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Public invited to attend meetings on heritage preservation in Seward and Longfellow Communities

WHAT: CPED-Planning announces upcoming community meetings about heritage preservation in the Seward and Longfellow communities. A historic resource study is underway in Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha neighborhoods to assess the potential for historic properties. The City was first surveyed for historic resources in the 1970s and many of today's designated landmarks and historic districts are a result of this original survey. The upcoming meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the survey project and preservation activities,

Since 2001, CPED has conducted a re-survey of historic resources in Minneapolis that has been funded by grants from the Minnesota Historical Society and matched by City dollars. The City has undertaken the re-survey because the aging of properties, changing attitudes about which types of historic resources need to be identified, e.g. historic landscapes, cultural and ethnic group resources. This year's survey of Seward and Longfellow will help achieve the City's goal of documenting historic resources throughout the entire City over a ten-year period. The report for last year's survey area of East Lowry Hill, Loring Park, and Elliot Park will be released shortly.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 6pm to 7:30pm

WHERE: Becketwood Cooperative Chapel - 4300 West River Parkway South

For directions, see <http://www.becketwood.com/location.htm>

MORE: For background information on preservation in Minneapolis, please see the Heritage Preservation website for landmarks and historic districts: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/landmarks/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Jack Byers at 612 673 5811, or by email, jack.byers@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

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