



City of Surrey

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes

Planning Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
Time: 5:06 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Steele
W. Farrand
J. Foulkes
R. Hart
B. Hol
B. Paton
L. Tannen (5:11 p.m.)
W. Tracey

Absent:

H. Lindenbach

Guests:

J. Bliss, President of Surrey Historical
Society Guest

Staff Present:

J. McLeod, Planning & Development
E. Schultz, Planning & Development
J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation and Culture
N. Dyrbye, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commission is requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes as circulated.

Suggestion was made to have the motion on page 2 of the January 21, 2009 minutes amended to replace 'appointed' with 'elected' as follows:

"It was *Moved by Commissioner Paton*
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey
That Councillor Barbara Steele be
~~appointed~~ elected as the Chair of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission for
the 2009 Calendar Year.

Carried"

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Paton
That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage
Advisory Commission of January 21, 2009, be adopted, as amended.

Carried

Introductions were made around the table as Commissioner Hol was present for his first SHAC meeting.

B. DELEGATIONS

1. H.Y. Engineering Ltd. - Semiahmoo Trail Servicing Study – CANCELLED

Email from Engineering advising a number of servicing options need to be considered first.

The following comments were made:

- Question was raised whether H.Y. Engineering will be appearing as a delegate at a later date or whether staff will be providing a report concerning this matter.

The following comments were made in response:

- The initial request was from H.Y. Engineering however due to the issues outstanding, a staff report will be coming to the Commission at a future date instead.

Commissioner Tannen arrived at the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Johann Welte Barn and Silo at 5066 – 176th Street

Memo dated February 6, 2009 from the Manager, Long Range Planning & Policy Development.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Question was raised whether the possibility of using the wood for something else or storing it in the meantime had been explored.
- Comment was made that it would be helpful if the specific building to be demolished was described in the report as there are many outbuildings on this site that it could be referring to.
- This report is quite disturbing. It seems that a lot of buildings have been left to deteriorate to the point where there is no choice but to demolish them.

The following comments were made in response to the Commission:

- There are no known plans to retain the wood or use it for some other purpose, however this can be discussed with the owner

and if the Commission has any ideas for this or knows of any sources who might be interested, that could certainly be entertained.

- One of the items planned for discussion at the workshop is the inventory and registry listings and incorporating this into the work plan for the Commission. These lists require some fine-tuning, as they are quite outdated. There is a series of steps taken in heritage protection. The Inventory is only a list of heritage properties in the City and does not imply heritage protection. The buildings are reviewed and if they meet a certain criteria, then they can go onto the Heritage Register.
- It is unclear how the Johann Welte Barn and Silo made it onto the Register because it didn't receive a very high rating when it was assessed over a decade ago.
- For properties on the Heritage Register, the City has 60 days in which to try to negotiate with the owner for its protection if the request has been to demolish. If this building were to be part of a development proposal, the City would have some latitude where protection would be required as a condition of the development. However, in this case, there is no development application for the site. The owner has an active operating farm, and is concerned about the safety of this building. That is why it has been requested to be demolished. While this property is on the Register, the City has limited means to protect it, and this is an unfortunate situation.

The Commission made the following additional comments:

- The Silo doesn't look like it is in as bad shape as the barn. Suggestion was made to look into this portion being retained.
- Question was raised concerning the Register and what the point would be of adding something to it if the property owner has no interest in preserving the building. This property shouldn't have been on the Register in the first place especially considering that it didn't have high scores to begin with.
- Suggestion was made that the Commission should look into making recommendations to have the existing heritage policies changed so that it will be easier for the City to protect heritage and ensure that buildings don't deteriorate without someone being held accountable.
- Question was raised concerning staff and Council's interest in heritage and the ongoing issues. There have been a lot of changes lately and the Commission needs to know where they stand and what requests would be considered.

The following additional comments were made in response to the Commission:

- As long as a policy is in need of change and the proposals are reasonable, there shouldn't be any reason why they can't be changed and receive Council's approval.
- These issues are taken very seriously by staff and Council alike; however, not all requests will be approved. These issues should be further discussed at the Commission's workshop.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Paton
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission supports the removal of the Johann Welte Barn and Silo from the Surrey Heritage Register to permit the structures to be documented and demolished and that the Commission encourages the re-useable wood to be salvaged or re-used.

Carried

2. **PARKS AND RECREATION**

(a) **Heritage Services Community Advisory Board**

Memo dated February 6, 2009 from the Manager of Heritage Services.

- Commissioner Hart volunteered to sit on the Heritage Services Community Advisory Board for the 2009 term.

(b) **"Surrey Stories" Newsletter**

Memo dated February 6, 2009 from the Manager of Heritage Services.

Staff made the following comments:

- Various organizations have contributed articles for the Surrey Stories Newsletter and the Commission has also participated in the past. The last article was submitted by Commissioner Stibbs and new volunteers are requested to provide submissions for this year's Newsletters, one in April and one in October.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Suggestion was made for an article concerning Thomas Fleetwood from Commissioner Hart and further suggestion

was made for an article concerning the Town of Port Mann and fishing in the Fraser River from Commissioner Farrand.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission nominate Commissioner Hart to provide an article for the first deadline in April and Commissioner Farrand to provide an article for the second deadline in October for the Surrey Stories Newsletter.
Carried

D. CORRESPONDENCE

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Paton
That the following correspondence item be received.
Carried

1. Community Heritage Commission Networking Conference

Letter dated January 15, 2009 from Michael Stibbs.

