

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Fifth Street Southeast Historic District Resurvey Project

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Meeting Expectations

- Please wait to ask questions until the staff presentation is over
- Be respectful of other participants' comments and opinions
- Please allow one speaker at a time

The project being discussed tonight is ongoing.

We do not have a final document or any findings to share at this time.

History of the District



1867



1879

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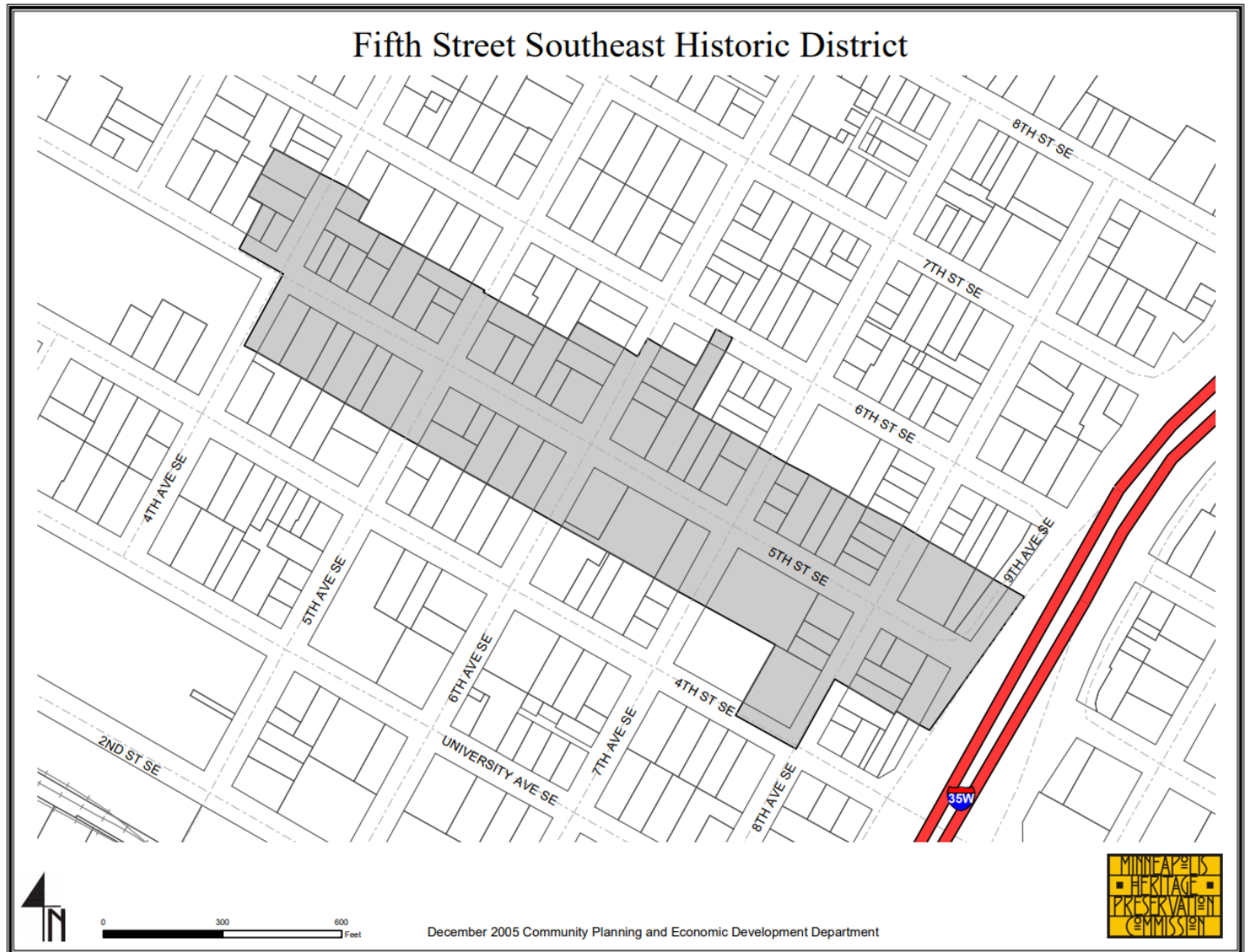
Historic District Designation Background

The Fifth Street Southeast Historic District was designated by Minneapolis City Council in 1976.

More work took place in 1980 to finalize district documents. This allowed the district to be considered eligible for National Register of Historic Places listing.

The district's documents have not been updated since.

Map



Grant project background

- In 2023, the City applied for a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to resurvey the Fifth Street SE Historic District. The City received \$20,000 to hire a historical consultant for this.
- In 2021, City staff had applied for the same type of grant for the same type of project in the Washburn-Fair Oaks Historic District. We completed this project.
- In 2024, City Staff applied for this same type of grant for this same scope of work in the Milwaukee Avenue Historic District.

