

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission – Minutes

Planning & Development Boardroom 1 City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013

Time: 5:10 pm

Present:

W. Farrand R. Hart

L. Tannen, Acting Chair

S. Thomas

Absent:

Chair - Councillor Steele

D. Johnson, Surrey Historical

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Guests:

Society

Staff Present:

D. Luymes, Planning & Development J. O'Donnell, Parks, Recreation & Culture

N. Aven, Urban Forestry, Parks

P. Bellefontaine, Engineering, Transportation

K. Tiede, Engineering, Transportation S. Long, Planning & Development

H. Dmytriw, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

moved by Commissioner Thomas Seconded by Commissioner Farrand That Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

minutes of May 29, 2013, be adopted.

Carried

The Acting Chair requested that the agenda be varied.

It was

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

recommends that the agenda be varied as follows:

- 1. Item D.3 be discussed directly following Item B.1.
- 2. Item C.1 Heritage Storyboards be deleted.
- 3. Item C.1 Loyal Orange Lodge be deferred.

<u>Carried</u>

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Heritage Road Markers

File: 6800-01

Jane Hayes, Ocean Park Community Association was in attendance to discuss heritage names of roads and heritage road markers. In accordance with past practice, many names were those of residents who had lived in the area, who built the roads, and donated land and money for schools. The delegation noted that it is important that the original family names be reinstated as there are many young people coming into the area who are interested in the history of the area. It was noted that references to history create more attachment to an area and road names are a connection between the old and new generations which also helps with the continuance of the Ocean Park Community Organization. There is a heritage core

within Ocean Park and many residents have donated money to the Ocean Park Community Association towards the funding of new heritage markers.

The delegation noted that the Engineering Department had advised that in order to limit the number of heritage signs within the area, that mid-block signage on a couple of streets would be supported but the Community Association did not feel this provided the amount or style of heritage signing that they were hoping for. The Association indicated that they would wish to see the heritage signing being part of the street name plates located at intersections throughout the Ocean Park area.

The Commissioners discussed further the City's practice (since the 1950's) of naming roads as *north*, *south*, *east* and *west*; this was considered a good method of wayfinding as it relates to fire and safety concerns.

Staff provided a brief summary of the current policies and practices that are applied by the City for heritage signage. The Traffic Operations Section for the Engineering Department, which is responsible for all highway signs in the city (with the exception of street name plates), has applied a long standing practice for heritage road markers which is intended to regulate the number and location of signs. In addition, there is a Council approved Policy O-53 specifically related to heritage supplementary street name plates and staff confirmed that this would be forwarded to the Commission for information. Staff also noted that any support of the Community Association's request for comprehensive heritage signing would need to be considered in the context of the broader implications for street naming and signing across the entire City.

Commissioner Hart noted that there is social value to heritage and to making the six distinct town centres in Surrey unique. However, a Policy needs to be in place specific to identifying the criteria for naming roads rather than dealing with each request individually.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Thomas Seconded by Commissioner Farrand That the Heritage Advisory Commission

recommends the formation of a sub-committee comprised of Heritage Planning, Engineering, and Commissioner Thomas as the lead, to develop to a city-wide heritage signage process that outlines the pros and cons including a more up-to-date Policy on Heritage Signage, and that the sub-committee report back to the Commission at the September 26, 2013 meeting.

Carried

2. Design of Heritage Road Markers

File: 6800-01

Deferred until later when the Manager of Marketing arrived at the meeting.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. SHAC Task List

File: 0540-20 V

• Heritage Storyboard at the Sullivan Community Hall

File: 6800-01

This item was deleted from the agenda.

• Loyal Orange Lodge - Public Input Session

File: 6800-10-LOL DEFERRED

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• Flavours of Surrey

July 20 & 21, 2013 at Holland Park
The schedule for Commissioners volunteering at the SHAC Booth was updated.

• Welsh House Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA)

The Commission has discussed this ongoing issue for the past five years as the owners are reluctant partners in heritage conservation. The Owners are proposing substantial additions on the side, back and upper level of their house, and also wish to move the house forward on the lot onto a new foundation and raise the house above the flood level.

The Commission considered correspondence dated June 25, 2013, from the lawyer for the Owner to City staff stating that the requirement for windows "to be all wood" is unacceptable to the Owner, and that "wood" windows be required only on the beach side façade of the house. The Owner is now threatening to demolish the house rather than conform to the requirement set out in the draft Heritage Revitalization Agreement as accepted by the Commission. Staff confirmed that the Owner would be required to make an application to the City in order to proceed with demolition.

