

Heritage Preservation Commission
October 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – Duluth City Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Michael Poupore called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Attending: Ken Buehler, Stacey DeRoche, Jessica Fortney, Mike Malone, Michael Poupore, and Zandy Zwiebel

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Adam Fulton and Cindy Stafford

2. Old Business

A. **PL 18-007** Historic Nomination of Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad (LSMRR) by the Heritage Preservation Commission

Staff: Manager Adam Fulton introduces the nomination, and gives an overview. The public hearing was held on September 11, 2018. Staff recommends that this is not an appropriate time to make this nomination and encourages the HPC to table. Zandra Zwiebel asks what staff's concerns are at this point. Manager Fulton notes the causeway and the remediation of the U.S. Steel site. There are still unknowns as to how remediation moves forward. Zwiebel asks how this vote specifically effects the remediation process. Manager Fulton states the remediation will be expensive and will require flexibility. Zwiebel states this nomination will highlight the historical importance of the railroad as a priority of the HPC. Manager Fulton notes it could impede or otherwise impact the process moving forward, which is a concern. It is a question of timing. Chair Poupore adds the U.S. Steel site has been under remediation for 30 years and no agreement has been made. He notes there are 106 reviews currently under way. He feels nominating the railroad now is crucial. Once the HPC votes to recommend, it will then be moved to the city council for their vote. Zwiebel asks about the preservation plan. Per Fulton the preservation plan specifics are unknown at this time. Jessica Fortney notes the railroad experts can answer questions and help with the preservation plan. Zwiebel has a concern with making a nomination as-is which would be difficult in creating the preservation plan. Fortney states the preservation plan will state what is ideal and will give alternatives. She sees it as a planning tool for the future. Stacey DeRoche brings up the Lincoln Park Preservation plan as a comparison, and notes it is very broad in scope. Based on input, Zwiebel confirms the preservation plan does not guarantee exact replacement of the railroad and as simple as designation or signage. Chair Poupore asks if the public (in attendance at the meeting) can weigh in, and asks staff for direction. Manager Fulton states the chair could suspend the rules if they wish to allow the public to speak. Mike Malone asks why they need to open the public hearing again. They had the public meeting on September 11, 2018.

Applicant: N/A

Public: N/A

Commissioners: Zwiebel would like the preservation plan to consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Manager Fulton states it will go to the city council for their October 22, 2018 meeting.

MOTION/Second: Malone/DeRoche recommend the historic nomination of Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad with the added condition that the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is taken into consideration when creating the preservation plan

VOTE: (5-0, Buehler Abstained)

B. Pilot Program for Rehabilitation of Historic Homes – Manager Fulton gives an overview. They are trying to encourage investment in older homes. Chair Poupore thinks this a great start and can serve as a catalyst for other programs.

3. Communications and Other Business

A. Planning Commission Update – Zwiebel gives an overview.

B. Consideration of Minutes – September 11, 2018

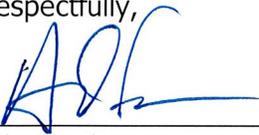
MOTION/Second: Buehler/Fortney approve the September 11, 2018 minutes

VOTE: (6-0)

4. Adjournment at 3:36 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – Annual Meeting.

Respectfully,



Adam Fulton - Manager
Community Planning