

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission – Minutes

Planning & Development 1 City Hall 14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C. WED, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm

Present:

Chair - Councillor Steele

W. Farrand

R. Hart

B. Hol

L. Tannen

S. Thomas

Guest:

J. Higginbotham, Surrey Historical Society/Surrey Heritage Society

Staff Present:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: Erin Schultz, Planner has been appointed staff lead to the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

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

Commission minutes of July 24, 2013, be adopted as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

Judy Higginbotham, Surrey Heritage Society was in attendance and distributed invitations to the grand opening of the BC Vintage Truck Museum, Wednesday, October 9, 2013 between 6:00-8:00 pm, at the old Surrey Museum at 60 Avenue and 176 Street, Cloverdale. The museum is open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(a) Heritage Road Markers

File: 6800-01

The Commission made the following comments:

 Documentation regarding fire safety and police issues that were raised in the 1980's were related to road names and confusion in way-finding. Today's GPS systems eliminate way-finding confusion; therefore the installation of heritage road markers at intersections should be revisited.

- Existing mid-block heritage road markers should be retained (replaced as necessary) and supplemented with intersection heritage road markers at the neighbourhood level.
- The installation of heritage markers at intersections should be limited to a defined radius within the "heart" of the city's "heritage areas". It should not be a city-wide program.
- There are approximately 20 heritage areas in the City of Surrey and each one should be looked at individually to enhance the heritage character and history of each.
- Rather than installing a second "heritage road" name blade, it would be
 preferential to install a single blade that includes both the official street
 number and heritage road name.
- It is important to remember that not all costs with respect to new intersection road markers will be borne by the City. The expectation is that those requesting the signs will be required to pay for their production and installation.

Commissioner Thomas and staff were thanked for their detective work and research in the Archives, and in gathering this information.

Staff thanked the Commission for their comments and indicated that a report would be provided at a future date.

It was

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

Commission receive the Heritage Road Markers report as information.

Carried

(b) Ocean Park Community Hall – Sign Replacement

File: 6800-01

The Ocean Park Community Association is proposing to replace the existing backlit sign on the north elevation with a similar but more stylistic backlit sign in the same location.

The Commission made the following comments:

- The new proposed backlit sign is not in accordance with Heritage Revitalization Agreement By-Law, 2011, No. 17402.
- A sign that is fully enclosed and top lit with removable letters, would be more appropriate.
- A top lit sign would enhance the character of the building rather than detract from it. For that reason, the Commission could consider an application for financial assistance to assist with the costs associated with a replacement sign.

Staff will advise the Ocean Park Community Association of the results of the signage discussion.

It was

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

Commission requests that the Ocean Park Community Association submit an application seeking financial assistance with the costs associated with the production and installation of a top-lit, fully enclosed sign with removable letters that does not detract from the heritage character of the building.

Carried

(c) 2014 City Awards Program – "Heritage in the City" Award File: 0290-20

In June 2011, the City launched the City Awards Program to recognize and honour groups, individuals and developers for their contributions in five award categories: New City Design Awards, Clean Energy Award, Heart in the City Award, Beautiful City Award and Green City Award. Mayor and Council presented the Awards at a reception and ceremony held on October 25, 2011 at the City Centre Library. This high profile City event recognized excellence and civic contributions in a broad field of endeavours.

In November 2011, the SHAC recommended that the Friends of Heritage Awards be integrated in the 2013 City Awards Program. With the establishment of the "Heritage in the City" Award aspect of the City Awards program, the Commission's Heritage Awards will benefit from the scale and high profile of an established awards program. Additionally, this will also help to foster greater appreciation and value for the individuals and groups working to preserve and interpret Surrey's unique built, natural and cultural heritage.

The Heritage Awards event will be held in October 2014.

It was

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

Commission:

- 1. Receive the report as information;
- 2. Endorse the "branding" of the new "Heritage in the City" Award; and
- 3. Authorize staff to bring forward a budget for the "Heritage in the City" Award component of the 2014 City Awards program for the Commission's consideration.

