

Agenda

5. Historic District Committee Report (action)

What it means to be a local historic district in Minneapolis
(Aaron Hanauer, Mpls Heritage Preservation – 20)

Prospect Park Design Guidelines (Dick Poppele – 15)

Discussion and Q&A (Cam Gordon, Aaron Hanauer, Dick
Poppele - 20)

Minneapolis Historic Preservation Commission hearing March 2, 2010.

Recommendation from HPC staff (Aaron Hanauer)

Continue current interim protection ?

Recommendation from PPERRIA Historic District Committee.
(Joe Ring)

Pause current process without interim protection

Prospect Park Local Historic District Design Guidelines

Task force: established in Sept 2009 to draft design guidelines

Bob Roscoe, chair

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Robin Garwood (2nd Ward Council Aid)

Aaron Hanaeur (CPED, heritage preservation)

Draft Prospect Park Design Guidelines

reported on at January PPERRIA meeting

posted for review Feb. 1, 2011)

Guidelines Objectives

Intent –

- Protect historic resources, preserve and reinforce the character-defining elements of existing structures
- Encouraging creative and imaginative work that's respectful of its context and will enrich the vitality of the neighborhood

Scope-

- The guidelines do not affect house interiors. Exteriors of houses that are in public view from the sidewalk or street are subject to the guidelines

PPERRIA Review-

- PPERRIA Historic District Design Review Committee will assist individual property owners in the interpretation of and adherence to these guidelines
- Help interpret the guidelines for the HPC and work with HPC staff to develop appropriate processes that can aid HPC in their reviews.

Design Criteria:

What is allowed under these guidelines:

Maintenance and upgrades to the property that are visible in the public domain and do not alter the architectural integrity of the property should be considered as No Change.

Any changes to the property that may alter the architectural integrity of the property from the public domain shall be reviewed for appropriateness based on these guidelines.

What is not allowed under these guidelines:

Maintenance, remodeling and rebuilding that does not respect the architectural integrity and/or character-defining elements of the property or the neighborhood shall not be allowed.

General Guidelines

1. Appropriate design and remodeling:
2. Contemporary architectural design:
3. Facade design, elevations in public view.
4. Materials and Features Added Since Original Construction:
5. New Construction: Replacement Structure and Additions:

Specifications

Specific Guidelines for:

1. Roof design.
2. Exterior Doors and Windows:
3. Porches, Canopies, Entries
4. Front steps, Access Ramps:
5. Chimneys:
6. Garages
7. Additions:
8. Landscape Elements

Materials:

1. Existing materials
2. New replacement materials
3. Wood:
4. Stucco:
5. Brick.
6. Stone.
7. Workmanship:

Gaps between PP guidelines and Historic Preservation.

1. Objectives

PP - Preserve and reinforce the character-defining elements

HP - Preserve historic structures and their historic fabric

2. Guidelines

PP - Emphasis on compatible, contextual construction, not just preservation.

HP - Preserve attributes that qualify area for historic designation.

3. Standards of Review

PP – Neighborhood committee interprets guidelines

HP – HPC interprets guidelines, property owners may have input

Neighborhood Conservation Districts

More than 30 US cities have NCDs tailored to community concerns with required input from neighborhoods. Designation usually includes design review process, where individual changes within a neighborhood must be compatible in terms of size, scale, massing, and ,in some cases, architectural style.

Opportunity to make a case for NCD designation for Prospect Park

NCD is currently not a part of the Minneapolis city code. State law allows it, but it has not yet been implemented in any city in Minnesota. Sometimes called “Heritage – lite”, this may provide a better framework for Prospect Park.

Next Steps.

Preference vote.

- A. Extend the interim protection and continue proceeding toward a Local Historic District designation for Prospect Park
- B. Pause the current process, without interim protection. Determine how Prospect Park can achieve objectives outlined in the PP Design Guidelines.

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6. PP Design Guideline proposal for CURA Community-Based Research Grant (action) (Bob Roscoe – 5)

CURA Community-Based Research Programs provide support for intern or graduate student for Summer 2010.

PPERRIA Application – proposal to work with Prof Greg Donofrio, U of M, School of Architecture to develop a specific plan to implement the Neighborhood Conservation District in Minneapolis.