

## **Community Planning and Economic Development**

### **News Release**

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## **Nominations Are Being Sought for the 26th Annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – (Minneapolis, MN)** – Preserve Minneapolis, AIA Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission are seeking submissions for award nominations to recognize projects, individuals, and organizations that celebrate the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis.

Projects will be judged based on their careful attention to the quality of design, architecture, workmanship, and materials, as well as their positive impact on surrounding neighborhoods and community. A jury comprised of two Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commissioners, two members of AIA Minneapolis, and two board members from Preserve Minneapolis will review the nominations.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 8, 2016. Nominations can be delivered to: AIA Minnesota, Attn: Mary Larkin, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards, 275 Market Street, Suite 54, Minneapolis, MN, 55405. To nominate a building project, individual, and/or community organization download and complete the nomination [form](#).

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented at the 26th Annual Minneapolis Preservation Awards luncheon presentation held at International Market Square on Thursday, May 12th, 2016, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Awards Ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

To learn more about the awards or to view a list of the 2015 Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards winners, visit the [AIA Minnesota website](#).

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#### **About the Partners:**

**American Institute of Architects Minneapolis**

AIA Minneapolis is the largest of three AIA Minnesota chapters with more than 1,600 members. Centered in Minneapolis, the chapter territory includes the southwestern portion of the state. As a large chapter, AIA Minneapolis participates with other large chapters nationwide to focus attention on significant issues facing members. The chapter provides leadership, networking, and outreach opportunities for its members. Visit American Institute of Architects Minneapolis [website](#).

### **Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission**

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was formed in 1972 to serve as a citizen advisory body to the Minneapolis City Council. The HPC is part of a nation-wide network of groups dedicated to the preservation and celebration of our local and national heritage. The Commission holds public hearings on matters related to preservation twice each month. Projects that come before the commission are administered through professional preservation-planning staff in the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED). These meetings are specifically held so that the Commission can hear from the public on matters related to heritage preservation. The public is welcome to attend and highly encouraged to participate.

### **Preserve Minneapolis**

Preserve Minneapolis is a newly registered non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minneapolis by recognizing, preserving, and revitalizing the architectural and related cultural resources of the city of Minneapolis. Founded in 2003, the group was originally brought together to attract the 2007 National Trust for Historic Preservation conference to the Twin Cities. Preserve Minneapolis hosts monthly discussions and tours highlighting preservation activities in Minneapolis.

### **City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development**

The City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) provides preservation related services within Minneapolis local government. These services include professional review for preservation permit applications, ongoing efforts to evaluate the historical significance of buildings and districts, recommendations for designation of local landmarks; prepares and administers design guidelines; conducts on-going research of eligible sites and districts; provides public education and community outreach programs; collaborates on the integration of historic preservation with City planning and development activities