

Heritage Preservation Commission  
June 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
Council Chambers – City Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Jessica Glander called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 12:01 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023.

**Attendance:**

Attending: Ken Buehler, Gary Eckenberg, Jessica Glander, Brandon Hartung, Jess McCullough, and Kal Randa

Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Jenn Moses, and Tom Church

Consideration of Minutes

March 13, 2023 HPC Meeting

**MOTION/Second:** Buehler/Randa approved the minutes with minor change

**VOTE: (6-0)**

Presentation

Incline Steps Signage Project –Doug Stevens addressed the commission and gave an overview of the history of the incline, and his involvement. The city's parks commission approved adding the steps to their recreational hiking trail system. The Duluth Preservation Alliance agreed to sign on as the 501 3c organization. They are currently accepting donations. Stevens hopes to have the needed \$4,000 for the signage by the end of the summer, so the signs can be built in the winter and hopefully installed next Spring. Stevens welcomed questions. Commissioner Gary Eckenberg asked about the signage project's round-up event. Stevens said the event was well attended and helped raise money. Stevens said project includes four interpretive signs, and the other signs would be wayfinding in nature. The signs will be created by Tony Dierckins. President Glander thanked Stevens for providing the HPC with the entire story. She asked him to consider sharing the signs with the HPC along with the Parks commission when they are ready for presentation in a joint meeting, so the project can move forward as soon as possible.

Communications

Section 106 APE Delineation – Blatnik Bridge – Church gave an overview. Three historic sites have been identified, and they will continue to track the project.

Section 106 Review – Verizon Antenna Replacement at Lakeside Early Learning – Per Church, the towers will be added to the newer portion of the building and will not exceed the chimney height.

FHWA Superior Hiking Trail Project – request for information on past SHT reviews. Church stated the location on the trail has not been determined yet. The FHWA will let the city know if the project will be within city limits.

Report of Final Disposition of Matters Previously Before the Commission –

N/A

Reports of Officers, Staff and Committees

Planning Commission overview – Gary Eckenberg gave an overview. There is land which was previously sold by the Women’s Club going through a variance request, but nothing particularly historic in nature.

Consideration of Matters Regarding Commission Action

N/A

Other Business

N/A

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully,

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