



Historic District Property Owners **CALL TO ACTION!**

Unless we fight proposed changes, the Historic Preservation Commission wants:

- **Massive fee increase**
 - \$500 to review a permit application
 - And another \$400 to appeal
- **Bureaucratic overreach**
 - INSIDE YOUR HOUSE
 - YOUR GARDENS
- **Strict Aesthetic Standards**
 - Flexible “guidelines” will become more strict, like “code”. HPC has been acting as if this is already the case; how’s that working for you? Ask Ray Meyer how it helped him.
- **Criminal Fines for “improper” upkeep**

COME TO THE MEETING TO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS
Thursday, May 24th 2018 at 5:00pm

Public Hearing for Chapter 73 updates
City Hall Conference Center Room 40
15 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN

Also, write to Commissioner Dai Thao and Mayor Carter!

Learn more at <https://www.stpaul.gov/Chapter73>

Your Ramsey Hill Association opposes these changes.

In the late 70s and early 80s, RHA helped establish the HPC and worked with neighbors and other groups to draft the initial guidelines. An RHA brochure in 1975 said, “Some fear the idea of an Historic District, thinking it will mean strict aesthetic standards.” Our local guidelines were specifically and intentionally designed to NOT align with the National Guidelines because we needed more flexibility to make preservation decisions that were part of a community and economic development strategy that has largely been successful. RHA believes the primary problems to be solved at the HPC are that permit applications need to be processed more expediently along more flexible and reasonable guidelines.