

Present:

Chair - Councillor Steele
Vice Chair – L. Tannen
R. Hart
B. Hol
P. Priddy
P. Sooch, Youth Rep

Absent:

S. Thomas
K. Tecson, Youth Rep

Guests:

D. Johnston, Surrey Historical
Society

Staff Present:

E. Schultz, Planning & Development
J. O'Donnell, Manager of Heritage Services;
Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. Saffery, Parks, Recreation & Culture
K. Tiede, Transportation Planning
K. Grewal, Finance & Technology
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH REPS

Ms. Puneet Sooch, the new youth representative, was introduced to the Commissioners. A second youth representative, Katreena Tecson, is volunteering overseas for the summer and will join the Commission in September.

Having youth representatives on the various committees, commissions and boards is a pilot project that 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 noted in the minutes; however, they will be non-voting members.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commission is requested to pass a motion adopting the agenda.

It was
agenda for June 25, 2014, be adopted with one additional item.
Carried

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

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was
minutes of May 28, 2014, be adopted.

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

It was Moved by Commissioner Priddy
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission
minutes of May 28, 2014, be adopted, with the following amendments:

The wording on Pg 6, second paragraph be amended to read: *“Staff also noted that developers may contribute funds for the production of storyboards.”*

Carried

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Rain Screening Requirements for Heritage Buildings

At the May 28, 2014 SHAC meeting, an article from the Vancouver Sun newspaper, dated May 17, 2014, was discussed. The article discussed the issues related to City of Vancouver “rain screening” requirements that make heritage conservation costly and challenging.

The Commission requested that the building division provide information on how to maintain the exterior of a heritage building without losing the opportunity of maintaining the character of a house, and also to discuss the City of Surrey’s policies regarding rain screening requirements for heritage buildings undergoing restoration.

Beverly Endersby, Residential Section Manager, Building Division noted that the City does recognize heritage buildings and provided the following information:

- Dwellings and single family dwellings don’t require upgrades to that building.
- If moving the building to another site, it would not be required to remove the siding and comply with present day code with respect to rain screening.
- If stripping a building down and requiring a building permit and removing drywall to the bare studs, then it will be required to insulate the poly.
- If adding to that dwelling, the new section would need to be constructed to today’s standards, but the existing building would not require upgrading.
- If leaving the exterior siding, rain screening would not be required.
- Single family heritage homes are generally not an issue with respect to rain screening; their issue is usually around handrails and the requirements for safety.

E. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Heritage Services Community Advisory Board

File: 6800-01

Commissioner Hol attended the June 17, 2014 Heritage Services Community Advisory Board meeting. The following topics were discussed:

- The Surrey Archives 2015 Exhibition and Program plan. Suggestions were made for digital programs.
- Collection cataloguing priorities included digitization and SAMOA website access to archival photos.
- 2015 plan outlined school programs, community outreach and special events.

- Historic Stewart Farm 2015 Exhibition and program plan included temporary exhibitions, seasonal programs, school programs and special events.
(Commissioner Tannen noted that a lot of work is done by the staff and that the Historic Stewart Farm Program Plan is quite extensive. Stewart Farm is one of the most programmed sites in Surrey.)

It was Moved by Commissioner Hol
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the report provided regarding the June 17,
2014 Heritage Services Community Advisory Board meeting, be received as
information.

Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) 2014 City Awards Program - "Heritage in the City" Award

Discussion was held to review the evaluation criteria for nominees to the Heritage in the City Award.

(b) Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment Draft Report (King George Boulevard right-of-way)

File: 6800-10

Background:

On November 27, 2013, Mr. Jim Foulkes appeared before the Commission to provide information about the heritage significance of the Pacific Highway and the remaining Pacific Highway right-of-way between 130 Street and 132 Street. Mr. Foulkes was concerned that the future redevelopment of the property might jeopardize heritage conservation opportunities. A follow-up report was provided to the Commission in January 2014. At the February 26, 2014 SHAC meeting, the Commission reviewed a proposal from Donald Luxton & Associates Inc. to assess the heritage value of the King George Boulevard (Pacific Highway) right-of-way between 130 Street and 132 Street.

Donald Luxton & Associates Inc. has now submitted a draft report for the Commission's review. The report includes a brief history and overview of the Pacific Highway and concrete road construction, as well as an assessment of the current condition of the Pacific Highway right-of-way between 130 Street and 132 Street. The report also includes an overview of the conservation standards and five options for consideration.

