

Present:

Vice Chair – L. Tannen
R. Hart
B. Hol
P. Priddy
S. Thomas

Absent:

Chair - Councillor Steele

Guests:

D. Johnson, Surrey Historical Society

Staff Present:

E. Schultz, Planning & Development
J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation & Culture
K. Tiede, Transportation Planning
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was

adopt the agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

minutes of April 23, 2014, be adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Hol
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS**1. Youth Representatives Appointments to City Committees**

David Sadler, Child & Youth Engagement Coordinator provided an overview of the appointment of youth representatives to City committees.

The following comments were provided:

- Late November/December 2013 the Mayor and Council recommended that youth representatives be added to Council Committees and Commissions. A call went out for young people who are interested. A total of 18 youth representatives have been appointed, two to each committee, and were selected based on interest, experience and ability to work in an adult setting. The youth representatives ages range between 15 and 24 years. Two new youth representatives have been appointed to SHAC by the Mayor and Council.
- One youth rep will be joining the Commission in June, and other in September as she is volunteering overseas.
- This initiative is a pilot project and is to provide young people with a voice in the City and in the decision making. The youth representatives will have a voice, their comments will be minuted; however, they will be non-voting members.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**E. NEW BUSINESS****1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****(a) 2014 City Awards –**

- Planning is underway for the City Awards. No nominations for the Heritage in the City Award have been received to date; however several nominations are anticipated.
- It was suggested that, in order to raise awareness of the City Awards, the Surrey Board of Trade, the Chambers, etc. be approached and provided a link to the website. <http://www.surrey.ca/community/8990.aspx>
- Heritage is defined as including:
 - Build Heritage – buildings, roads, rails, trails, bridges, monuments, markers and cemeteries;
 - Natural Heritage – rivers, streams, shorelines, habitats, forests, trees, landscapes, views and vistas;
 - Cultural Heritage – traditions, ceremonies, festivals, language, social, organizational and artistic expressions.
- There are two categories to the award:
 - Preservation – for protecting, preserving and restoring a built, natural or cultural asset of the City; and
 - Interpretation & Education - for the development and delivery of innovative and creative presentations, programs or special events that highlight Surrey's history and heritage resources.
- Evaluation criteria will be developed for the Commission's review.
- Anyone can nominate a Surrey resident, groups, organizations or business in Surrey.

(b) HAC Task List

File: 0540-20V

E. Schultz, Planning and Development provided the following updates:

• Old Anniedale School –

It was recommended that the School Board be requested to come to the SHAC to explain the process of decommissioning a school property with a protected heritage building on it and to also explain their maintenance plan for the heritage building. It would be useful if the School District 36 could provide a policy on decommissioning schools ahead of time.

- **King George Boulevard Right-of-Way** –

A draft of the King George Boulevard Right-of-Way Heritage Assessment Study was received from the consultant Don Luxton and will be provided to the Commission at the June 25, 2014 meeting.

- **Heritage Road Markers** –

A subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Hart, Thomas and Priddy, will meet to review the new policy on Heritage Signage.

- **Heritage Plaque Program – Priority Heritage Properties** –

Marketing would like to use a new vendor. Details will be provided to the Commission when available.

- **Surrey Stories Newsletter – 2014 – Spring Article** –

File: 6800-01

The article regarding Serpentine Fenn has been submitted for the Spring issue of the Surrey Stories. This item can be removed from the task list.

- **App for a Heritage Walk** –

The topic of creating an “app” (application) for a heritage walking tour and getting SFU students involved with developing the “App” was discussed.

The Surrey Historical Society has been working on putting together a walking tour for Cloverdale. They are not actively researching or developing a “walking tour” app as this would be beyond their resources to produce/maintain.

Commission comments:

- Commissioner Hol noted it would be worthwhile to undertake creating an App for a heritage walking tour for three locations: Crescent Beach, Cloverdale and Whalley. A community partner would be important for developing such an app.
- Vancouver’s App on the Walking Heritage was done by the Vancouver Museum; the Vancouver Foundation may be able to partner in some way with Surrey.
- The City has a grant program to undertake special projects; initiatives can apply to those grants. The Heritage Services don’t have that ability; however the City can provide resources to support those initiatives.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
recommends that the Commission, in future, give consideration to
facilitating a community heritage group to take on the production of a
heritage walking tour app for Cloverdale, Crescent Beach, and Whalley.
Carried

2. PARKS AND RECREATION

(a) Heritage Storyboard 2014 Redesign Priorities

File: 6800-01

Background

Since the launch of the heritage storyboard program by HAC in 2002, 38 storyboards have been researched, produced and installed in locations throughout the City. Existing heritage storyboards relate to themes of built heritage, natural heritage and cultural heritage including local community history and transportation.

