

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission - Minutes

City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Time: 5:01 p.m.

Vice-Chair:

W. Farrand

Absent:

Guests:

E. Reid

J. Bliss

D. Johnson

Councillor Steele

Staff Present:

D. Luymes, Planning & Development

E. Schultz, Planning & Development

J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation and Culture

M. Petrovic, Engineering

T. Mueller, Legislative Services

Commissioners:

B. Hol

J. Turner L. Tannen

R. Hart

S. Thomas

At the start of the meeting, the Vice-Chair requested the agenda be varied to review the Ocean Park Community Hall on-table report prior to discussing the HAC task list.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol Seconded by Commissioner Hart

That the agenda be varied to review the

Ocean Park Community Hall (1577 – 128 Street) – Application for Financial Assistance before the HAC Task List.

Carried

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission Minutes – January 25, 2012.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the minutes of the January 25, 2012,

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Mr. Ken Wuschke, Fraser Valley Conservancy

File: 6800-10

In attendance before the Commission to provide information on the Conservancy's regional approach.

• The Conservancy's mandate is to raise heritage awareness among various levels of government, to increase awareness in the public realm, and to change views of 'what is heritage'.

- In June 2011, at the Conservancy's AGM, a resolution was passed to make heritage preservation as important as environmental protection.
- The group is committed to supporting Metro Vancouver's 'Experience the Fraser Project' (ETF)
 http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks lscr/ExperiencetheFraser/

Pages/default.aspx

- ETF is a unique vision to connect communities, parks, natural features, historic and cultural sites, and experiences along the Lower Fraser River. Metro Vancouver is heading it up and is soliciting input from other municipalities to create a cohesive approach.
- Another innovative approach to showcasing BC Heritage is through a
 mobile application on a smart phone created as part of the New Pathways
 to Gold Project entitled *Chasing the Golden Butterfly*http://www.newpathwaystogold.ca/geocache/
- The application is based on a popular pastime called geocaching, which is an online "X-marks the spot" game using a Global Positioning System (GPS) device. The Chasing the Golden Butterfly program is comprised of a special guide which allows geocachers to visit First Nations, Gold Rush, railroad, ranching and other heritage sites.
- Another smart phone application currently in development at a municipal level would list each municipal heritage register and identify heritage locations within a city / town.
- The Conservancy sees Surrey's role in the region as an educator for the rest of the valley.
- The Commission inquired about how the Conservancy is funded. The delegation noted in terms of sustainability they are at a cross-roads and the group is looking at approaching government to increase the levels of funding and are currently undergoing a major review of the organization.
- The Commission asked for further detail on how the Conservancy interacts with other agencies. The delegation clarified that FVC acts as a voice at the municipal level for those municipalities that do not have dedicated spokespeople for heritage and liaises with existing groups to highlight successes and collaborate where possible.

The Commission recommended the Conservancy contact the Surrey Heritage Society (SHS) regarding the truck museum project and suggested they also solicit local rotaries for support.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Memo re: Burlington Northern Santa Fe and BC Hydro Rail Study Cost Estimate

File: 8710-01

The following comments were made:

- Staff commented that the question of conducting a BC Hydro/BNSF rail study was raised at the January 25, 2012 HAC meeting and noted the item has been on the task list since 2008.
- The Heritage Planner spoke with Donald Luxton and Associates and the estimate for conducting a study would substantial.
- Staff is recommending that since this project was not identified as a
 priority during the Heritage Strategic Review, it should not be
 pursued at this time and be removed from the task list.

The Commission suggested this project could be turned over to the public and if there is interest, a further presentation could be brought to the Commission for consideration.

It was

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

Commission:

- 1. Receive this report as information, and
- 2. In consideration of the costs associated with retaining a consultant to complete a comprehensive study of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and BC Hydro Railway, recommend the removal of this item from the HAC task list.

Carried

(b) Memo re: Bose Farm Heritage Proposal (16420 - 64 Avenue) File: 6800-10

The following comments were made:

• The purpose of this report is to inform the HAC that a development application for the Henry Bose Farm (16420 - 64 Avenue) has been submitted to the City, to obtain preliminary comments on the proposal, and to receive the HAC's endorsement to proceed with the preparation of Interim and Standard HRAs for three (3) of the (6) registered heritage buildings on the subject property.

