

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION

FILE NUMBER **18-004**

DATE: **November 16, 2017**

Memorializing the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission’s November 16, 2017 decision denying the application to install a red tint, stamped herringbone concrete driveway and walkway with steps at 524-526 Portland Avenue within the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District.

1. On April 2, 1991, the most recent expansion of the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District was established under Ordinance No. 17815, § 3(II), reflecting today’s boundaries. The Heritage Preservation Commission shall protect the architectural character of heritage preservation sites through review and approval or denial of applications for city permits for exterior work within designated heritage preservation sites §73.04.(4).
2. The J.R. Hudson House, at 524-526 Portland Avenue, is categorized as contributing to the character of the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District.
3. **Secretary of the Interiors Standard’s #5:** *Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques...that characterize a property will be preserved.* The previous driveway material was concrete. There is no evidence that the driveway material was originally brick pavers. Stamped concrete would not characterize the quality of brick pavers and not a construction technique that was used historically.
4. **Legislative Code §74.64(b)(3):** *The original color and texture of masonry surfaces should be retained.* The proposed red tint stamped concrete will not replicate the original grey concrete driveway or steps and walk.
5. **Legislative Code §74.65(a):** *New construction should be compatible with the size, scale, massing, height, rhythm, setback, color, material, building elements, site design, and character of surrounding structures and the area.* Stamped concrete is not typical for the district and not compatible with site design or surrounding character.
6. **Legislative Code §74.65(d):** *...thread of continuity provided by the range of materials commonly used by turn-of-the-century builders and by the way these materials were used. This thread of continuity is threatened by the introduction of new industrial materials...* The previous driveway material was concrete. Stamped concrete would create an earlier/different appearance than what originally existed.
7. **Legislative Code §74.65(g)(1):** *The traditional pattern of...sidewalks in the area should be maintained.* The concrete sidewalk will be replaced. The curb-cut proposal from the official application, calling for concrete with scored carriage lines, will match what is found in the district.
8. The official application proposal to install a red tint, stamped herringbone concrete driveway and replace a walkway and steps at 524-526 Portland Avenue, will adversely affect the Program for the Preservation and architectural control of the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Heritage Preservation Commission denies the application to install a red tint, stamped herringbone concrete driveway and walkway with steps at 524-526 Portland Avenue within the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District.

MOVED BY: Dana

SECONDED BY: Bezat

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AGAINST 0

ABSTAIN 0

Decisions of the Heritage Preservation Commission are final, subject to appeal to the City Council within 14 days by anyone affected by the decision. This resolution does not obviate the need for meeting applicable building and zoning code requirements, and does not constitute approval for tax credits.