

August 20, 2019

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Saint Paul City Council
15 West Kellogg Blvd.
City Hall, Suite 310
Saint Paul, MN 55102

cc. Council Member Dai Thao, Ward 1
George Gause, Historic Preservation Supervisor, HPC
Luis Pereira, Planning Director, Planning & Economic Development
Ramsey Hill Association Board of Directors

Dear Council President Brendmoen:

As board members of the Ramsey Hill Association, we write in support of the appeal to replace the remaining portion of the old and deteriorating concrete driveway at the residence located at 526 Portland Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102. The RHA board unanimously approved the proposal to replace this driveway area with new stamped concrete, of which the material and design is wholly consistent with the concrete surface previously allowed at the rear of the same driveway.

The RHA board also finds the proposed work, materials and design consistent with other paved surfaces in the Historic Hill District. It is easy to identify other streets, alleys and driveways with similar appearance.

We do not find anywhere in the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District Guidelines a policy or section that would not allow this. These guidelines do not address hardscape surfaces on private property. The National Historic standards do not apply to the District.

We encourage the Saint Paul City Council to approve the installation of this new driveway, which will contribute to the continued restoration and aesthetic quality of our neighborhood and the City.

Respectfully,

Peter Carlsen
Peter Carlsen, RHA Land Use Chair

Mason Riddle
Mason Riddle, RHA Heritage Preservation Chair

Judith Tande
Judith Tande, Summit-University Planning Council Chair