

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Richard Dana, Chair
Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission

Dear Chair Dana and members of the Heritage Preservation Commission:

With this letter, we formally request an appeal of the decision made by the commission for Central Presbyterian Church, located at 500 Cedar Street. We are grateful for the respectful and detailed hearing we received on 27 August, 2015. Thank you for the service you provide to St Paul so that our historic treasures are maintained and preserved.

We are pleased with the commission's approval of our building permit, but need to appeal the conditions at this time. Specifically, we are concerned that the requirement to use metal ridge caps will add cost beyond what we can afford. We must respectfully appeal the decision and conditions, so that we can proceed with this essential roof replacement project in a cost-effective manner.

As we stated at our hearing, this re-roofing project is the largest capital investment that the congregation of Central Presbyterian has made in many years. Approaching \$300,000 in cost, the project in its current scope is a stretch for our congregation of 225 adult members. We have successfully raised these funds, but do not have resources that can be tapped to cover additional costs, such as the metal ridging. We know that this investment will preserve our historic church from leaks and other damage over the expected 50 year lifespan of the church.

Additionally, we have applied for a State Legacy grant, which if received, could allow us to proceed with the metal ridging. However, it is our understanding that our window for appeal does not extend as long as it would need to in order to hear about this potential source of funding. Therefore, we submit this request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to be in contact with either of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fluryanne Leach".

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