

Boulware, Christine (CI-StPaul)

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 6:43 PM
To: Boulware, Christine (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: HPC Public Hearing: 689 Conway

Dear Christine;

I'm writing in protest of the proposed demolition of 689 Conway ahead of tomorrow's HPC public hearing. This is a contributing structure to the Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District and as such, its loss would prove extremely detrimental to the district, as well as to the fabric and character of the neighborhood. At a time when demolitions and teardowns are causing irreparable damage to many of St. Paul's historic neighborhoods, the loss of this house would not only cause harm to this neighborhood, but undermine the efforts of residents who are seeking to preserve St. Paul's heritage--something that makes it unique in the surrounding metropolitan area.

Moreover, the speed with which this proposed demolition is proceeding is of great concern and makes me question why the City is rushing to action, given that the house retains much of its original construction and ornamentation--especially remarkable given that it dates to 1888. I doubt that the City has given neighbors, and potential purchasers who would seek to restore it, adequate information and notice which would allow them to work on preserving this property and, by extension, the vitality of the greater neighborhood. Preserving St. Paul's historic neighborhoods--as evidenced in Summit Hill, Ramsey Hill, Mac-Groveland and St. Anthony Park, to name a few--have proven to also preserve stability and safety, a strong sense of community and civic engagement, increased property values and further investment in supporting businesses, which in turn provides ongoing, consistent streams of revenue back to the City.

I respectfully request that HPC and, by copy of this email to Marcia Moermond, the legislative hearing officer ahead of the 11/24 hearing, to support the preservation of this property.

Thank you.

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