Heritage Preservation Commission February 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 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Attending: Ken Buehler, Stacey DeRoche, Terry Guggenbuehl, Mike Malone, Michael

Poupore, and David Woodward.

Absent: Laurie Boche

Staff Present: Ben VanTassel and Jenn Moses

## II. New Business

A. Welcome to Mike Malone.

Mike was introduced and welcomed by Chair Poupore.

B. Armory Presentation – Mark Poirier and Jeremy Enge-Frey Mr. Poirer, Executive Director of Armory Arts and Music Center, gave a brief history on the group's history. In 2001 the Armory Arts and Music Center was established and they have worked to maintain and revitalize the site. Approximately \$1.5 million has been utilized to restore the portions of the building. Currently manage the Music Resource Center (a music program for students) and an art collaborative.

Mr. Enge-Frey, with Boisclair Corporation, gave additional history on the armory building's history, its former uses, and importance to the community. Potential uses might be a business incubation space, office, and retail space.

Mr. Poirer discussed the interpretive planning process and agreed to share results with the Commission.

C. Lincoln Park Historic Survey – Marjorie Pearson, Summit Envirosolutions
Ms. Pearson introduced herself and gave a brief introduction on the scope of the Lincoln
Park Historic Survey project. She continued to describe the initial finding of a potential
historic district along the Superior Street corridor, as many of the properties have had
less alterations and continue to maintain much of their historic character. Much of the
residential properties have had many alterations and likely have diminished historical
value.

Commissioner Woodward questioned the boundaries of a proposed district and specifically about the building at 1610 W Superior St (Duluth Pack) and the building on the corner of Superior St and Garfield Avenue, 1604 W Superior St, suggesting they each have historical character and should be considered for including into a potential historic district. Commissioners Poupore and Buehler agreed that the Duluth Pack building should be considered. Commissioners also talked about historic nature of the Granada building, fire hall, and Minnesota Light and Power building also located close by. Ms. Pearson suggested further research on these buildings for consideration of expanding the proposed historic district.

Ms. Pearson informed the group that a draft report would be ready for review later this spring, with the project anticipated completion in June 2017.

- D. SHPO Training Chair Poupore asked the group to review Chapters 1 & 2 of the State Historic Preservation Office's training manual and come with questions/discussion points to the next meeting.
- III. Old Business
  - > Update Skyline Parkway Nomination: Legal Description
- IV. Communications and Other Business
  - A. Planning Commission Update Terry Guggenbuehl No update this month.
  - B. Consideration of Minutes <u>January 24, 2017</u> **MOTION/Second:** Guggenbuel/Malone approve January 24, 2017 minutes.

**VOTE: (6-0)** 

- C. Correspondence No correspondence this month.
- D. Topics for March Meeting
  - o Lake Superior Zoo update: future plans, historic status
  - Update from ISD 709 Old Central High School (future/pending projects)
  - o Possible tour of St. Peter's Church/Great Lakes Academy of Fine Art
  - Revisit work plan
- E. Adjournment at 3:15 p.m. (Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 28, 2017)

Respectfully,

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