Given the current state of the remaining Pacific Highway right-of-way in this location it is recommending Option #3 in conjunction with a program of on-site interpretation to be implemented by the future developer of the property.

It is requested that the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission:

1. Receive the Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment draft report, as information;
2. Provide comments to staff regarding the report;
3. Endorse "Option #3" in conjunction with a program of on-site interpretation (ie. The development of interpretive panels) to be implemented by the future developer of the property;
4. Recommend that Realty Services staff provide potential purchasers of the property with a copy of the "Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment" as well as a copy of the Commission's recommendation;
5. Recommend that the future developer of the property engage the services of a qualified heritage professional to develop detailed plans in accordance with recommendation 3 (above); and
6. Recommend that the proposed landscape design and on-site interpretation program be referred to the HAC for review when available.

Option #1 – Retain pavement and right-of-way in SITU

Option #2 – Restore appearance of original roadway

Option #3 – Incorporate pieces into future landscape design

Option #4 – Salvage and Interpret

Option #5 – Commemoration

The level of conservation of the remaining portion of the original Pacific Highway will depend upon the selected option above, as they range from full preservation to commemoration and artifact removal. The site has been identified as being significant to the history of Surrey and is an important reminder of the evolution of transportation and circulation within the municipality, as well as the physical connection between Canada and the United States.

Commission comments:

- The preservation and interpretation of the remnants of this road would demonstrate the historic significance to the concrete road system as that style of concrete road was used for only a short time and in only a few places in the Province, and would demonstrate why the road was as wide as it was then and that it was as wide as a path nowadays. This is a piece that can be replicated and showcased and would provide impact as to what this type of road looked like.
- Putting the concrete pieces into a sidewalk would cause safety issues.
- There is the need to protect the road piece. The former road surface is right in the middle of the field, on the north east corner of the bend. The pieces of concrete where the old roadway was are closer to the trees; there is no access off King George Boulevard.
- This is an opportunity to do something in that corner. The old pieces of concrete are not to be removed and other pieces could potentially be uncovered.
- One way to bring this history to public attention is to have a billboard in the same location with a historic photo and information with a piece of the concrete in a cairn, raised and imbedded with a plaque.

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

recommends that:

1. The Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment report by Donald Luxton & Associates Inc., be received as information;
2. A hybrid of Option #2 and Option #3, in conjunction with a program on on-site interpretation (i.e., the development of interpretive panels), be implemented by the future developer of the property;
3. That Realty Services staff provide potential purchasers of the property with a copy of the "Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment" as well as a copy of the Commission's recommendation;
4. That the future developer of the property engage the services of a qualified heritage professional to implement ground penetrating radar to further uncover traces of the old roadway, and to develop detailed plans in accordance with Option #2 and #3;
5. The proposed landscape design and the on-site interpretation program be referred to the SHAC for review when available; and
6. That a copy of the Pacific Highway Heritage Assessment report and Commission recommendations be provided to Mr. Jim Foulkes.

Carried

(c) **HAC Task List**

File: 0540-20V

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

- **App for a Heritage Walk**

This item is currently not on the Commission's work plan, therefore no recommendation was in order.

2. **PARKS AND RECREATION**

(b) **Heritage Storyboard Program**

This item is to discuss amending the Storyboard Policy to be more reflective of the evolving needs and desires of communities.

Discussion touched on the fact that there are limited resources, and ensuring that new and redesigned storyboards are completed in a timely manner. There are four distinct steps for the storyboard program: research (*quick*), design of storyboard (*quick*), fabrication (*slow*), installation (*very slow*).

Jacqueline O'Donnell, Manager of Heritage Services noted that the challenges with the sign company and the turn-around time for fabrication and installation of storyboards is the main cause of delay. The approval of new Design and Fabrication Standards in 2012 and annual priorities for redesign and installation of the storyboard inventory is proceeding. This progress has

allowed work to begin on the backlog of five new storyboards funded through developer and grant contributions. Any future requests for new funded storyboards should be able to move forward next year, following approval by the Commission.

(c) **New Heritage Storyboard Research and Design Priorities 2014**
File – 6800-01

Background:

The Heritage Storyboard Program was launched by the HAC in 2001. Thirty-eight storyboards have since been researched, produced and installed in locations throughout the City. Existing heritage storyboards relate to the themes of built heritage, natural heritage and cultural heritage including local community history and transportation. Funding has also been confirmed in the HAC Reserve for Future Expense (RFFE) budget for five new storyboards in Sullivan, South Surrey, and Clayton.

