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Council Member Gary Schiff and Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee
Room 307, City Hall
350 South Fifth Street
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Re: Clarification of City Council Resolution 98R-385 designating the Handicraft Guild Building

Dear Council Member Schiff and Members of the Committee:

On October 2, 1998, the City Council adopted Resolution 98R-385, which designated the exterior of the Handicraft Guild Building for local heritage preservation. The Resolution stated the address of the historic designation as 89-91 South 10th Street and 1004 Marquette Avenue. The Resolution did not contain a legal description.

On December 29, 1998, pursuant to the former Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO) § 34.90, by letter to the Hennepin County Recorder and Registrar of Titles, the Minneapolis City Clerk filed the legal description for 89-91 10th Street South and 1002-1014 Marquette Avenue South and 93,95,97 South 10th Street.

In a subsequent lawsuit challenging the City's historic designation of the Handicraft Guild Building, the Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld the historic designation of the original Handicraft Guild Building located at 89-91 South 10th Street, but overturned the designation of the adjoining building at 1004 Marquette Avenue on the ground that there was no evidence in the record to support designation of the 1004 Marquette building. Handicraft Block Limited Partnership v. City of Minneapolis, (Minn. Ct. App., September 19, 2000). The City did not appeal this decision.

It is my understanding that Hennepin County has updated the legal description for the parcel at the request of the owner of the adjacent property at 87 10th Street South. This letter serves as clarification, therefore, that the property covered by City Council Resolution 98R-385 is that property particularly described on the Certificate of Title Number 1341098 now on file with Hennepin County.

If you have any questions regarding this clarification of the record, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Recommendation: That the Zoning and Planning Committee receive and file this letter.