



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: June 10, 2010

To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee

Subject: Appointment(s) to the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)

Recommendation: Approve the following Council appointments

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Council or Mayor	Ward	Number of terms	Term Beginning /Ending	Replacing or fulfilling the term of another member: Name, Expiration Date
Susan Hunter Weir	Mayor	9	First	7/1/2010-12/31/2012	John Crippen, 6/31/2010

Previous Directives:

John Crippen was first appointed to the HPC by Mayor Rybak in February 2007.

Prepared by: Jack Byers, Planning Supervisor (612-673-2634)

Presenters in Committee:

Jack Byers, Supervisor, CPED-Planning, Preservation and Design Team

Financial Impact: No financial impact. Action is within current department budget.

Background: There is currently one open seat on the Heritage Preservation Commission (Crippen). Applications for appointment to the HPC were solicited through the City Clerk's office. A total of thirteen applications were received by the posted deadline. Of those thirteen, five applicants were considered highly qualified or well qualified for a potential appointment to this body and were therefore asked to interview. In keeping with the adopted preservation ordinance, an interview panel was convened which included the following: Councilmember Gary Schiff, Chair, Zoning & Planning; Chad Larsen, Chair, Heritage Preservation Commission; Jack Byers, Manager, CPED-Preservation & Design. Ms. Hunter Weir was also interviewed by the Mayor's office. She was appointed to the HPC by Mayor Rybak on May 18, 2010.

Notes:

Relating to appointments, the adopted preservation ordinance states: “One (1) shall be the representative of the mayor. If available, at least two (2) shall be registered architects, at least one (1) shall be a licensed real estate agent or appraiser, at least one (1) shall reside in or own a landmark or property in an historic district, and if available at least one (1) shall be a member of the Hennepin County Historical Society.”

- Representative of the Mayor: Mr. Crippen is the current representative of the Mayor.
- Registered architect: Ms. Lemmon is a registered architect. Ms. Lackovic is a practicing architect.
- Real estate agents or appraisers: Mr. Larsen is a licensed real estate agent.
- Reside in an historic district: Mr. Larsen, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Crippen are currently the only members of the HPC that reside in, or own, a landmark or property in an historic district.
- Member of the Hennepin County Historical Society: Mr. Kelley and Ms. Morse Kahn are both members of the Hennepin County Historical Society. The Council and staff encourage any and all members of the Commission to become members of the Hennepin County Historical Society.
- Ms. Hunter Weir is a member of the Hennepin County Historical Society.

Supporting Information Attached:

- HPC roster dated May 2010
- Passage from Minneapolis Preservation ordinance (Title 23, Chapter 599.120) relating to appointments to the Heritage Preservation Commission.
- Application for HPC by Susan Hunter Weir

Application for Appointment to a City of Minneapolis Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force

Some of the information on this form is public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Chapter 13. The data is being requested so that the appointing authority can make an informed decision as to the appointment to the relevant board, commission, committee or task force. An applicant is not required to provide any information; however, failure to answer any of the questions on this application may cause the appointing authority to reject the application or to select another candidate. The data on this form will be maintained by the City of Minneapolis in accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and the non-public portions of the form, if any, will be available to individuals working for the City whose work assignments reasonably require access.

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Title of the Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force this application is for
Heritage Preservation Commission

Name: Susan Hunter Weir	Ward: 9
City of residence: Minneapolis	
Signature: <i>Susan Hunter Weir</i>	Date: 4/16/2010

Occupation: retired	Employer: Formerly Coordinator of Advising, Arts Student Community, University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts
Employer's Address:	

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.
I have been active in a number of community-based organizations over the past 20 years, many of them related to local history and cultural preservation. Some examples of the work that I have done include: Founder and Chair, Friends of the Cemetery (2002-present); convener of "Sites to Behold," a course offered through the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Spring 2010); historian for 100 th anniversary celebration for the St. David's Society (Welsh cultural organization); author of "Partnering to Preserve our Past," for upcoming May-June 2010 issue of Minnesota Preservationist; author of monthly column, "Cemetery Tales," for The Alley Newspaper (2002-present). Awards include: Heritage Preservation Award for Education (2004); Preservation Alliance of Minnesota Advocacy Award (2004); Lake Street Council Outstanding Community Service Award (2009)

Instructions:

1. Complete both pages of this application. (Call 612-673-3358 with questions.)
2. Applications must be received or postmarked by the date stated in the Vacancy Notice.
Applications delivered in person must be received before 4:30pm.

3. Return completed applications to: **Email** cityclerk@ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Mail or delivery City Clerk Appointments
Room 304, 350 S. 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382
Fax 612-673-3812

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