

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

FILE NUMBER 16-DISTRICT1 Recommendation

DATE March 24, 2016

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 District 1 Community Plan (the Plan) was developed by the District 1 Community Council (Community Council) with community input; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was adopted by the Community Council in 2015 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 most comprehensive cultural resource survey of the Plan area took place during the 1983 Historic Sites Survey of Saint Paul and Ramsey County. Several historic context studies were completed in 2001 and the Residential Real Estate Development: 1880-1950 context study is applicable within the Plan boundaries to aid in further identification of historic sites; and

WHEREAS, there are no properties the Plan area designated by the City Council as Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Sites; and

WHEREAS, there are no properties in the Plan area listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Plan addresses the need to identify potential historic sites and districts. Preservation practices and criteria for assessing significance of properties have also evolved. Since the 1983 Historic Sites Survey was published, one of the properties identified as historic resources have been razed; and

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

- LU8.3 Apply development standards to address the following concerns:
 - Preservation and protection of trees and other natural features
 - Preservation of significant viewsheds
- HLU 4.1 Support programs, studies, and policies that serve to preserve its
- CC1.1 Determine the character-defining features of each neighborhood that should be preserved; incorporate these features into area plans and master plans for new development.

- CC1.2 Increase community awareness about the distinctive features and characteristics of District 1 neighborhoods.
- CC1.3 Protect and enhance those neighborhood physical features that define an area's visual character and urban form.
- CC2: Promote planning that respects and preserves the landscape, topography, and environmental resources in District 1.
- CC2.3 Support tree and slope preservation in Highwood.
- CC3: Promote the development of interesting and engaging architecture in both rehabilitation and new development.
- CC3.1 Ensure that design, materials, placement, and orientation of rehabilitated buildings and new development relate to the scale and character of surroundings. Buildings should be sensitive to their relationship to adjacent properties, and sides facing a street should be architecturally treated as principal facades.
- CC3.2 Entrances, retail frontages, and windows should face streets and public spaces to make them safe, comfortable and more accessible to pedestrians.
- CC4.3 Collaborate with Saint Paul Public Schools to determine criteria for reuse of school district buildings if they will no longer be used for educational purposes.
- CC4.4 Continue to monitor and communicate with Ramsey County regarding the future of the Boys Totem Town facility in Highwood.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Heritage Preservation Commission makes the following recommendations for changes and/or additions to the District 1 Community Plan for further consideration by the Saint Paul Planning Commission and City Council:

1. Insert maps within the Historic Preservation & Community Character chapter or as an appendix that shows all surveyed properties as a baseline and for supporting future survey work.
2. Include a list of completed context studies that are applicable to the District 1 neighborhoods.
3. Identify the name and address of the property shown in the picture on page 41. How does it relate to historic preservation and/or community character?
4. Add: Work with the Historic Preservation Commission to educate property owners regarding historic preservation and to develop strategies for encouraging property owners to consider historic significance when making improvements.
5. Add: Develop partnerships with the Heritage Preservation Commission and preservation organizations to fund and promote preservation initiatives.
6. Add: Support and/or implement an ongoing survey program to identify and evaluate all types of historic resources and historic contexts in the District 1 Plan area, including buildings, structures, objects, archaeological sites,

- districts, and landscapes. Examples of District 1 resources to identify and evaluate include, but are not limited to: sites associated with individuals (e.g.: Walter N. Greaza, Kitt Clum, Sarah Tandy) or events, farmhouses, wetland, roadhouse, Totem Town, Point Douglas, early territory, Taylor Park, industrial sites (e.g.: North Star Steel Company, Red Rock Road, Rail/Switching Yards, Milwaukee Road), Pig's Eye Island Heron Rookery, Pigs Eye, the original site of Kaposia Village in the Pigs Eye area, etc...
7. Add: Support the designation of historic resources, such as buildings, structures, objects, archaeological sites, historic districts, and landscapes as Saint Paul heritage preservation sites or historic districts.
 8. Add: Support programs, studies, and policies that serve to preserve its historical character.
 9. Add: Support citizen-led preservation activities in the neighborhood.
 10. Add: Promote the use of historic tax credits and develop strategies for economic development through historic preservation.
 11. Add: Promote development that respects the distinctive community character and unique topography of the Plan area's four neighborhoods: Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek, and Highwood.
 12. Add: Integrate Preservation Planning into the Broader Public Policy, Land Use Planning, and Decision-Making Processes.
 13. Add: Prioritize the retention of historic resources over demolition when evaluating planning and development projects that require or request district council action, involvement, or funding.
 14. Add: Protect undesignated historic resources that are eligible or potentially eligible for local or national designation.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Heritage Preservation Commission generally finds that the objectives in the District 1 Community Plan support the Historic Preservation Chapter in the Comprehensive Plan; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Heritage Preservation Commission finds, with the above recommendations, the District 1 Community Plan to be consistent with the City's policy to identify and promote the heritage of the City of Saint Paul.

MOVED BY Commissioner Meller
SECONDED BY Commissioner Ferguson

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