



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



March 27, 2012

Patricia James, Planner
City of St. Paul
1400 City Hall Annex
25 W. Forth Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: Demolition of 466 Iglehart Avenue
St. Paul, Ramsey County
SHPO Number: 2012-1290

Dear Ms. James:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 CFR 800).

The property at 466 Iglehart Avenue is located within the locally designated Historic Hill District. Furthermore, this local district has been certified for the purpose of federal rehabilitation tax credits. Federal certification means that the local Historic Hill District, including this property as a contributing element, **meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.**

Demolition of a Register-eligible property constitutes an **adverse effect** to both the contributing resource and to the District as a whole. Furthermore, we note that the rest of the block is currently intact, and that a National Register listed property (the David Luckert House) is located two doors down; thus magnifying the potential harm of a demolition at the proposed location.

Under Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, federally funded programs are required to seek project alternatives that avoid or minimize adverse effects whenever possible. Therefore we ask that you re-consider the demolition alternative, and instead seek to rehabilitate this home according to the Secretary of Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation.

We look forward to consulting with you further on alternatives to demolition, and on appropriate rehabilitation design. Please contact our Compliance Section at (651) 259-3456 if you have any questions regarding our review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Ann Heidemann'.

Mary Ann Heidemann, Manager
Government Programs and Compliance

cc: St. Paul HPC