would like an update on the former St. Louis County jail. Nothing moving forward at this time due to lack of funding.

6. Adjournment at 4:16 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019, if applications are received.

Respectfully,



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