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Richard Dana
Chair, Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)
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RE: Withdraw of appeal of HPC decision
737 Plum Street

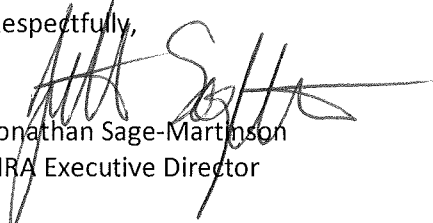
Dear Chair Dana,

On October 8, 2015, the HPC denied the Housing and Redevelopment Authority's (HRA) application for a demolition permit to raze the building at 737 Plum Street (HPC File #16-005). On October 22, 2015, the HRA submitted a letter stating intent to appeal the decision under Chapter 73 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

A public hearing was scheduled at City Council to consider the appeal on January 6, 2016 (AHPC 16-1). The hearing was continued to July 6, 2016 to allow time for HRA staff to conduct a request for proposals (RFP) process, in cooperation with the neighborhood, for this and three other properties located within the Dayton's Bluff Historic District. The RFP was released on March 31, 2016, and responses were received by May 11, 2016. Viable proposals were received from developers interested in rehabilitating the structure. The hearing was continued a second time to August 17, 2016 to allow the HRA to evaluate the proposals received, and a third time to September 21 to allow HRA to secure additional funding.

On July 13, 2016, the HRA approved the sale and subsidy for the rehabilitation of the referenced property to a developer (RES PH 16-182). And on September 7, 2016, the City Council approved additional Year-Round Ward 7 STAR funding. (RES 16-1504). Therefore, the HRA requests that the appeal of the HPC's decision to deny the demolition permit be withdrawn.

Respectfully,


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HRA Executive Director

Cc: Jane Prince, Councilmember, Ward 7
Patty Lilledahl, Director of Housing, Department of Planning and Economic Development