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Duluth Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of November 22, 2011

- I. Call to Order: Chair Carolyn Sundquist called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in Room 303, City Hall.
- II. Roll Call: Ken Buehler, Donald Dass, Drew Digby, Wayne Gannaway Vice Chair, Tim Meyer, Carolyn Sundquist, Chair, and David Woodward
- III. Consideration of Minutes. Motion/Second Dass/Woodward to Approve the October 25th Minutes.
- IV. Old Business

East End Historic Resources Survey III.

Sundquist introduced Andrew Schmidt and Chuck Froseth and asked them to walk them through the research design. Schmidt stated that it started out with the background research with Froseth. They are gathering information on the development of the East End. They had done a windshield tour which they were able to get a sense on their efforts for the Field study. He stated that north of Greysolon and up 6th looks like it has the most integrity. This is where they will focus. Meyer stated that we have a fixed amount and what would the survey cover? Schmidt stated that if they saw that the property didn't have integrity, they would not record those. There are no records of photos of those areas. Woodward asked if all the properties were covered and Schmidt agreed. There are a few properties in that neighborhood just up the hill. They are looking at the areas here and selecting the properties. Gannaway asked if there is another step to this and how to look at what has integrity and what properties don't? Schmidt stated that they are pretty open to this. If there are substituted materials they would rule it out. Meyer asked that if they would be able to see the progress and have an opportunity to see what has merit and value as it goes along. Schmidt said that they are going to set up a public meeting for this.

Sundquist said that the regular December HPC meeting could be in conjunction with the survey public meeting. When Froseth gets that set it would be December 15th. Froseth stated that this is the first step and have it more informational. Woodward said that they could meet at 6:30 to sit down before the meeting. There are a number of neighbors who would be interested in this meeting. Woodward stated that the Historic Society has a lot of resources to look at. Froseth stated that they would most likely have a post card sent to the neighbors regarding this meeting.

Digby said that there are two reports coming out that may have a big impact on the East Hillside. One of the big issues in the Charette Report was how to help people keep their properties. One of the pieces of this is going to be how to help people keep up on the maintenance of their homes. In this study area there are a lot of changes and there are smart ways to do things and not so good ways. Sundquist stated that it would be good to help the residents keep up their houses in this transition. Gannaway added that some of the homes may be reused as something else.

St. Peters Landmark Status.

Sundquist stated that Maryanne Norton helped write the Ordinance for the HPC and served on this commission for many years. Robin Manella has been a member of the Italian American Club and very interested in the St. Peters Church. Woodward stated that he didn't get a sense of traditional Italian American. Norton stated that she can add something that shows the community and its significance. Woodward said that the strongest part is the Italian community was that they were much of the labor force. This is the Center of that along with the parishioners. This is the pinnacle of the Italian neighborhood and a cultural center of this neighborhood. Manella stated that this church is the last vestige of the Italian neighborhood. Digby added that this was the center of this neighborhoods world.

Dass stated that they need to add some of the Italian/American aspects to the cultural aspect. This church is the last vestige of an Italian/American Neighborhood. Woodward asked if we could get access to the church. Digby stated that asking for a tour would be okay. Sundquist said that the Public meeting will be on December 15 and they can schedule a tour for St. Peters an hour before that. They would notify the Bishop about the meeting when they have a date set.

<p>MOTION/Second: Sundquist/Woodward to Approve the Landmark Status of St. Peters Church. Vote: 8-0 (Unanimous)</p>

IX. Reports of Officers and Committees.

Digby stated that the economics of renting out the houses and the impact on the neighborhood would be significant. The recommendation is to do it slowly. It was purposed to have student housing. There could be 600 units on this site and it would have an impact to the area. What will happen if there are no longer rentals in this area. The Armory could be a part of one of these developments centers as the plaza area will go through a transition. Chuck is working on the rezoning of Central High School. There are also meetings regarding Form based areas. One of the upcoming things would be the sign ordinance. Grandmas wanted a huge Marquee sign. The interpretations and formalizing in the new code can be complicated. The HPC can flag properties that they are looking at for Historic status.

<p>MOTION/Second: Sundquist/Meyer to Move New Business up. Vote: 8-0 (Unanimous)</p>
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Development Department proposed use of federal funds for 2012 that may impact historic Resources.

Sundquist introduced Chuck Froseth who is here to review any impacts on historic structures that federal funds may have. Froseth stated that the Hillside Apartments project will be on hold for another year. The two projects they have would be the Damiano Center Building with a new soup kitchen and the Boys and Girls Club. We will see what they are doing on this. He is not sure of their plans yet. We don't know what money we have yet. The CDBG usually comes in pretty good. They are not sure how this will come through in the end. From our review of the proposal there is no impact. The HPC asked that the Community Development office keep us apprised of any potential impacts on the projects.

MOTION/Second: Sundquist/Meyer to **Accept** Community Development's proposed use of Federal Funds for 2012 and from our review of the proposal there seems to be no impact on historic resources. The HPC asks that Community Development lets us know of any impacts.
VOTE: 7-0 (Unanimous)

X. Annual Meeting of Duluth HPC

1. Review Annual Report for Federal Fiscal year ending 9/30/11.

MOTION/Second: Woodward/Gannaway to Approve the Annual Report for Federal Fiscal year ending 9/30/11.
VOTE: 6-0 (Unanimous)

2. Election of officers. Motion/Second David Woodward elected as Chairman and Wayne Gannaway for Vice Chair. Unanimous

Work plan for federal fiscal year 10/1/11.

Sundquist asked if there is any discussion on this. The 3rd objective was that the HPC apply for a CLG grant. Woodward would look to force the hand of the Planning Commission to provide a matching fund. Sundquist stated that they should have one every other year. We should have design review guidelines and work toward that. Myer stated that any design review would add another layer of time. Existing properties would be more predictable and can be streamlined.

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

Respectfully,



Carolyn Sundquist