These are some of the City's first historic districts.

Why are documents being updated?

- The field of historic preservation has grown since the 1970s.
- City Staff are starting to update older documents from some of the City's earliest historic districts.
- Documents prepared around the time of the District's designation have provided a basic understanding of the Historic District's significance for many decades. More research tools are available in 2024.
- Early preservation documents generally do not clarify contributing resources, non-contributing resources, or a period of significance with a start and end date.
- New forms and documents will help staff be able to evaluate projects better.
- **No changes to the district boundaries are being explored.**

Key Terms

- **Period of Significance:** The time period from which the district's history is recognized. The time when significant events associated with the district occurred.
- **Contributing resources** were built during the historic district's period of significance and have not been substantially altered.
- **Non-contributing resources** were either built outside of the historic district's period of significance or substantially altered after that time period.
- **Historic** features and materials were installed during the period of significance, while **non-historic** features and materials were installed outside of this time period.

Sample of what older Preservation documents look like compared to new

address:	date constructed:	material	relate to district:
SE 5th Street 400	before 1884	frame	contributes. Exterior altered by aluminum siding, but interior intact.
406 Ives House	1905	frame	contributes. Exterior unaltered. Designed by architect E. C. Haley for Arthur Ives, an ice cream manufacturer.
414	1917	stucco frame	contributes. Architect Haley and Johnson.
418	1885	frame	Vastly remodeled. Built by Woodbury Fisk for his daughter, Lizzie Fisk Smith (Frederick A.)
420-22	1923	stucco frame	contributes.
424 Woodbury Fisk	1870's	frame, brick	contributes. One of the keystones to the area.
SE 5th Street 323	before 1884	frame	Contributes. Mansard roof small scale, full front porch, open with spindles, balustrade and posts. Untouched.
327	before 1884	frame	Altered. Scale appropriate.
4th Avenue SE 511	before 1884	frame	Greek revival cottage; pilasters and lights on either side of doorway, simple cornice moldings window frame
517	before 1884	frame	Greek revival, 2 over 2 glass; side entrance for what was at one time a road between 511 and 517 (predates final street system)

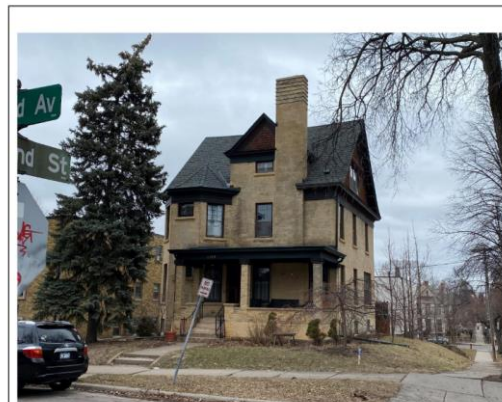


Photo 1: Principle Building, facing E/NE, March 2022, Pigeon Consulting.



Photo 3: Subject property, facing NE, 1980s, source: Hennepin County Library Digital Collections.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Historic Name	Dr. J. M. Lewis House
Property Address	2117 2 nd Avenue South
Historical Addresses	2115-2117 2 nd Avenue South
PID	3402924120008
Construction Date	1899
Contributing Resources Within Property	Principal Building (house - 2117) and Secondary Building (garage - 2115)
Noncontributing Resources Within Property	None

DESCRIPTION

Historic Alterations Documented By:

- 1899 building permit – Construct 31' x 60' 2-story brick veneer dwelling
- 1899 building permit – Construct 23' x 27' barn
- 1914 building permit – Repairs to dwelling and garage

Nonhistoric Alterations Documented By:

- 1950 building permit – Reroof dwelling
- 1959 building permit – Convert multiple dwelling per Health Department orders
- 1959 building permit – Enclose front and rear stairway multiple dwelling
- 1977 building permit – Reroof dwelling
- 1994 building permit – Construct open deck with storage below at rear of lot
- 2010 building permit – Reroof dwelling and garage
- 2010 building permit – Masonry repointing (primarily on front porch)

Current and Past Photographs and Field Observations:

- New aluminum storm windows (before 1980s)
- Glass block at basement windows
- Glass block at garage windows

Next Steps

- New History has already completed the field survey work.
- New History is drafting survey forms and the District narrative summary.
- The final documents will include a proposed period of significance and a list of contributing and non-contributing resources.
- Staff will hold a second community meeting in May or June to discuss some of the project findings.
- City staff will receive the final documents from the consultant in June. Staff will review them and submit them to the State Historic Preservation Office.
- After these reviews are finalized, City staff will make the documents public. They will go to the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission for their comments and review.

Questions?

