

# ***THE LITTLE PROSPECTOR: SPECIAL EDITION***

*"Online and on your porch"*

**Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association**

April 2014

## **GREATER PROSPECT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

*Here's what you need to know about the changes in our neighborhood.*

### **Background:**

The Prospect Hill Neighborhood voted in 2011 to establish a permanent Conservation District to protect against **demolition of structures** and to provide our neighbors with direction for **new construction** and the **moving of structures**.

In 2013, conversations between City and State legal counsel led to the State's decision that the City had not been following the proper balloting measures for the establishment of conservation districts. Based on state code, the "default" setting for historic status is a full historic district. In November 2013, City Council voted to elevate Prospect Hill Conservation District to full historic district status.

**To clarify: Prospect Hill did not want or ask for this change to a Historic District.**

### **Our Goals:**

We want to preserve the distinctive character of the Prospect Hill neighborhood, keeping intact the architectural fabric of our housing stock while maintaining the affordability and flexibility of our neighborhood. We want our neighbors to be able to make repairs and renovations to their homes without facing burdensome regulations.

### **Our Actions:**

The Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association established a Guidelines Committee to work with HAND (Housing and Neighborhood Development) to carry over our existing Conservation District design guidelines and add a few new elements that need to be addressed in our new Historic District setting (for **new additions**, **changes to public-way façade**, and **removal of original materials**). 15 of your neighbors are serving on this committee and have been hard at work to retool our design guidelines so they can be reviewed and approved by the Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

### **Review the Draft Guidelines:**

Visit the PHNA home page at [www.prospecthillneighborhood.org/](http://www.prospecthillneighborhood.org/) and follow the link to the PDF.

### **Come to the Next PHNA Meeting:**

**Monday, May 5, at 6:30 PM**  
Bloomingsfoods West Annex,  
6th & Madison (*enter from parking lot*)

***We want to hear from you as we discuss these new draft guidelines.***

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Our new historic district has a name: **Greater Prospect Hill Historic District.**

*It follows the same boundaries as the former conservation district.*

*It remains separate from the "old" (1991) historic district clustered along or near Rogers Street, which has stricter design guidelines.*

## **Here's how these new guidelines SHOULD NOT affect you:**

- Ordinary repair and maintenance with no resulting exterior changes ("repair and replace in kind")
- Exterior paint colors
- Interior work or repairs

## **Here's how the new guidelines COULD affect you:**

### **Same as before:**

- Demolition of a structure
- New construction
- Moving a structure

### **New:**

- Additions to your home
- Changes to the public way façade
- Removal of original materials

**READ THE NEW DRAFT GUIDELINES AND COME TO THE MAY AND JUNE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS (SEE DETAILS ON REVERSE)**

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Voluntary neighborhood dues are accepted year-round: Family \$10.00 / Individual \$5.00.  
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