- The proposal involves the following:
 - OCP Amendment of a portion from Suburban to Urban;
 - NCP Amendment for the western portion of the subject site 0 to "Townhouse 8-15 upa";
 - Rezoning from A-1 to RF, RF-12 and RM-30;
 - General Development Permit for a townhouse development 0 on the western portion of the subject site; and
 - Subdivision to allow the subdivision into approximately 80 0 single family residential lots and 1 lot which will encompass the future townhouse development.
- The applicant is proposing to retain 3 of the 6 registered heritage buildings on the subject site. The proposal includes relocating the Calf Barn to the western portion of the property where it will be restored and re-used as the amenity building for a proposed townhouse development. Due to the precarious condition of the Farmhouse, the applicant is proposing to deconstruct, salvage, and reconstruct the Farmhouse on a corner single family residential lot fronting 64 Avenue. The Farmhouse will be reconstructed using historically accurate materials. Those character-defining elements that have been compromised, including the wood siding and the wraparound porch, will be restored to their original condition. Part of the strategy for the reconstruction of the Farmhouse involves salvaging the siding from the Horse Barn for use on the Farmhouse. Likewise, the floor from the Horse Barn is proposed to be re-used for the restoration of the Calf Barn. The applicant is also proposing to relocate, restore, and re-use the Milk Cooling Shed as a singlecar garage on the same lot as the reconstructed Farmhouse.
- Planning is looking for preliminary comments from the Commission to share with the developer.
- The Commission liked the concept and that the developer was 'heritage friendly'. The Commission suggested that the applicant prepare and implement an interpretation program for the site in conjunction with the redevelopment of the site.
- Members of the Commission expressed concern that the amenity building (Calf Barn) may not be readily visible from the street if it were located in the middle of the multi-family site.

It was

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

Commission:

- Receive this report as information; 1.
- Recommend to the General Manager, Planning and Development, 2. that staff be directed to prepare Interim Heritage Revitalization Agreements (HRAs) and Standard HRAs for the Bose Farm Calf Barn, Bose Farm Milk Cooling Shed and Henry Bose Farmhouse. Carried

(c) Memo re: Work Plan Update – 2009 Priority Task & Initiatives Workshop Heritage Strategic Review Implementation Plan File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Heritage Planner provided an update on the status of priorities identified through the Heritage Strategic Review. The following priorities were suggested for 2012 / 13:
 - 1. Development of documentation standards for buildings proposed for demolition;
 - Web updates including (1) the addition of historic photos to the heritage register web pages and (2) the addition of a 'projects' section to Building Preservation Program web page;
 - 3. A review of the Heritage Inventory with the goal of moving properties from the Heritage Inventory to the Heritage Register;
 - 4. Working with the HAC to discuss/finalize the role/mandate of the Surrey Heritage Foundation in light of new information received.

The Commission thanked staff for the work they have done.

It was

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

Commission (HAC):

- 1. Receive this report as information;
- 2. Recommend that the Heritage Strategic Review Implementation Plan form the new basis for HAC's work plan; and
- 3. Endorse the planning-related work plan priorities identified for 2012/13.

Carried

(d) Memo re: Proposed Heritage Tree (10871 - 139A Street)

File: 10871; 013950; 6800-15

RECOMMENDATION

It was

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

Commission (HAC) recommends that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information;
- 2. Commemorate the Black Walnut tree, described more fully in this report, as a heritage tree; and
- 3. Recommend that the Black Walnut tree be designated as a significant tree, as per Surrey Tree Protection By-law 2006, No. 16100.

Carried

(e) Ocean Park Community Hall (1577 – 128 Street) Application for Financial Assistance

File: 6800-20

The following comments were made:

- Staff received an application for Financial Assistance for the painting of Ocean Park Community Hall.
- The painting project will be kicked off with a community barbeque.

RECOMMENDATION

It was

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

Commission (HAC) recommends that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information;
- 2. Approve financial assistance for Ocean Park Community Hall (1577 128 Street) in the amount of \$2,682.40 which represents 50 percent of the value of the works as per the quote provided by College Pro Painters; and

3. Recommend that staff advise the applicant that payment of financial assistance shall only be made following inspection by appropriate City staff to ensure that the works have been undertaken in accordance with the original terms of the application.

Carried

(f) HAC Task List

File: 0540-20V

The following comments were made:

 Dominion Park Renaming Request Update - Staff reported the Park's department is currently looking into the history of Dominion Park. Staff from the Parks, Recreation, and Culture department will respond directly to the applicant.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

That the HAC Task List be received as

information.

Carried

2. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

(a) Memo re: Heritage Services Community Advisory Board SHAC Representative

File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- The purpose of the Board is to engage community involvement in sourcing ideas for heritage exhibitions, programs and events and collections development initiatives and to communicate opportunities for partnership with other organizations.
- Advisory Board meetings occur five times per year and are held as required, i.e., targeted topical subjects to discuss or community input is needed.
- The Board deals with items such as annual service plans for the Archives, Museum, and Stewart Farm, and make recommendations on whether objects are to be either added (or removed) from collections.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That Commissioner Thomas be appointed to

serve on the Heritage Services Community Advisory Board as the SHAC Representative.