In 2012, the Commission approved a new fabrication style and design for future heritage storyboards. A refreshed layout and graphic template for each of the three storyboard themes was also approved. A pilot test storyboard was produced to replace the damaged storyboard located at the Sullivan Community Hall. It was determined by the Commission that funding from the Unrestricted Reserve budget could be used to replace 3-4 storyboards per year to upgrade the storyboards to the new Parks sign fabrication standard, as well as to reduce the cost and time for ongoing annual maintenance.

The operating budget for the Heritage Advisory Commission has, in previous years, included an allocation of \$5,000 for the Heritage Storyboard Program. While the Commission has been reviewing redesign options for storyboards, this funding has not been committed. Funding is available in the HAC Unrestricted Funds, Prior Year Carry Forward budget to continue replacing the existing inventory of heritage storyboards. Heritage Services staff time for graphic layout, design and fabrication co-ordination can support the replacement of three storyboards in 2014. Storyboards that are currently in poor condition or have significant maintenance needs are recommended for replacement.

The approval of funding from HAC Unrestricted Funds and the approval of the three recommended priorities for storyboard replacement in 2014 will support moving forward with the upgrade and improvement of the Heritage Storyboard Program.

From the existing inventory (Storyboards Recommended for Redesign and Replacement in 2014), three are proposed for consideration that are the oldest, are in the worst condition, and are located in different communities:

- 1912 Hall Storyboard in Cloverdale
- Inaugural Planting Storyboard at Green Timbers

- Guildford before Guildford Storyboard at the Guildford Library

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart

Seconded by Commissioner Thomas

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that Council approve the funding of \$13,000 from HAC Unrestricted Funds for the fabrication by John Peachy and Associates for the upgrade and improvement of the heritage storyboard program replacements for 2014:

- 1912 Hall Storyboard in Cloverdale
- Inaugural Planting Storyboard at Green Timbers
- Guildford before Guildford Storyboard at the Guildford Library

Carried

- (b) **The Newton Cultural Centre** does not have a storyboard. This may be of interest to the Surrey Fire Fighters Pioneer Association as a way to keep its members engaged. The Commission requested staff to review the minutes from three years past to check whether this item had at that time been proposed to be put on the Task List for consideration.

The Heritage Services Manager noted that the history of Newton is already well documented in two existing storyboards located at the Newton Library and Newton Seniors Centre. The Surrey Arts Council has been approached to have a storyboard in the interior space but they could not commit to a permanent display space, and therefore, this item did not move forward. If the desire is to have a storyboard not related to the history of Newton but to the history of the building, they would have to revisit the issue with the Surrey Arts Council.

Discussion:

The Commission noted that the building was a “re-use” to service the community at large. The City took to initiate the re-use of the building not considering what that building was for originally. There should be a way to reintroduce the issue of the plaque back again and discuss the rationale. It would be nice to hear from both sides and to recognize the service of that building, and to hear why the Surrey Arts Council would not introduce a plaque to recognize the facility. This is a lost opportunity.

Newton Cultural Centre has been a challenge. It is a ‘little building that could’ and was a good adaptation for re-use. There is currently a lot of attention being focused on Newton and the community. It was recommended to table the New Cultural Centre item and bring it back in June/July for further discussions on the options moving forward.

Staff noted that in order to prioritize a new storyboard for research and production, funding for fabrication has to be allocated. Staff is working towards completing the production of new storyboards that have been funded through developer contributions. The Commission’s Storyboards Guidelines

articulated clearly, that heritage storyboards were intended for pedestrian access in green space locations or on “walkable” corridors.

In past, groups or developers would make a request for a storyboard through Planning and Development and the request would be directed to SHAC. The requests come with funding, based on a priority topic (such as the Cenotaph). Staff also noted that storyboards may be the result of negotiations with a developer. On the positive side, community groups can come forward with requests.

Resources are tight. The time frame depends on how the individual wants to undertake the storyboards. The Commission can complete three to four per year based on City staff support and contracted research and fabrication resources. If there is a desire to fast track and get more storyboards completed annually, the marketing section can be requested to take over the design and other options can be explored for co-ordination, research and support. However, the Marketing section is very busy and there may be fewer storyboards produced. It could take 3-4 years to complete the redesign and fabrication of the current inventory of heritage storyboards.

The contracted researcher is quick to produce the research on a new storyboard and the designer is quick to get the design done, and fabrication by John Peachy has been slower and then with installation can take up to four months to complete following submission of the design work.

