

July 20, 2015

Paul Mogush  
City of Minneapolis  
Community Planning and Economic Development  
105 Fifth Ave. South – Room 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

RE: Local designation of the Anson Brooks Residence, 2445 Park Avenue, MHS Referral Number 2015-2077

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced local designation. It has been reviewed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §471.193, subd. 6., and Section 599.210 of the City of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Constructed in 1907, the Anson Brooks Residence is a three-story limestone building designed in the Venetian Gothic style by the prominent architects Long & Long. Windows on the first and second floors are mostly rectangular sash framed with smooth sandstone. The third floor features a long row of 14 lancet windows. A two-story garage in the same style as the house is connected to the east side by a porte cochere. The Park Avenue façade features a stone terrace that extends most of the width of the house, and is partially enclosed by a 40-inch-high limestone wall.

The Brooks Residence is historically significant for its association with Anson Brooks and architecturally significant as a very well-conserved example of the Venetian Gothic style designed by Long & Long Architects. Anson Brooks was a highly successful grain and lumber businessman who also used his influence for civic improvements in Minneapolis in the early twentieth century. Architecturally, the Brooks House is a unique representation of Venetian Gothic design, a style rarely seen in Minnesota. As such, we concur that the Anson Brooks Residence is an ideal candidate for local designation.

If you have any questions regarding our assessment of this property, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael Koop  
Heritage Preservation Department

cc: Laura Faucher, HPC Chair