

Heritage Preservation Commission
March 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers – Duluth City Hall

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Michael Poupore called to order the meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Attending: Stacey DeRoche, Terry Guggenbuehl, Mike Malone, Michael Poupore, and David Woodward.

Absent: Laurie Boche (resigned) and Ken Buehler

Staff Present: Ben VanTassel, Jenn Moses and Cindy Stafford

Visitor Present: Andrew Slade – City Parks and Rec Department

II. New Business

- A. Lake Superior Zoo Update – Andrew Slade addresses the commission and gives an update of the Lake Superior Zoo Master Plan/Fairmount Park Concept Plan. He appreciates feedback from the HPC. In 1920 a deer farm was created and over the course of 80 years the zoo component grew. He notes Kingsbury Creek's importance to west Duluth. The ten-year plan includes 18 million dollars in matching grants to bring the total scope to 40-50 million dollars for the western corridor. Currently the footprint of zoo is too large to manage. Slade shares a map of the proposed project with the commissioners. The plan is to reduce the zoo size to 9.8 acres (similar to Como Park Zoo in St. Paul). They have an opportunity to bring large animals back to the zoo and the new design includes a brown bear exhibit. The reduced size of the zoo allows for a new public amenity which is the restoration of Fairmount Park. The park will include a nature play area as well as boulders and stepping stones in the creek. There are old bridges along Kingsbury Creek made out of stone from the original Fairmount Park. The bridges are important for circulation patterns. The Western waterfront trail will connect to the Munger Trail. Chair Poupore thanks Slade for his presentation. David Woodward notes the park itself is eligible for the national register. He notes historic buildings on the site including the raven cage. Woodward states the HPC is interested in nominating parks as local landmarks. He appreciates being kept in the loop, and would like to be involved in future planning. Stacey DeRoche asks if the current bridges are wheel chair accessible. Chair Poupore notes as the project progresses they will need to address ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. Poupore asks if there has been a historic survey. Moses is not aware of one. If federal money is used it might be part of the requirement. Poupore trying to preserve historic resources. Moses can share a skyline survey (resource and documentation) with Slade. Moses, signage – interpretation historic survey could help as well. Poupore - HRS historical resource survey. Woodward both survey and interpretive plan would be under the umbrella of a possible legacy grant. Poupore states it's great to bring Fairmount park back to its roots. Moses asks if there are flood strategies in place. They can discuss later.

III. Old Business

- A. SHPO Training – Any thoughts from Chapter 1 and 2? Mike Malone found it helpful to use as a guide in conjunction with being a new member. Chair Poupore goes over some points including HPC's role, which includes promoting stewardship. HPC could help

promote special events including tours. The community would benefit. Preservation ordinance – different scales. He notes the Criteria for designating properties. He mentions the UDC lists the power the HPC has.

Chapters 3 and 4 for next time. Malone asks about 0% interest loans. Moses in the past business development office has been involved. Woodward notes commercial properties which received tax credits including Tycoons and the NorShore. Malone feels it's important for the community to be aware of what the HPC does. Lincoln park survey once complete – bring more awareness as to what the hpc does. Woodward discusses media involvement including the News Tribune, Almanac North and ways to highlight the city's efforts regarding preservation. Moses states the city has procedures in place to involve the media.

- B. Review Remainder of 2017 Work Plan; Malone mentions Glensheen; Woodward states director Dan Hartman who represents the owner will be involved in the conversation. Moses asks to be informed when Hartman would be available to meet with the HPC.

IV. Communications and Other Business

- A. Planning Commission Update – Terry Guggenbuehl gives an overview lately there has been a big rush for vacation rental dwellings.

- Woodward shares: 1) The Pastoret Terrace is back up for bid. There is a need for the HPC to be part of the conversation. 2) The fire hall in Woodland is being redone. 3) Woodward has the application for local landmark status for the women's building on Superior St. and 24th Avenue E. Woodward would like the HPC to review it. Moses states she can add it to the HPC's April agenda/meeting.
- Chair Poupore notes city officials will be meeting with SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) regarding the Pastoret Terrace. The HPC will be invited. Chair Poupore would like to attend.

(Woodward left meeting at 2:48 p.m.)

- B. Indigenous/HPC Joint Commission Update – Per Chair Poupore, the Indigenous commission did not attend.
- C. Potential Public Arts Commission Collaboration – Chair Poupore discussing placards and markers program. Nothing new at this point. Moses notes the HPC can get on their agenda when ready. They are interested in HPC feedback.
- D. Imagine Duluth 2035 (Comprehensive Plan) – Jenn Moses – four focus groups met in March (transport. Social engagement meetings coming in May. Focus groups meeting again in June.
- E. Consideration of Minutes – February 28, 2017
MOTION/Second: Malone/Guggenbuehl approve January 24, 2017 minutes.

VOTE: (4-0)

F. Other Communications

- Water Treatment Plant Tour Possibility? Moses states it's a public utility, and due to security concerns, tours aren't allowed. The HPC would like to invite Erik Birkeland back to discuss city facility.
- Duluth Preservation Alliance
 - Incline Stairway Clean-up – right of way issues, no progress as of late
 - May Awards Program at Glensheen
- Western Waterfront Planning/Lake Superior Mississippi Railroad – no rescheduled public meeting yet.
- Armory Library of Congress Drawings Project – development plan. Create a set of drawings by architects – project over the next few years.
- Update on Pastoret – (see above).

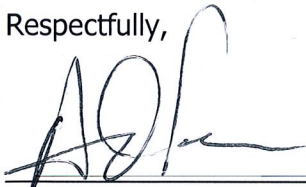
G. Topics for April Meeting

- Review draft LP survey
- St. Louis County jail update – Chair Poupore will get an update from Mr. Carlson.
- Enger Tower – keep active and noted that the Indigenous Commission should be involved.

H. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m. (Next Meeting, Tuesday, April 25, 2017)

Note: Optional HPC Tour of Great Lakes Academy of Fine Art (former St. Peter's Church) at 4:00 pm. Meet at the Academy, 810 W 3rd St.

Respectfully,



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