The Commissioners clarified that the Commission supports the current wording in the draft HRA which calls for wood windows on all facades of the house, and not only the façade facing the beach. It was noted that the Owners are proposing significant increases in floor area, site coverage, and density and reductions in setbacks in exchange for heritage protection.

It was

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

recommends that based on the correspondence from the Owner's lawyer, the Commission stands by their original recommendation to "reject the use of vinyl windows on the Welsh House and recommend that where possible existing wood windows be retained on all façades 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".

Carried

Darryl McCarron joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.

2. Design of Heritage Road Markers

File: 6800-01

Darryl McCarron, Manager of Marketing noted that a staff committee was struck in September 2012 to discuss and determine the direction to take related to heritage road markers. Staff are seeking a design that achieves consistency with the City's new graphic standards and with internationally-recognized heritage colour schemes.

Staff noted that sample signs have been erected on streets, notably 152 Street (Johnston Road). Commissioners expressed concerns related to the legibility and visual impact of the new markers, and recommended further work to refine the heritage road markers before they are more widely deployed.

Darryl McCarron departed the meeting at 6:04 pm.

1. SHAC Task List (cont'd)

• Fraser Highway through Green Timbers

DEFER until the form of transit to be used along Fraser Highway is determined by TransLink.

• Ferguson House (14048-113A Avenue) HRA Application File: 791-0087-00 The applicant had seemed quite enthused to go into an HRA, but now has gone silent. Staff advised that if applicant does not proceed, the file should be closed.

Agenda order resumed.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Old Anniedale School (9744 – 176 Street) – Proposed Temporary Use Permit

File: 0540-20

Stephanie Long, Planner with the North Surrey Planning Team noted that Old Anniedale School is a simple wood-frame, one room schoolhouse with an enclosed central entry porch. The school has been designated a registered heritage building and is protected by Heritage Designation Bylaw, 1986, No. 8579. Originally opened in 1891 at 96 Avenue and 184 Street, the school was moved to its current location in 1975. The site is within the Anniedale Tynehead Neighbourhood Concept Plan, and is designated for light impact industrial use. Servicing costs for this site and surrounding lands are limiting development within the area.

The applicant has proposed an OCP amendment and Temporary Use Permit to allow for outdoor equipment storage, vehicle parking and office space for a house moving and recycling business, and for an accessory public assembly/Church use, for a period not to exceed three years. (Staff is working with the applicant on land use, site plan and on how to develop the site.)

The site is owned by the Surrey School District but is for sale. The application is at a preliminary stage and has yet to go to Council. Despite items to work through on the project, it is anticipated it will go to Council in July 2013 with a recommendation for a full HRA to be completed as a condition of Temporary Use Permit and OCP Text Amendment.

Staff advised that the property is to be sold; therefore there are challenges in entering into an Interim HRA with the School District, because it won't be the School District developing the property. Rather, a full HRA will be done at the time of development. The property is zoned light industrial and due to the cost of servicing it is not anticipated that the area will be serviced for many years.

The Commissioners discussed concerns around the need to protect the heritage school house and to ensure its future use for educational purposes as it is one of the oldest one room school houses in Surrey. The industrial and institutional purposes of the site are not in keeping with previous uses of that building.

Staff confirmed that the intention is to do what is best for the heritage building, whether it remains on site or moved elsewhere. The Commission was advised that Tynehead Community Association has expressed interest in the building and may be interested in moving it to their site in Tynehead. As the area around the subject site is designated for future industrial use, the concern is for the one room school house and its permanent location.

It was

Moved by Commissioner Farrand Seconded by Commissioner Thomas That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission:

- Receive this report as information;
- 2. Requests that Planning staff prepare a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for Old Anniedale School; and
- 3. That Nickel Bros. be invited to attend the next SHAC meeting for a general discussion regarding the site and to find a resolution for this school.

Carried

2. PARKS AND RECREATION

3. ENGINEERING

(a) Memo re: Guidelines for Heritage Signage File 6800-01 See item C.2.

4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

- E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- F. CORRESPONDENCE
- G. INFORMATION ITEMS
- H. OTHER BUSINESS
- I. FINANCIALS

Financial Summary as at May 31, 2013

File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hart

Seconded by Commissioner Farrand

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

receive the "Financial Summary as at May 31, 2013" report as information.

Carried

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is scheduled for July 24, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in Planning Boardroom 1.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Commissioner Farrand

Seconded by Commissioner Hart That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Acting Chair, Commissioner Tannen Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission