

Heritage Preservation Commission
January 12th, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – City Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President John Hest called to order the annual meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 12:04 p.m. on Monday, January 12th, 2025.

Attendance:

Attending: Kathleen Cargill, John Hest, Michael Schuetze, and Andrea Wedul

Absent: Ken Buehler and Jess McCullough

Staff Present: Chris Lee and Sam Smith

Consideration of Minutes

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MOTION/Second: Wedul/Schuetze approved

VOTE: (4-0)

Consideration of Matters Regarding Commission Action

N/A

Other Business/Presentations

N/A

Communications

Chris Lee informed the commissioners that Tricia Hobbs and Tom Church will be giving a presentation on items related to Downtown Duluth at next month's meeting. There will be more information included in February's agenda packet.

Report of Final Disposition of Matters Previously Before the Commission

N/A

Reports of Officers, Staff and Committees

PC Liaison Update – Wedul stated that the final draft of the AUAR will go before the planning commission at their meeting tomorrow. She also spoke briefly about the moratorium on short-term rentals in Duluth and the land use study for Lester Park Golf Course.

Chris Lee stated that there will be an application for a variance to shoreland setbacks for the Chester Chalet renovation project going before the planning commission tomorrow. They are hoping to move forward in the spring and staff are recommending approval. Lee also reminded commissioners of an email he sent to them regarding the focus group that Wayne Gannaway with St. Louis County was putting together, and encouraged them to consider participating as citizens by January 14th.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jenn Moses, Manager
Planning and Development Division