



City of Surrey

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Special Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006
Time: 12:00 noon

Present:

Chair - H. Lindenbach
Councillor Higginbotham
D. Bowyer
A. Clegg
R. Fuller
C. Johnston
M. Stibbs

Absent:

J. Monk
S. Sidhu
W. Tracey

Staff Present:

A. Kopystynski, Senior Planner (Heritage)
C. Bonneville, Assistant City Clerk
S. Fillion, Budget & Reporting Manager
K. Woodward, Senior Property Negotiator

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes - November 29, 2006

It was Moved by Commissioner Fuller
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory
Commission of November 29, 2006, be adopted, as circulated.
Carried

B. DELEGATION

1. Ted Hewlett Society for the Preservation of the Kensington Prairie Site

Mr. Hewlett, Co-chair of the Society for the Preservation of the Kensington Prairie Site was present to make a presentation to the SHAC regarding the preservation of the historic Kensington Prairie Site. He advised that the Co-Chair, George Singh was unable to attend today's meeting.

Mr. Hewlett provided the following comments during his presentation:

- The Kensington Prairie Site is listed as a heritage registry site – showing that the historic 1914 school building has qualities that are recognized as significant and contribute to the City's heritage.
- Action is needed now by the Commission to ensure that this community heritage is not lost for the future generations.
- We hope that the Commission will join with use in opposing any uses, which will prevent this property from continuing to serve the community as a whole.
- The influx of population in the future will mean a greater need for parks and playground in the area, a look at the south Surrey community map shows a scarcity of parks and playgrounds close to the Kensington Prairie School site.

- We hope that the Surrey School Board and the City of Surrey may be persuaded to work together to preserve the Kensington Prairie School site for present and future generations.

C. REPORTS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. **Funding Assistance for the Proposed Relocation of the Currie House and the Parr House**

The Senior Planner (Heritage) advised that Mr. Ken Woodward, Senior Property Negotiator would provide an outline of the proposed relocation, and that Ms. Suzanne Fillion, Budget and Reporting Manager would advise on the required monetary contributions.

The Senior Property Negotiator, provided the following comments:

- The property owners of 5418 – 184 Street, existing location of the Robert Dougal Mackenzie House, approached the City to request the Currie House be relocated to their property, their request has been adjusted to include the Parr House.
- The proponents' initial terms were modified so that the City would not be conferring any benefit to the proponents.
- The proponents are proposing to accept the Parr and Currie Houses to two new lots to be created; update the MacKenzie House; enter into heritage revitalization agreements to restore the Currie and Parr Houses, and then resell the properties with the restored heritage houses.

In response to questions from the Commission, the Senior Property Negotiator advised:

- Their idea is to subdivide one property into three and obtain the houses for free, renovate the houses and then resell them.
- The houses cannot be moved prior to the public processes happening.
- Wallmark is willing to commit to paying \$50,000; however they do not want to commit any further money for any additional heritage aspects thereafter.

The Commission discussed whether \$50,000 from Wallmark would be an adequate contribution for the relocation and retention of the Parr House. There was discussion about the process for both the Wallmark rezoning application and the MacKenzie House site subdivision. The agreements concerning the subdivision cannot bind Council's ability to make decisions about the rezoning or what is necessary to satisfy heritage conditions.

There was a review of the cost related to the proposed subdivision, and it was noted that:

- Monies are required for the restoration of Harvey Park.

- There are outbuildings on the MacKenzie House site that require demolition, and the site requires clearing and this is estimated at \$20,000, however it has not been determined as to whether there is asbestos on the site. The outbuildings are to be researched for heritage status.
- The City is to participate in part of the subdivision cost. The City's share is to be about \$154,000 Wallmark's proposed contribution is \$50,000, which leaves a cost of \$10,000 for park restoration and a balance of \$94,000 to make the project viable.
- There was a review of the SHAC budget to see what monies could be reallocated and borrowed.
- There was a discussion regarding the status of the Compensation Policy and the lack of a response from Wallmark Homes concerning compensation, the adequacy of their contribution toward the subdivision to receive the Parr House and the impact on SHAC programs to help with the subdivision cost.
- If the SHAC redirects its Loyal Orange Lodge funds and allocates the current and previous year's surplus, a contribution of up to \$61,500 could be made toward the project.

Commissioner Bowyer left the meeting 1:15 p.m.

- Additional operating funds will become available for the 2007 SHAC budget for plaquing, storyboards and heritage week.

It was Moved by Commissioner Stibbs
 Seconded by Commissioner Fuller
 That the SHAC recommend to the
 A/General Manager of Planning and Development that a minimum
 contribution of \$50,000 be accepted from Wallmark towards the cost of
 relocating the Henry Parr House.

Carried

The Commission discussed the SHAC budget. The SHAC operating budget of \$21,000 has not been changed since the 1980s.

There was a brief discussion regarding the money allocated to plaquing and it was determined that this project has gained momentum and the monies for this project should not be reallocated.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Johnston
 Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
 That:

- a. subject to all previous recommendations and requests from the Commission concerning Wallmark Homes, it is recommended to the Acting General Manager of Planning and Development that the relocation of the Henry Parr House and the Currie House to the

- Robert Dougal MacKenzie House site located at 5418 – 184 Street be supported;
- b. the SHAC recommends that Council redirect the previously committed funds for the Loyal Orange Lodge and allocate previous and current year SHAC budget surplus to this project (about \$61,500); and
 - c. the SHAC recommends that Council consider identifying other funds for the balance of the City contribution.

