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Re: Harry Davis, Sr. and Charlotte Davis House, 3621 Portland Ave, Minneapolis
National Register of Historic Places Nomination – CLG Comments

Amy Spong,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination for the Harry Davis, Sr. and Charlotte Davis House, 3621 Portland Ave in Minneapolis. 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 nomination during a public meeting on October 6, 2026. The public meeting was noticed in *Finance & Commerce* on September 18, 2026, and the meeting agenda was published on September 29, 2026. One member of the public spoke in support of the nomination during the public meeting.

The Commission adopted the recommendation presented by CPED staff as outlined in this letter:

The Heritage Preservation Commission **recommends** that the Harry Davis, Sr. and Charlotte Davis House meets at least one of the criteria for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and **directs** staff to transmit a letter summarizing their opinion and comments to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

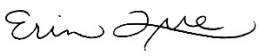
The commission supports the nomination and agrees that the property is locally significant under National Register **Criterion B,** in the area(s) of *Social History, Politics/Government*, and *Ethnic Heritage-Black*, for its association with the productive life of Black activist and community leader Harry Davis, Sr. The commission also agrees that an appropriate period of significance is from 1954, when the Davises purchased and moved into the house, until 1971, when Harry Davis, Sr., ran for mayor, which signifies the peak of his civic contributions.

The commission provided the following comments on the nomination:

1. Commissioners described the nomination as a real treat to read and a great narrative.
2. They felt inspired by the history and the impactful public comments that were shared.
3. They underscored the importance of bringing these stories to light.
4. They were excited to see this nomination as a tangible outcome from the City of Minneapolis' multi-year effort to produce the "Minneapolis African American Historic and Cultural Context Study."

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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