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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

October 16, 2015

Samantha Langer
City of St. Paul – PED
1400 City Hall Annex
25 W 4th Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Demolition of 689 Conway Street
St. Paul, Ramsey County
SHPO No. 2015-3169

Dear Ms. Langer:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. Information received on 17 September 2015 has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing federal regulations at 36 CFR 800.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4-5 it is the Federal agency's responsibility to determine the area of potential effect (APE) for the federal undertaking, to identify and evaluate historic properties that may be affected by the proposed federal undertaking, and to assess adverse effects to historic properties, if any. In absence of this information and based on initial research, it is our opinion that the property located at 689 Conway Street may have National Register significance. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(B), this property should be fully evaluated in order to determine its eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). An intensive-level survey and evaluation includes an in-depth research on the history and construction of the building and an evaluation of its significance and historic integrity. The inventory and evaluation should meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Evaluation* and include consideration of all four National Register Criteria for Evaluation as outlined in 36 CFR 63. The survey should be conducted by a qualified architectural historian or historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications standards (36 CFR 61). Guidelines for completing history/architecture surveys in Minnesota can be found online at <http://bit.ly/shpoguidelines>. A list of individuals and firms that specialize in evaluation work is available on our website preservationdirectory.mnhs.org, select *Historians*, *Contract* in the *Search by Specialties* box.

Once this evaluation is completed, it should be submitted to our office along with the federal agency's determination of effects for this project pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5, *Assessment of adverse effects*.

We look forward to further consultation regarding this project. If you have any questions regarding our review, I can be reached at (651) 259-3456 or by e-mail at sarah.beimers@mnhs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah J. Beimers'.

Sarah J. Beimers, Manager
Government Programs and Compliance

cc: Amy Spong, St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission



**Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development
Historic Review Form**

Please type or print legibly. (Illegible forms will be returned.)

Project Address: 689 CONWAY ST Original Construction Year: 1888
Building Name: John Kaese House Planning District Number: 4
Brief Project Description: **Removal of Nuisance Building**
Other HP Inventory Info: HPL-DB RA-SPC-2435 Metz, L.
Funding: CDBG X NSP Other Funding (list)
Form Completed by: Tom Friel/Rich Singerhouse Date: September 3, 2015
Title/Organization: Vacant Buildings Inspector/Supervisor Phone no: 651-266-1906/1945

Reviews will not be processed without the following information:

- Photo of building attached below
- Map clearly showing location of site (attach)

Completed review will be returned to this address:

Form submitted by: City of Saint Paul, Planning and Economic Development (PED)

Contact Person: Bill Dermody, City Planner (651-266-6617)

Street Address: 1400 City Hall Annex, 25 W. Fourth St., Saint Paul, MN 55102

Please complete Historic Review form for each address and send to **Samantha Langer**, Office Assistant at **1400 City Hall Annex**, 25 W. Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

(To be completed by authorized PED staff.)

Name: Sam Langer Date: 9/10/15

Located within a Saint Paul Historic District? Yes No

Located within a National Register District? Yes No

Listed in the 1983 survey? Yes No

Eligible for designation ☐

Additional site of major significance ☐

Survey form attached ☒

Recommendation: Eligible for National Register? Yes No

Further information required? Yes No

Additional Comments: "Contributing" building in local district. Further research required to determine NRHP eligibility. Local HAC review required prior to demolition permit issuance.



HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY
SAINT PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

4/89

ADDRESS OR LOCATION: 689 Conway Street

HISTORIC NAME: John Kaese House

CONSTRUCTION DATE(S): 6-15-1888 (p)

ORIGINAL USE: dwelling

ARCHITECT:

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS (O=ORIGINAL):

BUILDER: L. Metz (p)

Mrs. Frederick Kaese (p)

o=John Kaese (90d)

CURRENT NAME:

STORIES AND STYLE:

CURRENT USE: duplex

2 story Queen Anne

MAJOR B-PERMITS (1=START): 1 = 15589

COST: \$5,000 (p)

ORIGINAL DIMENSIONS: 24-28 x 30 x 26 (p)

WALL STRUCTURE AND FACINGS:

frame, cement-asbestos on clapboard

ROOF TYPE AND MATERIALS:

hipped with peak, asphalt

FOUNDATION MATERIALS:

limestone

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE/CHARACTER/DETAILS:

Once a distinctive design; still retains
attic gable balcony and Eastlake
brackets. Two-story front bay typical
of many Queen Anne houses in district.

DESIGNATION STATUS

HPC ☐ INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT ☐ CONTRIBUTING

☐ NONCONTRIBUTING

NRHP ☐ INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT ☐ CONTRIBUTING

☐ MULTIPLE PROP ☐ NONCONTRIBUTING

1983 RAMSEY COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY REPORT

☐ SURVEYED

☐ DECLARED ELIGIBLE

☒ NOT SURVEYED

☐ DECLARED SIGNIFICANT

CURRENT SURVEYOR EVALUATION

☒ RECOMMENDED FOR HPC DESIGNATION

☐ INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT ☐ PIVOTAL

DISTRICT ☒ CONTRIBUTING

DISTRICT ☐ NONCONTRIBUTING

☐ ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ MULTIPLE PROPERTY ☐ DISTRICT

☐ NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP

☒ FURTHER RESEARCH IS REQUIRED

ALTERATION/DEGRADATION

Loss of front porch, cement-asbestos veneer.

SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CONTEXTS

Kaese is listed as a bookkeeper for the First National Bank.

REFERENCES

p=BUILDING PERMIT

pc=PERMIT INDEX CARD

fc=FIELD ASSESSMENT CARD, C. 1914-1920

m=WPA MORTGAGE FILE

wd=WPA DEED FILE

b=DUAL CITY BLUEBOOK

d=CITY DIRECTORY

a=SHOWN IN HOPKINS' ATLAS, 1884

g=ST. PAUL DAILY GLOBE DECEMBER 31,

PIN ID: 32-29-22-41-0033-1

CURRENT OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

DEK Investments Inc.

318 Washington Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55110

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (USE BACK IF NECESSARY):

Lot 1, Block 38, Lyman Dayton's Addition

INVENTORIED BY:

Paul Kaese

DATE: 10-10-89

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