Carried

The Commission briefly discussed an increase to the Heritage Budget to account for inflation and requested that Councillor Higginbotham make a request for an increase at the next Finance Committee meeting.

b. Kensington Prairie School

The Senior Planner (Heritage) responded to questions from the Commission stating:

- The deadline for responding to the letter from the School Board has been extended to Friday, December 8, 2006.
- We have requested that the School Board have the property designated prior to selling; and the School Board response was that designation could effect the selling of the property.

The Commission requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Ted Hewlett, thanking him for his delegation and wishing his organization success in its endeavors.

The Commission stated that they would wait until there is a development application on this property before they can deal with protecting the school, as there are no funds to purchase the property.

It was Moved by Commissioner Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the SHAC recommends to the
A/General Manager of Planning and Development that staff write a letter to the School Board requesting that the Kensington Prairie School be donated to the City to be retained as a community asset; or retained by the School Board as a public facility, such as the Anniedale School.

Carried

There ensued a brief discussion regarding having a strategic planning session in the New Year to determine priorities for SHAC projects and funding sources.

c. HRA Stewart Farm House Restoration

The Senior Planner (Heritage) provided the following comments regarding this issue:

- Stewart Farm House is protected under a heritage designation by-law;
- The verandah alterations to be made to the House will require a Heritage Alteration Permit. The work is to be done in January.
- There are two architects with heritage expertise retained to prepare the building permit application plans.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Fuller
That the SHAC recommend to the

A/General Manager of Planning and Development that a Corporate Report be forwarded to Council to consider issuing a Heritage Alteration Permit for the Stewart Farm House verandah restoration; subject to the following three terms being addressed to the satisfaction of the City Architect:

- a. footing under the verandah;
- b. composite spindle and material; and
- c. heritage style;

Carried

D. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

2. Plaque sub-committee

Commissioner Clegg provided the following comments during his update:

- The Chamber of Commerce meeting, in which Councillor Higginbotham, the Senior Planner (Heritage), and hopefully the Chair will attend, will be held at Fraser Downs. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 and start at 11:30 a.m. and our delegation should be in attendance at 12:15 to provide a brief presentation on the plaquing of downtown Cloverdale heritage buildings.
- On Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at 7 p.m., the Board would like to see the plaques and ask questions.

The Chair advised that she would not be able to attend on the Tuesday evening, and Councillor Higginbotham advised that she would review her office calendar.

Commissioner Clegg advised that he has suggested to Bill Reid, Chamber of Commerce may want to strike a subcommittee to work with the SHAC's subcommittee to assist with approaching the property owners, business owners and tenants of Cloverdale.

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for January 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the 1912 Municipal Hall.

Please note that workshops with Don Luxton and the City Architect are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and a Christmas Social Lunch is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at the Pondside Room.

It was determined by the Commission that there would be no Social Lunch; that the workshop would begin at 10 a.m. with sandwiches and light snacks available during the workshop.

It was requested that an invitation to attend the workshop be extended to Mayor and Council. It was also requested that a reminder email be sent to the Commission members.

D. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (continued)**2. Plaque Sub-Committee (continued)**

The Plaque Sub-Committee Chair to provide an update and request the Commission to consider:

- a. Responding to a verbal request from the Christ Church for upgrading directional signs in conjunction with the closure of Old McClellan Road at Highway 10.
- b. Heritage road markers for the Old Pacific Highway (Highway 15) and Old McClellan Road (Highway 10); and
- c. Consider additional heritage road marker signs for Clover Valley Road, Fraser Highway and King George/Peace Arch Highway.

Commissioner Clegg advised that the Anglican Church requested the wording on the sign to be changed from "Heritage Church" to "Heritage Anglican Church". There was a brief discussion regarding the Ministry of Transportation providing adequate signage to provide access to the Anglican Church.

It was
Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the SHAC recommend to the General
Manager Engineering that two directional signs be installed at the cost of
Engineering directing traffic to Christ Church, Surrey Centre, from Highway 10
and 64 Avenue.

Carried

The Senior Planner (Heritage) provided the following comments:

- Old Pacific Highway and King George Highway are significant heritage roads that do not have heritage road markers.
- A sample of the signage was shown for the Commission's review.

- The cost of the signage including installation will be approximately \$200 per sign.

It was Moved by Commissioner Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Stibbs
That the SHAC recommend to the General Manager of Engineering and A/General Manager of Planning and Development that they coordinate writing a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and/or local office responsible for upgrading of Highway 15 and Highway 10, indicating that the SHAC has interest in having heritage markers installed along Pacific Highway (Highway 15) once construction work ends; and further to request whether there is provincial funding available to cost share the heritage markers.

Carried

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (continued)

1. Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes Amendment - November 29, 2006

It was Moved by Commissioner Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Commission of November 29, 2006, be amended as follows:
That the first recommendation now read "That SHAC generally support the proposed Heritage Character Guidelines (as attached to the November 29, 2006 minutes) for the Old McClellan Road Corridor and recommends..."

Carried

D. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (continued)

3. Strategic Planning Session

Councillor Higginbotham suggested that a meeting be set up in the New Year to discuss a strategic plan for heritage and that some money be used from the SHAC budget to hold this meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be held at the museum and that lunch be held at the Elizabeth restaurant. It was suggested that this meeting be held in January or February.

It was noted that Commissioner Stibbs would be away from January 1st through to the 20th; and that Commissioner Clegg would be away from January 12th through to February 12th.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was
approve \$1,000 to be spent on a strategic planning session to held in January or February 2007.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston
Seconded by Commissioner Clegg
That the SHAC recommends that Council

Carried

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Clegg
Seconded by Commissioner Johnston
That the Heritage Advisory Commission

Carried

The Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

H. Lindenbach, Chairperson
Heritage Advisory Commission