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Re: "African American Resources in Minneapolis" Multiple Property Document – CLG Comments

Amy Spong,

These comments are being submitted by staff of the Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) on behalf of the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission who considered the "African American Resources in Minneapolis" Multiple Property Document (MPD) during a public meeting on September 22, 2026. We understand that commission comments are not required for this process, but wanted to share their remarks for the State Review Board's benefit.

The commission provided the following comments on the MPD:

1. Commissioners expressed gratitude for the work that went into creating this document.
2. They were glad to see City staff taking the next step after publishing the "Minneapolis African American Historic and Cultural Context Study" last year and commended City staff for the award recognition this project has received.
3. They said the document was thorough and interesting to read.
4. They raised a question about the long period of significance for the document and how that compared to other MPDs. Staff responded that this period reflected the research undertaken and was intended to provide a wide time range within which a property might be eligible to be nominated. This MPD mirrors a similar MPD that was developed on African American resources in Portland, Oregon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

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