- This item was received.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Tracey
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission receive the information items.
Carried

1. Regular Council – Public Hearing Minutes – Monday, January 19, 2009 RES.R09-33

- Received.

2. Friends of Heritage 2009

Nominations to go forward to Council on February 23, 2009 and Awards to be presented at Council on March 9, 2009.

The following comments were made:

- The Fleetwood Community Association has been nominated this year to receive the Friends of Heritage Award. This nomination is being

accepted because there was a discrepancy in the date on the advertisement; otherwise it would have been considered late and there would have been no nominations for this year.

- A comment was made that more interest needs to be generated for the Friends of Heritage Awards in the future. The Commission should make more effort to get involved in creating awareness and generating interest instead of relying on newspaper and internet advertisements. Previously there was a sub-committee that worked on Heritage Week and provided ideas for the Commission's focus.
- New ways of generating public interest in Heritage should be reviewed. Also, a review should be done of the Commission's current practices of public awareness and areas of improvement should be identified.
- A suggestion was made to have letters sent out to community organizations in the fall to create awareness and interest in Heritage Week and request nominations for the Friends of Heritage Award. As well, flyers and posters could be done up and distributed to all the City facilities.
- It was suggested that the above mentioned issues be brought forward for discussion at the Commission's workshop, and it was further suggested that the Commission become involved with the Federal and Provincial Heritage Week themes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission requests that Council approve presentation of the Friends of
Heritage Award at the March 9, 2009 Council meeting.
Carried

3. City of Surrey – 2009 Good Citizen Award

The City of Surrey Council invites suggestions for the 2009 Good Citizen Award.

- The Commission was encouraged to participate and ensure that they take the time to nominate for the 2009 Good Citizen Award.

4. Heritage Week Bus Tour – Saturday, February 21, 2009

The Commission made the following comments:

- This event is in conflict with the Green Timbers Exhibition Opening as they are both scheduled for the same time on February 21, 2009.
- Suggestion was made that the Commission should have business cards and name tags so when they are attending events like this they can be recognized as SHAC members.

The following comments were made in response to the Commission:

- This year is an unusual year in that there would normally not be two significant events scheduled at the same time, but being that this year was the wrap up of the Cultural Capitals of Canada project, there was no other time to move these events to prevent a conflict. Staff will, in future years, be able to prevent such situations.

Commissioner Tannen left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- 5. Historic Stewart Farm Information Pamphlet – Winter, 2009**
(to be provided on table at the meeting)
 - Received.
- 6. Surrey Museum Information Pamphlet – Winter, 2009**
(to be provided on table at the meeting)
 - Received.
- 7. Old News – The Vancouver Heritage Foundation Newsletter – February, 2009**
 - Received.
- 8. British Columbia History – Journal of the British Columbia Historical Federation – Vol.41 No. 4**
(to be provided on table at the meeting)
 - Received.
- 9. The Magazine of the Heritage Canada Foundation – Vol. XI, No. 3**
(to be provided on table at the meeting)
 - Received.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES

This item has been deferred until further notice.

- Discussion concerning the Sub-Committees and Liaisons will be further discussed at the upcoming workshop.

G. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Workshop Discussion

The following comments were made:

- The idea is for the Commission to have a workshop, most likely sometime in March from about 9 a.m. into the afternoon with a facilitator available so that discussions can be had to develop a work plan for the year. This will be an opportunity to review what the Commission has been doing and where they should focus themselves for the future.
- Suggestion was made that it would be useful to have someone such as Donald Luxton present to help assist with ideas of a work plan and of how to set goals for the future.
- Issues for discussion that may be added to the agenda for the workshop are:
 - Review of Commissioner roles and involvement and how to create more heritage awareness.
 - Where the Commission has focused in the past and where future focus should be directed.
 - The sub-committee and liaison list.
 - Setting specific goals that are attainable this year.
 - Current SHAC finances/budget and how and where to receive additional funding.
 - Storyboards, plaques and signage in the City.
 - Archival records of heritage buildings and properties.
 - Multicultural history in Surrey.
 - SHAC mandate regarding advocacy.
 - Heritage Inventory and Registry.
 - Protection of heritage and City's policies.
 - Heritage Week and Friends of Heritage.
- A tentative date of Saturday, March 28, 2009 was set for the workshop. The Commission will be kept up to date on the details.

2. Anniedale School

- Discussion ensued concerning the Anniedale School and it was determined that the actual school lot site is still there and is now private property.

3. Other

- Question was raised concerning a previous request to have the house located at 14106 Grosvenor Road, former home of the Magician, Leon Mandrake, given heritage status.

H. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for March 18, 2009 in the Planning Boardroom #1 – 5:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Paton
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Councillor Steele, Chairperson
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission