

Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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2015 Marks a Productive Year for Historic Preservation in Minneapolis

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Wednesday, December 30, 2015 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The City of Minneapolis has had a very productive year designating new landmarks and historic districts. Five additional properties were designated as individual landmarks in 2015. Three new historic districts were also designated. Over 165 individual landmarks and 15 historic districts are now designated in the City of Minneapolis.

“Preserving the cultural legacy of our city is essential to growing it stronger as we look towards the future,” said Mayor Betsy Hodges. “Who we are and who we will become as a community are closely linked to who we have been. The designations accomplished this year will contribute to the character that makes Minneapolis unique.”

Preservation of significant properties and districts enhances Minneapolis’ unique identity, quality of life, and economic vitality. New landmarks and districts are evaluated by the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) staff and the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). Staff and HPC recommendations are considered by the Minneapolis City Council and Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, who make the final determination about designation of landmarks and districts.

“Many stakeholders contributed to the large number of historic designations in 2015. It’s encouraging that so many people have recognized the long-term value of this diverse mix of properties and districts,” said Steve Poor, Director of Development Services for the City’s department of Community Planning and Economic Development. “The City strives to protect high-quality, historic resources while also allowing these buildings to evolve in ways that maintain their integrity.”

Following is a list of all the designations adopted in 2015.

Individual landmarks adopted in 2015: (Name – Address - Date of City Council Action)

- Thomas Lowry Memorial - 2330 Hennepin Avenue - March 20, 2015

- Camden Park State Bank - 705 42nd Avenue N - March 20, 2015
- TCRT North Side Station - 2418 Washington Avenue N - June 19, 2015
- Anson Brooks Mansion - 2445 Park Avenue - November 20, 2015
- MN Spokesman Recorder - 3744 4th Avenue S - November 20, 2015

Historic districts adopted in 2015: (Name- Date of City Council Action)

- Dinkytown Historic District - July 10, 2015
- Lowry Hill East Residential Historic District - August 21, 2015
- Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District - August 21, 2015

“I’m thrilled that the staff of our City’s department of Community Planning and Economic Development sought out a grant to complete so many designation studies this year. As our city grows and changes, our historic districts and local landmarks protect the beautiful historic resources that are part of what makes Minneapolis great,” said Ward 10 Council Member Lisa Bender, chair of the City Council’s Zoning and Planning Committee. The Zoning and Planning Committee considers Heritage Preservation Commission’s designation recommendations.

Many of the designations completed in 2015 were made possible by a grant through the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This grant was used to conduct designation studies for districts and properties significant for their association with streetcar-related development. For more information on Heritage Preservation in Minneapolis visit the City of Minneapolis Heritage Preservation [website](#) which includes links to a map of all landmarks and districts. A guide to historic preservation in Minneapolis can also be found [here](#).

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