Heritage Services staff are able to support the research and design of two new RFFE funded storyboards in 2014.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Hart
Seconded by Commissioner Tannen
That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that Council approve the research, writing and design of two new storyboards funded in RFFE Restricted budget in 2014 to ensure that the Commission continues to move forward with its Heritage Storyboard program:

3. Christopherson Family Storyboard
4. Surrey Cenotaph Storyboard

Carried

It was noted that staff have touched base with the heritage consultants and they are able to do the research for the two new storyboards with an expected completion of writing and design by fall 2014.

The Manager of Heritage Services noted that last year the Commission made a recommendation to proceed with the research, writing and design of the five new funded storyboards and to delay fabrication and installation until all were complete. The Commission would then pass a motion to have all the storyboards fabricated at once for cost savings.

(d) **Removal of European Larch in Arboretum at Surrey Nature Centre**
File: 6800-05

The European Larch tree in the Arboretum at Surrey Nature Centre (Heritage Tree No. 082 in Group 9) has extensive basal decay including a large cavity opening on the south side and spiraling decay up the column. The

resistograph data revealed that only the north side of the basal cavity met the minimum thickness with sound wood. The risk rating for the tree is 10 out of 12 and places the tree in the high risk category. It is recommended that SHAC approve:

1. The scheduled removal on June 23, 2014 of the European Larch and its replacement tree for the coming planting season; and
2. That a one meter high of stump be retained to benefit current and future onsite education programs.

The tree was removed on June 23, 2014 and a replacement tree will be planned for the coming planting season.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Hart

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

approve:

1. The removal on June 23, 2014 of the European Larch and its replacement tree for the coming planting season; and
2. That a one meter height of stump be retained to benefit current and future onsite education programs.

Carried

3. ENGINEERING

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

J. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Conditional Approval Relating to Heritage Applications

The question was raised as to whether conditional approval can be granted to HRA applications prior to owners hiring a heritage consultant to prepare a conservation plan. Conservation plans can cost up to \$7,000. This is a significant expense for a homeowner to undertake without knowing if an approval will be granted by Council. The question is if there is any way to know whether an approval will be granted prior to proceeding.

Planner, Erin Schultz noted that in some cases, where a heritage building is in good shape and has not been significantly altered, staff have prepared conservation plans

for owners of registered heritage properties to allow them to apply for an HRA. This cannot be done when an HRA application is associated with the redevelopment of a property or where the building has been significantly altered or is in poor condition.

Conditional approval of an HRA is not possible because HRAs are adopted by by-law and some HRAs require Public Hearing.

2. Open Doors Event – June 21, 2014

Surrey Doors Open event was held June 21, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in City Center, Bear Creek, Newton and Cloverdale. In Cloverdale, Roger Bose provided two hour heritage tours. The Surrey Archives had 144 visitors. The Cloverdale campus of Kwantlen Polytechnic University had an older couple who have work horses in Langley with full regalia, including red ribbons on the tails, pulling a horse drawn carriage.

The Whalley's Corner Festival was also very successful. There was a big original Whalley's Corner poster that generated a lot of interest and energy. Grandchildren of Arthur Whalley had their pictures taken with the big poster of Arthur Whalley.

3. BC Historical Conference

Commissioner Hart and Tannen attended the BC Historical Federation Conference. The conference was well run and the City should be proud that the conference was held in Cloverdale this year.

4. The Swank Road Storyboard

The Swank Road Storyboard was unveiled. 40-50 people were there and others stopped to see what was going on. Many talked about their connections:

- There was a nephew of Thomas Fleetwood from in the 1970's.
- Older people spoke about the neighbourhood and they got the nephew to tell stories of the community.
- One group came because Roger Bose talked about Fleetwood.

It would be a great idea to get the stories recorded for the Re-Enactors to use. The Re-Enactors troupe was the highlight. Many visitors were astounded at the caliber of the program and that Surrey is doing something so cutting edge.

5. Flavours of Surrey

All the Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Hart (who is unavailable), will be attending the event. The youth representative Puneet Sooch will also be attending.

Councillors Hepner and Steele will be cooking at the Cooking Stage.

K. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at May 31, 2014

File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Priddy

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

receive the Financial Summary as at May 30, 2014, as information.

Carried

L. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for July 23, 2014, **6:00 PM**, in the 2E-Community Room B.

M. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Priddy

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

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

Chairperson, Councillor Steele
Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission