



## **MEETING NOTICE – HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will meet to deliberate the application noticed below. The HPC is governed by Saint Paul Legislative Code Title IX: Chapters 73 & 74 and the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan Heritage & Cultural Preservation Chapter. The HPC conducts business according to guidance prescribed in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties and the National Park Service Preservation Briefs.

**Application Address:**

276 Exchange Street S. (Forepaugh's)

**Application:**

The applicant is proposing to demolish and reconstruct the deteriorated front porch.

See [www.StPaul.gov/HPC](http://www.StPaul.gov/HPC) for the staff report and submittal documentation.

**Applicant:**

Jim Herget, Reprise Design

*Historical Society has to approve*

**HPC Meeting:**

Monday, September 25, 2023  
3:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West, 300 City Hall

**Written Testimony:** Anyone may submit a written (email is acceptable) testimony/comment to the HPC. To be accepted the testimony/comment must include your full name, and address and be written to the Heritage Preservation Commission. Testimony/comments may be sent to the HPC via email [askHPC@stpaul.gov](mailto:askHPC@stpaul.gov). Written testimony/comments will be accepted until Friday, 5 p.m. prior to the meeting.

**Public Testimony at the Meeting:** Anyone may speak at the HPC public hearing. Speakers must state their full name and address before addressing the commission. Speakers have 2 minutes to address the commission. Speakers may only focus on the HPC review of the proposed project. Speakers may not use visual aids or transfer their time to other speakers.



See <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/heritage-preservation/historic-districts-and-sites> for a searchable district map

### **Saint Paul Heritage Preservation**

Saint Paul has a wealth of historic resources that define the character of the city, create a strong sense of place, enhance the quality of life of residents, and connect residents to the city. Like many great American cities, Saint Paul has embraced historic preservation as an important tool for maintaining cultural, economic, and social vitality.

Historic preservation is the visual and tangible conservation of cultural identity and an effective method of environmental sustainability. It represents a commitment to remembering the past and demonstrates a long-term vision by preserving irreplaceable cultural resources.

Historic districts do have aesthetic stipulations, but they are intended to help ensure that the character of the district remains intact. The stability provided by the preservation program usually raises property values because investors can be assured that the historic nature of the district will remain intact.

### **What is the Heritage Preservation Commission?**

The Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was created in 1976. The thirteen-citizen board, appointed by the Mayor, is charged with protecting the city's historic resources. The duties of the HPC include evaluating the architectural and historical significance of buildings and districts, recommending buildings and districts to the city council for designation, and reviewing proposed alterations to designated properties. The HPC is managed by a professional staff in the HP section of the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Office of the City of Saint Paul.

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### **What does being part of a local historic district mean?**

Local historic district designation is a form of protection for historic properties. Through designation, the City has determined that properties within the district have historical significance and is an important part of the City's heritage worthy of protection from inappropriate changes or destruction.

### **Do I need approval to work on my property?**

Every building within a historic district is protected under the city's heritage preservation ordinance (Legislative Code Chapter 73). If you want to make exterior alterations to your building, you need to obtain approval before beginning the work. Less than 8% of applications require Commission review.

### **Will historic district designation prevent alterations and new construction? No.**

The goal of designation is not to prevent change but to guide it. Alterations, demolition, and new construction continue to take place, but the staff must first review the proposed changes for compatibility with the historic character of the district.

### **Why do you review new construction on vacant lots?**

The HPC reviews proposals for new construction to ensure that the new building or structure is consistent with the scale and character of the historic district and will not detract from the special qualities of surrounding buildings.

### **Can you make me restore my building to the way it looked when built? No.**

The HPC does not require you to restore your building to its original appearance. However, if you propose major changes those changes would be reviewed for consistency with the historic character of the building and area.

**I want to sell my building within a historic district. Must I tell the Heritage Preservation Commission?**

No.

Historic district designation places no restrictions on an owner's right to use or to sell property.

If you have any other questions, please contact staff.

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