

Heritage Preservation Commission
January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – City Hall

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jessica Glander called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 12:02 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023.

Attendance:

Attending: Gary Eckenberg, Jessica Glander, Brandon Hartung, Jess Mccullough, and Kal Randa

Absent: Ken Buehler

Staff Present: Steven Robertson, and Cindy Stafford

2) Public Hearings

PL 22-224 Historic Designation – 230 East 4th Street –

Staff and applicant: Steven Robertson introduced Lori Anderson. She gave an overview of the building's history. It has a Queen Ann architectural style and was built in 1886. The building has been residential apartments since 1912. The building meets items 1) It has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state, or the United States; and 4) It embodies a distinguishing characteristic of an architectural type. More details are found in the commissioners' packet. She welcomed questions.

Commissioners: Gary Eckenberg asked if there will be restoration performed. Smith stated not specifically at this time, but future maintenance is anticipated. Chair Glander noted a preservation plan. She said the HPC is interested in seeing it. Eckenberg asked what benefits does the owner see with this nomination. Smith noted the want to maintain the character of the building, and they would like to have the HPC's input. Chair Glander asked how long the new owner has owned the property. Kal Randa stated since February of 2022.

Public Speakers: There were no speakers.

Commissioners: Randa stated it was encouraging to see this building preserved. Chair Glander was impressed with the application, and is excited for the nomination. Robertson asked if the HPC wanted to move it forward right away, so the planning commission could look at it, at their normally scheduled meeting tomorrow night. Brandon Hartung stated he was ok to move it forward. Chair Glander agreed. Robertson noted the applicant will come forward with a preservation plan within one year.

MOTION/Second: Glander/Hartung nominate 230 E 4th Street for historic designation

VOTE: (5-0)

3) Consideration of Minutes

December 12, 2022 HPC Meeting

MOTION/Second: Eckenberg/Hartung approved the minutes

VOTE: (5-0)

4) Communications

MnDot TH61 Project, 106 Consulting Party – Steven Robertson gave an overview. It was determined that there was no historic effect. The agency would still like a response. Chair Glander agreed they could formally state they had no comments.

MOTION/Second: Hartung/Mccullough agree on email stating the HPC has no comments

VOTE: (5-0)

5) Report of Final Disposition of Matters Previously Before the Commission –
N/A

6) Reports of Officers, Staff and Committees
PC Liaison Update on January 10, 2023 PC Meeting -

Planning Commission overview – Gary Eckenberg will note items of importance for their next meeting. Robertson shared the planning commission agenda. He noted St. Lukes Hospital will be adding additional levels to Building A, which may affect the view sheds. Nothing else is particularly of interest to the HPC. Kal Randa asked if the St. Scholastica new addition will have an impact on their historical property. Robertson noted it will be a re-use and won't have an impact. The pending changes to the zoning code's minimum parking standards was referenced briefly, and the concern that in the past structures that may have been eligible for historic nomination have been demolished in order to build parking lots.

7) Consideration of Matters Regarding Commission Action
N/A

8) Other Business

9) Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

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