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Public Hearing Set to Extend Boundaries of Minneapolis' Warehouse Historic District

WHAT: The City of Minneapolis is considering a new historic district that extends the boundaries of the locally designated North Loop Warehouse Historic District to include the adjacent blocks listed on the National Register of Historic Places Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District.

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.

The public hearing for the local designation of the new Minneapolis Warehouse Historic District will be held by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). The HPC will make a recommendation to the City Council on the designation. The designation will be on the agenda of the Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council on November 19, 2009* and on the agenda of the full City Council on December 4, 2009*.

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

Comments can be made verbally at the public hearing, or submitted in writing, by November 5, to:

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The staff report, designation study, and other attachments can be found online on the November 5, 2009 HPC Agenda.

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/agendas/hpc/2009/20091105_HPC_Agenda.asp

WHEN: Thursday, November 5, 2009, 4:30p.m.

WHERE: City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 317, Minneapolis

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 warehousing and supporting industries.

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.

On January 13, 2009 the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) nominated the National Register of the Historic Places (NRHP) Minneapolis Warehouse District for local designation and called on the Planning Director to commence a designation study of the district.

The proposed designation would expand the boundaries of the locally designated North Loop Warehouse District to the boundaries of the NRHP Minneapolis Warehouse District, effectively creating a new local Minneapolis Warehouse District whose boundaries include the entirety of the NRHP district.

More information is available online at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/Merger_Local_and_Nat_Warehs_His_Dis.asp

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