Carried

(d) SHAC Task List

File: 0540-20V

The Commission reviewed the Task List and discussed the required "Actions".

Surrey Stories Newsletter:

Commissioner Tannen noted that she has submitted the article for the next issue of the **Surrey Stories Newsletter** and accordingly, this item can be removed from the task list.

Bulman's Garage (8745/8761 Harvie Road) HRA Application:

The state of disrepair is worse than ever and the garage looks like it will collapse at any moment. Staff to follow up and provide an update on the status of the development application on this site.

Work plan priorities for 2012/13:

Staff noted that a "projects" section has been added to the "Building Preservation Program" section of the website to illustrate projects that have received funding through the program.

(e) Tour of Meadow Ridge Farm

Staff advised that a tour of the Meadow Ridge Farm property and heritage buildings will be planned for early November.

(f) General Update on General Heritage Sites

Staff provided an update on the status of four projects currently under construction: the Charles Bell House replica, Daniel Johnson House replica, Seventh Day Adventist Church restoration, and Meadow Ridge Farm restoration.

(g) Semiahmoo Trail

At the intersections of trails and sidewalks at Semiahmoo Trail, it was questioned whether there is an opportunity to do storyboards with QR codes to link to website information?

A map showing 'you are here' would be useful. Posting kilometer markers on the trails would be an added benefit to sports, recreation and culture. A good place to start would be at the opening in the bush to the Semiahmoo Trail since this area is popular with a joggers.

This could also potentially be a joint pilot project with Parks, Recreation and Culture. Staff was requested to discuss with the Manager of Parks and report back to the Commission.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION

3. ENGINEERING

(a) King George Boulevard

Status of the King George Boulevard right-of-way between 130 Street and 132 Street.

Deferred to October 29, 2013.

- 4. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
- E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- F. CORRESPONDENCE
- G. INFORMATION ITEMS
- H. OTHER BUSINESS
 - 1. Heritage BC Conference –

A New Beginning - Forging our Future

October 18 & 19, 2013

Burnaby, BC

http://www.heritagebc.ca/events/annual-conference-registration

The third and last in a series of 'mini-conferences' held since 2011. Will include reports and presentations, keynote speakers, member reports, the AGM, Awards Ceremony and a heritage bus tour.

2. Heritage Canada Foundation 40th Anniversary Conference – Regeneration – Heritage Leads the Way

October 31 - November 2, 2013

Ottawa, Ontario

http://www.heritagecanada.org/en/resources/conferences

To explore how older communities, cultural landscapes, buildings and intangible heritage are finding new relevance. Will include keynote speakers, innovative learning sessions and tours, and venues.

3. Heritage Canada Annual General Meeting

November 2, 2013, Ottawa, Ontario

File: 0250-20

To participate directly in the business of the organization.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Commissioner Tannen

Seconded by Commissioner Farrand

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission recommends that Council:

1. Approve Commissioners Susan Thomas and Bert Hol to attend the Heritage BC Conference, October 18 & 19, 2013, in Burnaby on behalf of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission;

2. Approve Commissioner Rick Hart to attend the Heritage Canada Foundation Conference, October 31 – November 2, 2013, in Ottawa on behalf of the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission; and

3. Authorize Finance to reimburse applicable conference registration fees for the attending Commissioner(s) and applicable transportation, accommodation and per diem from the Heritage Advisory Commission Budget, based on City of Surrey policy.

Carried

I. FINANCIALS

1. Financial Summary as at August 31, 2013

File: 0540-20V

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Tannen

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission receive the Financial Summary as at August 31, 2013, as information.

Carried

J. NEXT MEETING

It was

Moved by Commissioner Hol

Seconded by Commissioner Hart

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory

Commission reschedule the next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission to **Tuesday, October 29, 2013**, at 5:00 pm, in the Planning Boardroom 1.

Carried

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Commission meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Claudia Jesson, Deputy City Clerk

Chairperson, Councillor Steele

Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission