

Heritage Preservation Commission
October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Mike Malone called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Attending: Ken Buehler, Stacey DeRoche, Jessica Fortney, Mike Malone, Mike Poupore, and Sarah Wisdorf

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Steven Robertson and Cindy Stafford

Old Business

1. Lincoln Park Improvements, Support for Historic Preservation Mitigation Strategies, Lisa Luukala, assistant manager for parks and recreation addresses the commission. She introduces the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the city of Duluth and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SPHO). This is their fourth submission.

Consultant Charlene Roise addresses the commission. She highlights each section of the MOA for the Section 106 review. A MOA is needed if there will be adverse effects. She notes the Native American tribes were consulted as well as the Duluth HPC. The areas include public interpretation and education. Implementation needs to be completed in two years. Stipulations include: project design modifications, unanticipated discoveries, dispute resolution, termination and implementation. She welcomes the HPC to sign on as a concurring party. Chair Malone asks when they can sign the document. Roise notes the need feedback from SPHO first.

Ken Buehler asked what were the adverse findings. Roise notes part of Lincoln park drive is being removed, and the removal of stone walls. Roise notes Lincoln Park Drive will still include the flow for pedestrians, just not automobiles. Chair Malone notes Mr. Marek's emails and if Roise has had a chance to see them. Roise has seen them, and notes this is not uncommon with these type of projects. Everyone has a right to raise issues and questions. They were able to pull records of city mailings and he received a minimum of seven mailers inviting him to comment. They also checked sign-in sheets and it appeared that he had not attended any public information meetings in the past.

Mike Poupore asks if the park and pavilion are all included in the SPHO review. Roise affirms. Poupore hasn't seen any adverse effects in regards to the building. Roise notes the plan has evolved. They have been discussing mortar issues. Stacey DeRoche asks what part of the drive is remaining a walkway. Luuokala shares a map which gives the site plan including the new entrance. The new entrance will be at intersection of 4th Street and where the existing playground is. The pathway will be ADA accessible. DeRoche asks if there were other objections to the plan. Luuokala states after many years of discussion there were people with differing views, but the city feels they were able to keep the historic nature of the park. The Lincoln park business group, the school, and Eco 3 have all been involved in the master plan process. A traffic study was

completed. The community groups have been waiting on a full design. Luukkala notes their intent is to share the design with the community, once they receive the final MOA from SPHO.

Chair Malone would like to see the 90% final design drawing. Chair Malone notes their next meeting is in November. Will this accommodate their needs? Luukkala hopes to have final MOA in the next couple of months.

2. Review 2019 Work Plan and Ideas for 2020 Work Plan – Robertson shares a spreadsheet and notes more discussion can be included in their November annual meeting.

New Business

3. Heritage Preservation Conference 2019; Jessica Fortney gives an overview. The presentations were good, and there were many SPHO attendees as well. She is impressed with St. Cloud's HPC. They provide educational tours, including one specific for realtors. Robertson shares a conference speaker's view that the HPC can be a beneficial tool, because it creates more jobs per development dollar spent.
4. Discussion on Possible Alternative Meeting Dates/Times – (discussed later in the meeting). Robertson will entertain other options.

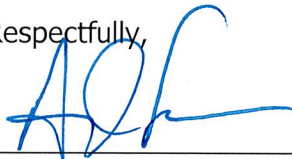
Communication and Other Business

5. Planning Commission Update – Commissioner Sarah Wisdorf gives an overview.
6. Consideration of Minutes – September 10, 2019
MOTION/Second: Wisdorf/Buehler approve the minutes
VOTE: (6-0)
7. Other
 - Art in the Streets Update – Robertson notes they want to change the location of their art. Fortney notes it's a whole alley-way.
 - Park Point Lighthouse (Historic Designation Application to be Submitted)
 - Women's Club (Historic Preservation Plan to be Submitted)
 - Pastoret Terrace – DNT article shared. Deb Kellner will present at the next HPC meeting.

Adjournment at 3:58 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019 (Annual Meeting) Election of officers shall be conducted and proposed amendments to by-laws may be acted upon.

Respectfully,



Adam Fulton – Interim Director
Department of Planning and Economic Development