

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

**FILE NUMBER** 14-HMCP Recommendation

**DATE** January 30, 2014

**WHEREAS**, Section 73.04 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code states that the Heritage Preservation Commission shall “serve as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on municipal heritage preservation matters... [and] shall review and comment on studies which relate to the...architectural heritage of the city...”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hamline Midway Community Plan (the Plan) was developed by the Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) with community input; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan was adopted by the HMC on January 21, 2014 and is now being submitted to the Heritage Preservation Commission for its review and comment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 73.04; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan areas most comprehensive cultural resource survey took place during the 1983 Historic Sites Survey of Saint Paul and Ramsey County. Several historic context studies were completed in 2001 and are applicable within the Plan boundaries to aid in further identification of historic sites.

**WHEREAS**, the Plan area includes three properties that have been designated by the City Council as Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Sites:

- 1536 Hewitt Avenue West, Hamline University Old Main
- 1885 University Avenue West, Krank Building
- 1564 Lafond Avenue West, Hamline Playground Building

**WHEREAS**, the Plan area also includes the following properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- 1536 Hewitt Avenue West, Hamline University Old Main
- 1885 University Avenue West, Krank Building
- 1514 Englewood Avenue West, Hamline United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS**, the Plan addresses the need to identify potential historic sites and districts and develop local contexts. Preservation practices and criteria for assessing significance of properties have also evolved. Since the 1983 Historic Sites Survey was published, none of the properties identified as historic resources have been razed; and

**WHEREAS**, the strategies and objectives of the Hamline Midway Community Plan that address historic preservation include the following:

- LU2.1 Promote active business store fronts with pedestrian-scale building facades, oriented toward public spaces and streets, including storefront transparency to provide safety and vitality.
- LU2.2 Encourage architecture that is coherent with surrounding architecture and incorporates utilitarian features (e.g. loading docks, mechanical equipment, refuse bins, etc.) into the building design.
- LU5.1 Support design standards for new developments that provide for a gradual transition between single-family housing and new buildings in the terms of height, mass, scale and architectural context.
- H1 Encourage the maintenance and improvement of existing housing stock.

- HP1 Facilitate neighborhood preservation activities through information and logistical support.
- HP2 Coordinate preservation activities between neighborhood groups, the City of Saint Paul, and preservation interest groups (e.g. Historic Saint Paul).
- HP3 Identify potential historic sites and districts in the neighborhood and develop local contexts for review.
- HP4 Encourage a repository for existing historical information; forward information on to other public repositories as appropriate.
- HP5 Work with the city to educate property owners regarding affordable preservation, and develop strategies for private maintenance and improvement initiatives.
- HP6 Develop design guidelines for commercial and industrial development that are mindful of historic preservation.
- HP7 Promote the use of historic tax credits and develop strategies for economic development through historic preservation.
- HP8 Promote preservation-related education, including tours, forums, and workshops.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Heritage Preservation Commission makes the following recommendations for changes and/or additions to the Hamline Midway Community Plan for further consideration by the Saint Paul Planning Commission and City Council:

1. Insert a map within the Historic Preservation chapter or as an appendix that shows all designated and surveyed properties as a baseline and for supporting future survey work.
2. Include a listing of completed context studies that are applicable for the Hamline Midway neighborhood.
3. Add a strategy to support the ongoing preservation and continued use of all designated sites in the plan area.
4. Reword HP3 to read: Conduct a cultural resources survey of the plan area to both re-survey and to identify new historic sites and districts.
5. Reword H 1.2 to read, "encourage lead paint remediation" instead of "lead window replacement."

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Heritage Preservation Commission generally finds the objectives in the Hamline Midway Community Plan to be a pro-preservation statement that supports the Historic Preservation Chapter in the Comprehensive Plan; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Heritage Preservation Commission finds, with the above recommendations, the Hamline Midway Community Plan to be consistent with the City's policy to protect and promote the heritage of the City of Saint Paul and to preserve our architecturally and culturally diverse historic resources.

**MOVED BY** Commissioner Ferguson  
**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Wagner

**IN FAVOR** 7  
**AGAINST** 0  
**ABSTAIN** 0