

Present:

Chair - Councillor Steele
W. Farrand
R. Hart
L. Tannen

Absent:

B. Hol
S. Thomas

Guests:

D. Johnson, Surrey Historical Society

Staff Present:

D. Luymes, Planning & Development
E. Schultz, Planning & Development
J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation & Culture
M. Petrovic, Engineering
N. Kassam, Budget Manager, Finance & Technology
K. Grewal, Accountant, Finance & Technology
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Hart
That the minutes of the Surrey Heritage Advisory
Commission (SHAC) meeting of January 30, 2013, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Noreen Kassam, Budget Manager** introduced the new budget representative **Kuljeet Grewal, Accountant** who will be putting together the future budgets for the Commission. The budget for 2013 is \$23,000.

Noreen Kassam and Kuljeet Grewal departed the meeting at 5:05pm.

2. Don Luymes, Manager Community Planning, presented the **Biodiversity Conservation Strategy** to clarify the definition, identification, and preservation of natural areas within the City of Surrey; places that are comprised primarily of natural features that are unaltered or re-naturalized following human intervention.

The starting point was the general mapping of ecological systems and of management strategies. The goal of the strategy is to establish biological diversity targets for different parts of the City, recognizing that different areas of the City have different realistic goals due to habitats and wildlife. Establishing priorities for protection are key critical elements of the strategy.

Staff is currently in Phase 2 of the Ecological System Management Strategy. As the City has finite purchase plans, staff is identifying key critical ecological systems and elements required for enhancing habitat connectivity. Baseline mapping and biodiversity assessment of major movement routes for wildlife was undertaken. Criteria for the

corridors and hubs were determined and secondary plans for open space, streets, buffers and setbacks were determined.

Staff advised that the first draft of the strategy is ready to go to stakeholders for consultation and feedback, etc., with the final strategy being forwarded to Council for consideration in the Spring.

Commission comments:

The Commission thanked staff for the report and noted that Surrey is well ahead of the game relative to the Province. The Provincial Auditor General Report provided six recommendations related specifically to work on regarding ecological systems and trees. Commission members expressed concern that only 2% of provincial land has been aside for ecosystem connectivity.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Loyal Orange Lodge
File: 6800-10-LOL

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC) receive the Loyal Orange Lodge Conservation Assessment report, as information.

Carried

Commission members discussed the fact that this item has been on the books since the mid-1990s. It is the recommendation of the Commission to hold a public information session for presenting the facts, the 'what ifs' and collecting of comments. It was noted that costs for restorative work on this property have risen to \$450,000.

Staff will report back with recommendations of the best method to collect public feedback.

(b) Defining Natural Heritage
File: 6800-01

At the Heritage Commission's request, staff provided a report defining *natural heritage*.

The Commission made the following comments:

The Commission thanked staff for the research and efforts put into this project. The report has provided the Commission members with an understanding of the legislative constraints pertaining to the management of natural heritage.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
 Seconded by Commissioner Hart
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) receive the “Defining Natural Heritage” report as information, and adopt the definition of natural heritage as proposed in the report, as information.
Carried

(c) Welsh House Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA)

File: 6800-10

It was noted that this proposal has been before the Commission two to three times in past.

The owners of the Welsh House have made an application to the City for an HRA to establish a conservation plan for the House and to vary the Zoning By-law to allow for the on-site relocation of the House, an addition to the House, and the construction of a garage on the lot. There is no rezoning or subdivision associated with this application. To facilitate these changes to the House, the owner is prepared to seek heritage protection through an HRA.

The proposed addition to the house is tastefully designed and complementary to the existing building. The applicant is proposing to retain the existing wood windows on the beach façade and to use vinyl or wood windows on the remaining facades.

The Commission commented that the use of vinyl windows on a heritage building is unacceptable. The applicant is requesting some significant variances and the exterior of this heritage building should not be compromised through the use of vinyl windows.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
 Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC):

- (1) Receive the Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) Welsh House (2566 Maple Street) report, as information;
- (2) Reject the use of vinyl windows on the Welsh House and recommend that where possible existing wood windows be retained on all facades and new wood windows to match original be introduced only as necessary in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Historic Places in Canada;
- (3) Request the applicant to submit engineered plans that comply with current building code (as required) prior to proceeding to Council to

ensure that the proposed second story additions can be accomplished without the deconstruction of the exterior walls; and

- (4) Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development that the HRA for the Welsh House be forwarded to Council for consideration only when outstanding issues are resolved to staff's satisfaction.

Carried

(d) Temporary Parking for Sales Centre – Proposed Townhouses

File: 6880-01

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) receive the Temporary Parking for Sales Centre – Proposed Townhouses report as information.

Carried

(e) SHAC Task List

File: 0540-20V

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) receive the task list as information.

Carried

2. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

(a) Surrey Stories Newsletter – 2013 Articles

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC):

- (1) Receive the Surrey Stories Newsletter – 2013 Articles report as information; and
- (2) Recommend that the following topics be researched and articles prepared for the 2013 Surrey Stories newsletters by the following appointed members:
- Commissioner Hol - Building Preservation Program;
 - Commissioner Tannen – a Natural heritage.

Carried

Newsletter editorial submission deadlines for 2013 are as follows:

- Summer/fall - April 26, 2013
- Fall/winter – November 1, 2013

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****1. Swank Road Heritage Marker Request**

File: 0540-20V

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
(SHAC) receive the request for a Swank Road Heritage Marker, as information.
Carried

The Commission asked for some clarification regarding the City's existing criteria for the siting of "Heritage Road Marker" signs. Staff indicated that it is possible that the new "Heritage Road Marker" sign could be tested on Swank Road. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of celebrating the Swank family history in a more comprehensive way in partnership with the Fleetwood Community Association. Commissioner Hart noted that the FCA has already contacted the Swank family to express interest in working with them and is currently awaiting a response.

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen
Seconded by Commissioner Farrand
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
(SHAC) request that Engineering staff review the options available and provide a report in April including:

- (1) The City's existing criteria for the siting of "Heritage Road Marker" signs; and
- (2) Suggestions and options regarding (a) the Swank Road Heritage Marker Request, and (b) the alternative Fleetwood Community Association proposal for celebrating the Swank family history.

Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Heritage BC Awards**

Reminder: deadline for nomination submittal is March 1, 2013.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Surrey's Stories newsletter and Official Visitors Guide for Surrey have an article regarding heritage on the Stewart Farm House.
2. Parks Canada is helping Canadians to discover heritage sites of our country by launching a new mobile application, *Edifica: history in hand*. Parks Canada has an application for the phone and hand held devices to access 700 sites for history. This new interactive app was developed by the Canadian Register of Historic Places and allows smartphone and

tablet users unprecedented access to fascinating and fun content on hundreds of Canada's historic places.

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/edifica-history-in-hand-1761823.htm>

3. Lana Panko, Curator of the Historic Stewart Farm, is moving over to the Surrey Museum as Curator of Collections. The new curator for the Historic Stewart Farm has worked with us before and has extensive experience. The new curator will take over the operation and programming of the Historic Stewart Farm.

I. TASK/LIAISON GROUPS

J. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at January 31, 2013

File: 0540-20V

Staff noted a slight error in the Reserve for Heritage Site Improvement: there should be three allocations for Brooksdale Estate not one. This will be corrected.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC) receive the Financial Summary as at January 31, 2013, as information.

Carried

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (SHAC) is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the Planning Boardroom #1, at 5:00 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Farrand

Seconded by Commissioner Hart

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC) meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission