



HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

3RD FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

6:00 PM

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order/ Approve Agenda

A special meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Colton Hogan. Committee members in attendance were David Sauer, Cori Weems, Ron Dwyer, Lee Nordmeyer, and Chair Hogan. Also in attendance was Harry Davis, IV.

Motion by David Sauer, seconded by Cori Weems to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by a 5/0 vote.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Lee Nordmeyer, seconded by Cori Weems to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

None.

A. Citizen Comment Period

None.

4. Design Reviews

A. COA for Building Facade Renovations at 429 Central Ave

Davis gave a report of the request of the applicant to replace the panels on the outside facade of the building located at 429 Central Ave. Tom Moline was present on behalf of the owner. Mr. Moline described the history of the property and the details of the project for the HPC. Weems asked about the potential for windows instead of the panels. Moline said there is interest. Dwyer asked about the costs of the panels versus the windows. Moline explained the difference and said that with an EDA grant, it could be possible. Dwyer supported seeing windows. Weems started supporting tabling the proposal to give the applicant time to revise the request and seek an EDA grant for the windows. Dwyer encouraged the window bay, transom and masonry (granite) in the updated proposal instead of the panels.

Motion by Cori Weems, seconded by David Sauer to table the matter until the next meeting to allow the applicant time to bring it back with the proposals. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

5. Items for Discussion

A. Summary of PreserveMN 2025 Conference and Potential Applications to Faribault

Wanberg gave a report of the conference. Sauer asked for details on how SHPO process is hard on the applicant. Wanberg explained and used a recent example. The chair supported the topics and supported improvement to buildings and the process for approval. Dwyer encouraged the City to keep advertising the Heritage Preservation District. The Chair supported engaging youth groups to be involved.

B. Initial Planning for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2026 in Minneapolis

Wanberg gave a summary of the upcoming NAPC conference. The HPC gave support for staff to look into the HPC and staff attending conference.

C. Requested HPC Representation on Faribault's Main Street Board

Wanberg gave a summary of the City and the Chambers efforts to restore the Main Street program and asked for interest to serve on the Board. Dwyer expressed interest.

6. Adjournment

Motion by David Sauer, seconded by Ron Dwyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

By: Kari Casper.