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Good afternoon, Amy.

Please find the attached letter documenting the Minneapolis HPC's comments on the request to remove the Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory, located at 1505 Central Ave NE, from the National Register of Historic Places

You are also welcome to view the November 10, 2025, HPC meeting minutes and staff memo to HPC here:

[https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/CommitteeReport/4560/HPC\\_20251110\\_minutes.pdf](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/CommitteeReport/4560/HPC_20251110_minutes.pdf).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Re: Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory – 1505 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis  
Proposed removal from National Register of Historic Places – CLG Comments, Minneapolis HPC

Amy Spong,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed removal of the Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory from the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is located at 1505 Central Ave NE in Minneapolis. These comments are being submitted as an interested party by staff of the Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) on behalf of the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) who considered the property's removal from the NRHP during a meeting on November 10, 2025. The public meeting was noticed in *Finance & Commerce* on October 25, 2025, and the meeting agenda was published on November 4, 2025. The Heritage Preservation Commission received one public comment from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board which was included for their consideration prior to the meeting and is included in the public record.

Minutes and agenda items from the November 10, 2025, HPC meeting may be located here: <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/IndependentBodies/Meetings/hpc>.

Notwithstanding staff recommendation, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following:

Action: The Heritage Preservation Commission **cannot recommend** that the Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory, located at 1505 Central Ave NE, no longer retains sufficient historic integrity to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and **directs** staff to transmit a letter summarizing their opinion and comments to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Commission did not believe sufficient information was provided to concur with staff recommendation that the property no longer retains sufficient historic integrity to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The commission provided the following observations:

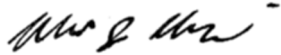
1. Several commissioners expressed concern about the lack of photos and evaluation provided to show property has lost integrity to a point that it should be removed from the NRHP. Commissioners suggested that the evidence provided was very limited; commissioners wanted more photos and a better understanding of which buildings/structures on the parcel were affected in the fire.
2. Commissioners understood that the NRHP nomination had outlined a complex of buildings and/or structures that are part of the parcel, and it was unclear what remained. Multiple commissioners noted the smokestack is a notable or recognizable feature of the site, and this still appears intact.

They commented that there may be elements of the site, like the smokestack, which could be saved and still tell the story of the factory. There was concern about full demolition taking away the story of the site from what may still remain.

3. Commissioners were concerned that delisting is not the proper course of action at this time. Uncertainty surrounding what features have been lost and what remains led commissioners to be uncertain about the overall loss of historic integrity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,



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