

Heritage Preservation Commission
June 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – City Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Kal Randa called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 12:06 p.m. on Monday, June 9th, 2025.

Attendance:

Attending: Ken Buehler, Kathleen Cargill, John Hest, and Kal Randa

Absent: Chris Adatte and Jess McCullough

Staff Present: Chris Lee

Consideration of Minutes

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MOTION/Second: Randa/Cargill approved

VOTE: (4-0)

Consideration of Matters Regarding Commission Action

N/A

Other Business/Presentations

Opportunity to Comment on National Registration of Historic Places Nomination for 424 West Superior Street, Ordean Building

Staff: Chris Lee addressed the commissioners. The owners of the Ordean building are looking to have it registered as a national historic structure. An in-depth report was done by a consultant for the property owner, which includes the building and part of the plaza that is located just outside of the building. There is no action to take on this matter, but commissioners can make comments or ask questions for staff to address.

Commissioners: Cargill voiced her support for the registration nomination.

Buehler commented that he believes that the building owners are seeking the nomination because of why the structure was originally built relating to the history around the Ordean Foundation. Buehler spoke about other structures in Duluth that have gone through similar evolutions and voiced his support for the nomination.

Randa commented that he is also in favor of the nomination.

Communications

Training Opportunity: Parliamentary Procedure

Staff: Lee stated that there is an upcoming training opportunity on July 16th from 12pm to 1pm. People who serve on boards and commissions that are overseen by the planning department are invited to attend, but attendance is optional. There will be discussion about parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order.

Report of Final Disposition of Matters Previously Before the Commission

N/A

Reports of Officers, Staff and Committees

PC Liaison Update – Lee stated that there was a planning commission meeting last month on May 13th. At that meeting, the Belanger building interim use permit for a laundromat and multifamily dwelling (Adaptive Reuse) was approved. The Safe Bay project was also on that meeting's agenda, and it generated a lot of public comments.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jenn Moses – Manager
Planning and Development Division