

**Excerpt from the
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)
250 South Fourth Street, Room 300
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1385**

The following actions were taken by the Heritage Preservation Committee on July 28, 2015. The Heritage Preservation Committee's decisions on items are final subject to a ten calendar day appeal period.

Commissioners present: Mr. Paul Bengtson, Ms. Laura Faucher, Mr. Alex Haecker, Mr. Chris Hartnett, Ms. Susan Hunter Weir, Ms. Ginny Lackovic, Ms. Linda Mack, Mr. Dan Olson, Mr. Ian Stade and Ms. Constance Vork

Committee Clerk: Fatimat Porter 612.673.3153

ITEM SUMMARY

Description:

Item #5- Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District (BZH #28578 Ward 5)

(Andrew Frenz with Chris Vrchota)

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development recommends that the Heritage Preservation Commission and City Council adopt staff findings for the local designation of the Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District:

A. Historic District Designation.

Action: The Heritage Preservation Commission **recommends** that the City Council **approve** the local designation of the Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District.

Aye: Bengtson, Faucher, Haecker, Hartnett, Hunter Weir, Lackovic, Mack, Olson, Stade, Vork
Motion passed

TRANSCRIPTION

Andrew Frenz presented the report.

Chair Faucher: Thank you. Are there any questions of staff? None? We will now open the public hearing. If you'd wish to speak please step forward and state your name and address.

Paul Cotterman (2705 Golden Valley Road): Direct neighbor of one of the buildings on the same block. I just had some questions that I was not able to find on my own. I did look through the report. I wondered. Have these buildings had any abatement work done to them or assessment after the tornado? And is that part of your criteria for...is it only esthetic and historical value or is there any mold, lead, asbestos abatement that's been done on the buildings. Before you put these owners in a spot where doing any reparations may be cost prohibitive. Because I know that the units are very

seldom vacant. I meant it's hard to keep tenants in those buildings and before you put the owners in a spot where doing repairs is intensive and laborious, is there a plan for that?

Chair Faucher: So, basically we're here to hear your comments and then make our decision. But I will answer your question. Essentially staff would be able to answer this better for you, but typically, no, that's not something that's part of the designation. But I would ask you to follow up with staff afterwards and confirm that.

Mr. Cotterman: In general I'm not opposed to labeling them as historical buildings. I'm just very concerned for the owners that are there. I mean they are working on a very tight budget with the tenants that live there. I mean, I've lived there over a decade and I've seen many, many things. I am a little concerned that they'll be able to meet the criteria to maintain them at that level with tuck-pointing and glazing of brick and repairing even outside or landscaping.

Chair Faucher: And staff can tell you this too, but designation doesn't mean that they are being forced to do anything. It's only when they undertake a project that they would have to comply with whatever guidelines are then set for that particular designation. Thank you for your comments though. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak for or against this item? Seeing none, we will close the public hearing. Is there any discussion? Any commissioners have any discussion or should we just have the clerk call the roll? Commissioner Hartnett.

Commissioner Hartnett: I just want to say that, in response to something that was brought up by Jack Byers. That it's relatively easy to protect some of the more monumental properties in this city. And it can be more difficult to protect some of the smaller and more typical vernacular buildings. So I think this is an example of a district that recognizes the importance of these and recognizes the importance of the history of the built environment around us; where we live, not just where we go to see as an event. And I just applaud Commissioner Vork for putting this forward and I'm excited about this district.

Chair Faucher: Thank you. Commissioner Lackovic.

Commissioner Lackovic: Just a comment to address some of your concerns that this designation is for the exterior of the buildings only. So it doesn't really affect any of the work that needed to occur or might occur on the interiors. It's just strictly exterior. Otherwise I'd go with Commissioner Hartnett's comments.

Chair Faucher: Any other comments or discussion. Alright, will the clerk call the roll?

Clerk: Bengtson.

Commissioner Bengtson: Did we have a motion? I'll make a motion.

Chair Faucher: Would someone please make a motion?

Commissioner Bengtson: Motion to recommend to approve the local designation of the Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District.

Chair Faucher: Thank you. Is there a second?

Commissioner Haecker: Second

Chair Faucher: Thank you. Just checking if you're all awake, now will the clerk call the roll?

Aye: Bengtson, Faucher, Haecker, Hartnett, Hunter Weir, Lackovic, Mack, Olson, Stade, Vork
Motion passed