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Heritage Preservation Commissioners  
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Commissioner:

The next meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission will be held on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers** of the Winona City Hall.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes - February 17, 2016**
3. **Hannah Hutchins** – Hannah will present her Windom Park Graduate Project
4. **Opportunity Winona**  
Staff will provide a short monthly update on Opportunity Winona activities
5. **Ongoing Business/Discussion Items**
  - A. Committee Reports
    - Web Development
    - Downtown Outreach
    - Communications and Display
  - B. Windom Park - Resolution Initiating Historic District process
  - C. Map Review – Review of maps highlighting any discrepancies between the National and Local Downtown Historic Designations
6. **Other Business**
7. **Adjournment**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Myron White".

Myron White  
Development Coordinator

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**DATE:** February 17, 2016

**PRESENT:** Merle Hanson, Kendall Larson, Susan Briggs, Carolyn Larson, Andy Bloedorn, and Preston Lawing

**ABSENT:** Mary Edel Beyer, Wes Hamilton, and Dennis McEntaffer

**STAFF:** Myron White, Development Coordinator

**VISITORS:** Representatives of the Windom Park Neighborhood

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### **1. Call to Order**

Kendall Larson called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

### **2. Approval of January Minutes**

Preston Lawing made a motion to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes, seconded by Andy Bloedorn. All those present voted aye.

### **3. National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (CAMP) Feedback & Wrap-up**

The Commission provided insight and feedback on the camp as follows:

- Commissioner Bloedorn indicated it was well worth the time invested.
- Chairperson Larson asked Commissioners to review the materials provided on the thumb drive.
- Commissioner Shortridge said that as a new Commissioner, it was a good orientation; he also noted that in the downtown historic districts, some of the City and National Historic Districts don't seem to align.

### **4. Opportunity Winona**

Myron offered that the Opportunity Winona newsletter was now available.

### **5. Ongoing Business**

#### **A. Committee Reports**

- Web Development: Indicated they had been working with both Julie Johnson and Hanna Hutchins on content.
- Communications: Members of the Commission expressed that the bus tour following CAMP was very informational.

#### **B. Woodlawn Cemetery**

Staff indicated they had met with Tim Leahy of Woodlawn Cemetery. The Cemetery expressed an interest in being recognized on the National Register and asked the HPC for assistance in securing a Certified Local Government

Grant to conduct the necessary survey. HPC members expressed a willingness to be of assistance and asked staff to keep them informed as we investigate an application for funding.

**C. Windom Park Public Information Meeting**

Staff provided an overview of information, provided property owners and offered a power point presentation that provided an overview of the district and the process involved in creating a Historic District. Dave Christianson, of 275 Harriet Street, spoke in favor of the process and indicated he and his neighbors were anxious to begin.

- Staff indicated that property owners at 305 Winona Street and 227 Wilson had expressed interest in being included in the proposed district. Commissioners expressed a willingness to include those two properties at this time.
- Several members of the Windom Park neighborhood stated they would welcome the designation and encouraged the HPC to move forward.
- The Commission and staff fielded questions about:
  - Signage:  
If approved, would there be signage to identify the Historic District? The HPC expressed they would encourage signage for the proposed district.
  - Property Valuation:  
Residents asked if there was any information on how such a designation might impact the value of their property? HPC members and staff stated available studies have indicated that properties within a district typically had a higher value and held their value better during economic downturns.

The HPC Commission directed staff to bring a resolution for consideration to the March 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

**6. Other Business**

A question was raised regarding the local designation of schools. It was indicated that would be an agenda item for the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawing and seconded by Commissioner Shortridge to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

**City of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission Resolution #68  
Stating that the Heritage Preservation Commission Desires to Initiate the Process  
of Designating the Windom Park Neighborhood as a Local Historic District**

**WHEREAS** the City of Winona has a significant number of historic buildings located throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission desires and has a duty to preserve the historic nature of the community; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Winona Comprehensive Plan sets a goal to identify, value and preserve the unique and diverse characteristics of Winona's architectural and built environment; and

**WHEREAS** a number of residents in the Windom Park neighborhood (please reference attached map) have requested the Heritage Preservation Commission to consider a historic designation for their neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed Local Historic District is composed of at least 53 buildings (at least 41 identified as contributing) and one contributing site.

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED** that the City of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission hereby initiates the process of creating the Windom Park Historic District as provided for and by the terms of section 22.27 (k) of the Winona City Code; and that the City of Winona Heritage Preservation Commission will:

- Provide all the necessary information to the State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Winona Planning Commission for comment.
- Provide proper notification to all property owners within the proposed District.
- Hold a public hearing to allow comment on the proposed formation of the district.
- Provide the Winona City Council with an overview of information and comments along with a request for the Council to hold a public hearing on the designation and make a determination on its appropriateness.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Date

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Kendall Larson, Chair

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Attest, Myron White

