CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

The Omaha Preservation Administrator certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on Monday, December 2, 2013, notice re: Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albert Macchietto, Vice Chair
Diana Failla
Kristine Gerber
John Hargiss
Peggy Jones
Eduardo Santamaria

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT: Douglas Bisson, Chair
Jose Garcia
Nancy Novak

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Leonard, LHPC Administrator
Alan Thelen, City Law
Clinette Warren, Recording Secretary

Douglas Bisson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm, introduced the Commission members, as well as the staff. Mr. Bisson explained the procedures for hearing the cases. Roll was taken with six members present.
At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission (LHPC) meeting held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Jennifer Honebrink, Sharol Olson, and Beth Richards appeared before the Board.

Ms. Honebrink stated that the Minne Lusa neighborhood is being nominated under two criteria: Criterion A for Community Planning and Development; and, Criterion C for architecture. She discussed the history of the neighborhood, which was platted in 1915 and constructed between 1916 and 1927. Charles Martin was responsible for the development and construction of the Minne Lusa neighborhood. He took advantage of the two street car lines that were in the area, and the land’s close proximity to Miller Park (which included a golf course) and the Downtown area. He worked with the local architect Everett S. Dodds who was responsible for the bungalow design which was also affordable. Ms. Honebrink presented a map which highlighted all of the bungalows in the district and showed various photographs with examples of homes made in that form. She explained how it was decided which homes would be considered as contributing to the neighborhood.

In response to Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Honebrink stated that garages were not evaluated as part of the nomination, since many of the structures were built after the homes and were not easily visible.

Sharon Olson, Minne Lusa House, appeared in support of the request. She stressed the importance of preserving the area as a historic district for future generations. She stated that there are some families that have lived in the homes since they were originally built. Ms. Honebrink explained to the Board that Ms. Olson and Ms. Richards had researched all of the original owners of the homes and how long they lived in them.

In response to Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Leonard explained what effects local and national nominations would have on the neighborhood.

Ms. Jones moved to APPROVE the National Register District Nomination for the Minne Lusa Residential Historic District. Ms. Failla seconded the motion.

AYES: Gerber, Santamaria, Failla, Jones, Hargiss

ABSTAIN: Macchietto

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Hargis moved to APPROVE the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. Ms. Jones seconded the motion.

AYES: Santamaria, Failla, Jones, Hargiss, Macchietto

ABSTAIN: Gerber

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1

Ms. Failla moved to APPROVE the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting. Mr. Hargiss seconded the motion.

AYES: Santamaria, Failla, Jones, Hargiss, Macchietto

ABSTAIN: Gerber

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Leonard provided copies to the Board of the reports that had been submitted to the Nebraska State Historical Society and a copy of the letter from Audrey Mohr which provided several recommendations of areas in which the Board can improve. He encouraged the members to review the documents and decide if they would like to discuss them at a later meeting. An applicant and grant schedule was also provided for the upcoming year.

There was some discussion about term expirations and what type of contact information the members would prefer the City give out upon request. He also informed the Commission members that the City has been working with individuals from the West Central/Cathedral District on design guidelines for that neighborhood. He also mentioned that there may be occasions where a pre-meeting is scheduled before the regular meeting in order to brief the members on some cases. In response to Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Thelen stated that pre-meetings are advertised and are open to the public.

Kristine Gerber, the newest commission member, introduced herself to the other members of the Board.

It was the consensus of the Commission to ADJOURN the meeting at 2:30 p.m.