Carried

(b) Memo re: <u>Surrey Stories</u> Newsletter – 2012 Articles

File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- Staff suggested possible topics for articles as follows:
 - How to Find Heritage Planning Information on the City of Surrey Website.
 - Heritage Homes Owned by the City
 - o Discovering Heritage Story Boards in the City
 - How to Restore a Heritage Home and the Experience of Going through the Financial Assistance Process.
 - O Defining the Differences Between the Construction Practices of 2012 and 1912.
- The upcoming newsletter is Summer / Fall and upcoming articles are due on April 20, 2012. Winter / Spring articles are due on October 26, 2012.
- Newsletter volunteers are asked to select stories, do any research required, and, where applicable, provide photos to accompany articles.
- Staff noted the Surrey Stories Newsletter has a wide distribution and is circulated to all of Surrey's heritage organizations and through the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department.

It was

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

Commission:

- 1. Selects the following topics for publication in the 2012 Surrey Stories newsletters:
 - (a) Heritage Storyboards New Design (April 2)
 - (b) Differences in Building Techniques and Building Codes in 2012 and 1912.
- 2. Appoints Commissioners Hart and Farrand to research and prepare articles as per the newsletter submission deadlines.

Carried

3. ENGINEERING

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

(a) Memo from City Clerk re: Guidelines for Closing Committee, Commission, and Board Meetings

File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Hol

That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends that the report be received as information.

Carried

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from S. Green re: Association for Historic Landscape Preservation Conference, April 25 – 28, 2012

File: 0330-20

The following comments were made:

- The Heritage Planner noted the following conferences planned for 2012 may be of interest to members of the Commission:
 - Heritage BC Annual Conference Fall 2012. The venue and dates have not yet been determined; the conference will take place in the Lower Mainland in late September or early October.
 - National Heritage Summit October 11 13, 2012, Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Montréal, Québec.
 - The 2012 Creative City Summit October 21 23, 2012, Victoria, British Columbia (will have substantial heritage component).
 - Community Heritage Commissions Networking Conference date / host municipality TBD.

The Commission requested further updates from the Heritage Planner on non-built heritage conferences / workshop opportunities.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

That correspondence received from S. Green

re: Association for the Historical Landscape Preservation Conference, April 25 - 28, 2012 be received as information.

Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Council Resolution re: 2012 Heritage Week 'Friends of Heritage' Awards RES.12-314

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart Seconded by Commissioner Tannen That Council Resolution RES.12-314

regarding 'Friends of Heritage' Awards be received as information.

Carried

H. TASK/LIAISON GROUPS

I. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at January 31, 2012

File: 0540-20 V

The following comments were made:

 The Commission requested direction from staff on whether funds could be reallocated toward the redevelopment of the new story boards and attendance of additional heritage conferences.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen That the Financial Summary as of

January 31, 2012, be received as information.

Carried

It was

Moved by Commissioner Tannen Seconded by Commissioner Turner That a representative from the Finance

Department be invited to the upcoming Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission meeting to discuss the budget and provide advice / direction on reallocation of funds to specific initiatives such as conferences and storyboard design / maintenance.

Carried

J. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Heritage Storyboards

File: 6800-01

Staff recommended the next steps will be testing the durability of the new
prototype. Sign layout design options will be presented for Commission
review / approval with along with a proposed timeline estimating how
many signs can be upgraded.

Discussion ensued regarding steamship corridors along the river as
potential storyboard opportunities. The Commission discussed potential
heritage sites along the western part of Surrey may be worth consideration,
i.e., natural farmscape, what the vista used to look like before development.
Such areas could be used as stopping points to create heritage points of
interest.

Staff was asked to provide a report regarding a proposed schedule for replacement based on the new design concept.

Commissioner Tannen volunteered to research opportunities for landscape / natural heritage preservation and view corridors.

2. Heritage Photographic Register

- Staff noted Surrey's heritage inventory list was originally started through a series of photographs taken to document built heritage in Surrey. Staff commented the current photo collection, housed in the Surrey Museum and Archives, is regarded as an important asset.
- Staff suggested the Commission may wish to undertake completing a 2012 version of the heritage photographic register.
- The Commission agreed it would be beneficial to focus on natural vistas and landscapes and suggested updating photographic records through a community heritage photography contest.

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012 in the Planning Boardroom #1 at 5:00 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart Seconded by Commissioner Thomas That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Jang Sullivan, City Clerk

Vice-Chair, Commissioner Farrand