

2007-2008 HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY NOW COMPLETED

Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)

In 2007-08 the City of Minneapolis received a \$20,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant, and matched it with \$20,000, to conduct a historic resource survey of the Elliott Park, Loring Park, and Lowry Hill East neighborhoods and contracted with Mead and Hunt, Inc. to complete the work.

Fieldwork was completed in the spring of 2008; surveyors identified over 400 properties that will be included in the Minneapolis historic resource inventory. The contractors further identified 29 properties as potential city of Minneapolis landmarks, and two historic districts.

The historic resource survey is an essential tool for preservation and planning for local government, neighborhood groups, and individuals. The survey helps planners, economic development coordinators, elected officials, and local preservation advocates better understand the wealth of historic properties in Minneapolis.

Properties included exhibited several aspects of historic integrity—location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Properties included in the survey have no use restrictions placed on them, nor did inclusion require any level of maintenance or accessibility by property owners. The survey was intended to identify properties that may be worthy of preservation, promotion, and recognition.

Public meetings were held in each of the neighborhoods for the first time since the effort to complete a city-wide survey began in 2000. The meetings represented an effort to solicit neighborhood input and answer questions regarding historic resources, the survey process, and future uses for the data.

The 2007-08 CLG grant will be completed at the end of July, 2008. A final report will be completed and made available to neighborhoods, individuals, elected officials, and public repositories such as the Minneapolis History Room at the public library.

A final public meeting to present the survey results and recommendations for future work will be held as follows:

When: Wednesday, June 25

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: 2431 Hennepin Avenue (the Neighborhood Involvement Program offices)

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