



Media Advisory

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Public Hearings Set to Consider Extending Boundaries of Minneapolis' Warehouse Historic District

WHAT: The City of Minneapolis is considering expanding the boundaries of the locally designated North Loop Warehouse Historic District to include the adjacent blocks listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This is being pursued in response to recent development pressures that threaten the historic integrity of the overall area of the city.

Locally designated districts receive greater protection from demolition and inappropriate changes than National Register designations, but until now, only a portion of the overall Warehouse District has had the higher level of protection afforded by local designation.

HOW: The designation process has multiple opportunities for public comment. The first step in the process is a nomination hearing by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). If the HPC finds that the proposed district meets at least one of the seven criteria for local designation it can choose to commence a designation study. Comments can be made verbally at the following public hearing:

- Heritage Preservation Commission, nomination hearing: January 13, 2009

If the HPC chooses to proceed with the designation study the following meetings will occur:

- At least two additional public meetings will be scheduled during the designation study. Dates, times, and locations are to be determined.
- Heritage Preservation Commission, designation hearing: July 2009*
- Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council, designation hearing: July 2009*

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

Comments can also be submitted in writing to:

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The draft nomination and designation information will be available online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc.

MORE:

In 1978, the North Loop Warehouse Historic District was locally designated by the Minneapolis City Council for its architectural and commerce significance associated with the wholesale and its support industries.

In 1989, the Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District was nationally designated for its architectural and commerce significances associated with the wholesale, implement and supporting industries. The boundaries of the Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District partially overlap the boundaries of the St. Anthony Falls District.

The Minneapolis Warehouse Preservation Action Plan, adopted by City Council in 2000, calls for the boundaries of the local historic district to be expanded to include the boundaries of the national historic district. Due to their concern over development pressures in the National Register portion of the district, in late 2008, the HPC directed CPED to prepare a nomination to expand the boundaries of the local district to include the adjacent National Register district.

More information is available online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc.

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