

**CITY OF SAINT PAUL
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

**ADDRESS: 2260 Summit Avenue (University of St. Thomas-Loras Hall)
DATE: December 14, 2020**

Memorializing the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission’s December 14, 2020 decision to deny the application for demolition.

1. On March 1, 1990, the Summit Avenue West Heritage Preservation District was established under Ordinance No. 17716, § 1, reflecting today’s boundaries. The Heritage Preservation Commission shall protect the architectural character of heritage preservation sites through review and approval or denial of applications for city permits for exterior work within designated heritage preservation sites §74.21.(4).
2. Loras Hall is a contributing structure to the locally designated Summit Avenue West Heritage District.
3. Loras Hall has been determined to be potentially eligible to the National Register of Historic Places by *The University of St. Thomas, The St. Paul Seminary and Historic Summit Avenue: An Assessment of Cultural Resources* by Hess Roise and Company (2017).
4. The structure was designed by noted architect Cass Gilbert. It was an important commission for him and represented a significant milestone in the development of his career.
5. The application for demolition fails to account for the merit, effect and value of Loras Hall. The applications focus the assessment of the demolition in terms of the new academic building that may be constructed.
6. The demolition would adversely affect the Program for the Preservation and architectural control of the Summit Avenue West Preservation District (Leg. Code §73.06 (e)).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Heritage Preservation Commission denies the application for demolition of Loras Hall at the University of St. Thomas.

**MOVED BY: Bezat
SECONDED BY: Douglas**

**IN FAVOR 6
AGAINST 1 (Nelson)
ABSTAIN 0**

Decisions of the Heritage Preservation Commission are final, subject to appeal to the City Council within 14 days by anyone affected by the decision. This resolution does not obviate the need for meeting applicable building and zoning code requirements.