3. ENGINEERING

(a) Fraser Highway & 144 Street – Traffic Signal Installation

Transportation staff noted that a traffic signal is due to be installed later in the year to improve traffic safety at Fraser Highway and 144 Street. This non-signalized intersection has the highest number of preventable collisions in the City. There is no plan to widen the pavement and there will be no loss of trees as part of this project; it all falls within the constraints of the existing footprint of the intersection.

Staff met with the Green Timbers Heritage Society and they understand the necessity for a signal.

This traffic signal is a stop-gap measure in moving forward to construction of the rapid transit line and the widening of Fraser Highway.

This item is before the Commission since Fraser Highway from 140 Street to 148 Street is on the Heritage Register as the former Old Yale Road.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
receive the verbal report on the Fraser Highway & 144 Street Traffic Signal, as
information.

Carried

b) Semiahmoo Trail & Crescent Road Crossing

This item is in response to the Commission's request at the April 23, 2014 meeting for Engineering to re-review the proposed crossing at Semiahmoo Trail and Crescent Road.

During the design process, two locations for the Semiahmoo Trail crossing on Crescent Road were considered: midway between Elgin Road and 144 Street, and at the east leg of Elgin Road (which is closed to vehicular traffic). At present, neither location has sufficient sightlines for a crossing, but at Elgin Road, there is an opportunity to improve the sightlines by shifting Crescent Road approximately 2 metres to the north.

As part of development application 08-0147-00, the new houses would face Crescent Road, but would have nothing to connect to. The gravel path was added to function as a sidewalk to allow the houses to access their front doors.

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
receive the verbal report on the Semiahmoo Trail & Crescent Road Crossing, as
information.

Carried

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

**1. Surrey Heritage Group Information Networking Meeting
File: 0330-20**

Surrey heritage groups met at an information networking meeting held on May 21, 2014, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Surrey Museum.

The meeting went very smoothly and the networking went well.

- Nine various heritage groups provided presentations.

- Erin Schultz, Planning and Development spoke about the Heritage in the City Award.
- Jacqueline O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation & Culture spoke to the Civic Treasures and the Cultural grants that are available.
- The value was very positive and it was encouraged that information networking meetings be held every 2-3 years.
- The BC Vintage Truck Museum offered to host the next meeting if held in a couple of years. The meetings could be circulated to provide the other groups an opportunity to host; however, it is important for SHAC to put this item on the Task List to ensure the item does not get lost over time.

It was
 Moved by Commissioner Priddy
 Seconded by Commissioner Hart
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Committee
 arrange a Surrey Heritage Group Information Networking Meeting on a bi-annual
 basis.

Carried

2. Heritage Organizations Resource List

<http://www.surrey.ca/community/7532.aspx>

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Vancouver Sun newspaper article, dated May 17, 2014 *The High Cost of Preserving our Heritage*

Newspaper article regarding the twin Tudor-style homes known as the “Two Dorotheas”, were recently saved from destruction by moving them two blocks down the street in Kerrisdale area of Vancouver. The article discussed issues related to “rain screening” requirements in the City of Vancouver that make heritage conservation costly and challenging.

It was
 Moved by Commissioner Hart
 Seconded by Commissioner Priddy
 That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
 request the Building Division to come to the Commission to discuss the City's policies with respect to rain screening requirements for heritage buildings undergoing restoration.

Carried

2. Fleetwood Stories

There is no program to install privately-developed storyboards on city property but the Fleetwood Community Association (FCA) found an opportunity to do so through the City's Beautification Grant Program. The FCA received a grant for \$3,000 for a storyboard to commemorate Swank Road.

The Fleetwood Stories event this year will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm, at the corner of 158th Street and Fraser Highway, as they unveil the "Swank Road" historical storyboard. There will be a Model T procession, lots of family and friends.

The City is constrained in how it can promote heritage within the City. The objective is how to get more communities to be involved in heritage and fostering the groups who are interested and supplementing them through partnerships. The Swank family put up \$3,000, plus the grant funding, to pay for the Swank Road storyboard.

3. Mini Tour of three recent heritage projects in Surrey

Saturday, May 31, 2014, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

To visit:

- Meadow Ridge Farm, 16390 64 Avenue
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 16017 8 Avenue
- Brooksdale Estate, 19353 16 Avenue

J. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at April 30, 2014

File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Priddy

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

(SHAC) receive the Financial Summary as at April 30, 2014, as information.

Carried

It was noted that in the budget, item 5, pg 23 of agenda package (Voth Bros donation – South Surrey, at 25 Avenue at Park) is a donation for the research, production and installation of a storyboard regarding the Christophersons at 2215 – 123 Street (*see February 28, 2007 HAC minutes*)) and is for the research component. \$10,500 funds was collected in the past.

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for June 25, 2014, **6:00 PM**, in the 2E-Community Room B.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy

Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Vice-Chair, Commissioner Tannen
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission