

Heritage Preservation Commission  
January 13, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes  
City Hall – Council Chambers

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jessica Fortney called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at noon on Monday January 13, 2020.

Attending: Stacey DeRoche, Jessica Fortney, Mike Poupore, and Sarah Wisdorf

Absent: Ken Buehler

Staff Present: Steven Robertson and Cindy Stafford

Add item #4 to new business regarding lighting on the Aerial Lift Bridge

**MOTION/Second:** DeRoche/Poupore add item 4 to the agenda

**VOTE: (4-0)**

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of Minutes – December 10, 2019

**MOTION/Second:** Wisdorf/DeRoche approve the minutes

**VOTE: (4-0)**

Unfinished Business

2. Womens Club Final Preservation Plan (PL 17-074, 2400 E. Superior St.)

**MOTION/Second:** Wisdorf/DeRoche approve the final preservation plan dated 12/2/19

**VOTE: (4-0)**

3. Pastoret Terrace. CLG Grant Application (PL 18-104, Sec 138) – Steven Robertson gives an overview and notes #3 on the Proposed Suitable Course of Action: Demo Mitigation Activities. Develop design guidelines to continue and advance the preservation of the Duluth Commercial Historic District along East 1<sup>st</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Robertson confirms the HPC would be willing to hold a special meeting if a vote on the CLG grant is needed. The HPC affirms.

New Business

4. Alex Jackson, the energy Manager for the city of Duluth addressed the HPC. He gave an overview regarding the proposed lighting on the aerial lift bridge. They propose to replace the 32 existing fixtures with 24 custom color changing LED fixtures mounted in the same location. This will save the city \$4,000 per year. No permanent alterations to the bridge will be made. No holes will be drilled. It will decrease the light trespassed to their neighbors. He invites questions. Stacey Deroche asks when the project will be finished. Jackson said as soon as possible. The original timeframe was 2 months during the winter months while shipping is closed. He needs the approval from HPC to move forward. He will then order fixtures and hire an electrical contractor. Robertson noted they are proposing 4,000Kelvin (K) for lighting. Jackson said it won’t be lit at 4,000k, but that volume is needed in order to make the color spectrum. Currently it is about 2,500K,

and it will look exactly the same. Mike Poupore asked with more fixtures, would it be brighter. Jackson explains the LED are designed for narrow floods which only covers their own area. The lighting won't be concentrated in one area. Poupore asked if they have consulted with the dark sky group. Jackson affirms. The dark sky group would not like to see the bridge lit at all. Chair Fortney noted from a historic perspective, she doesn't see a conflict, and there is an important safety component involved. She sees the lighting as a cultural aspect. Chair Fortney thanks Jackson for the information. The HPC unanimously agreed this lighting proposal did not warrant a historic construction permit.

#### Communication and Other Business

5. Planning Commission Update – Commissioner Sarah Wisdorf gave an overview of upcoming discussion items at the Planning Commission meeting. Nothing specific pertaining to the HPC, other than 1 small change for a concurrent use permit in Lincoln Park, which will conform to the surrounding neighborhood.
6. HPC Board Member Resignation – Robertson shared the email from Mike Malone date 1-20-2020, he will be moving to Scotland and officially resigned from the HPC.
7. Conference 2021 in Duluth. Will staff support? Robertson will research possibility.

Adjournment at 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Monday, February 10, 2020

Respectfully,



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Adam Fulton – Deputy Director  
Department of Planning and Economic Development