



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 21, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 11:04 am, Business Centre, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Richard Keate, Chair
Shelley Bruce
David Cuan
Lihua Livia Huang
Michael Kluckner
Orville Lim
Joel Massey
Kim Maust*, Vice-Chair
Anthony Norfolk
Jon Stovell

ABSENT: Terry Brunette (Sick Leave)
Jenny Sandy (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Park Board Liaison
Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
James Boldt, Heritage Planner
Irene Chandra, Heritage Clerk
Hugh McLean, Heritage Planning Analyst
Marco D'Agostini, Heritage Group, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Richard Keate
SECONDED by Shelley Bruce

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve a leave of absence for Jenny Sandy and Terry Brunette for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kim Maust absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michael Kluckner
SECONDED by Orville Lim

THAT the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Kim Maust absent for the vote)

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

2. Introduction of Commission Members

Richard Keate welcomed new members and led roundtable introductions.

3. Elections and Appointments

(a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission for the 2013 term. Accordingly, the following were elected by acclamation:

- Richard Keate, Chair
- Kim Maust, Vice-Chair

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At this point in the proceedings, Mr. Keate resumed as Chair.

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(b) Appointment of Liaisons

MOVED by Richard Keate
SECONDED by David Cuan

THAT Kim Maust be appointed as Vancouver Heritage Commission's Liaison to the Development Permit Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by David Cuan
SECONDED by Richard Keate

THAT Michael Kluckner be appointed as Vancouver Heritage Commission's Liaison to the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The above-mentioned Liaison appointments begin immediately and end December 1, 2013.

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VARY AGENDA

At 11:18 am, the Commission agreed to vary the agenda order to deal with New Business, an update on the Waldorf Hotel, prior to item 4. The minutes are recorded in numerical order for ease for reference.

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4. Conservation Review

- (a) 2050 SW Marine Drive, The Wilmar Residence
and the Wilmar Coach House
VHR B
DE416466**

Applicant: James Evans, owner representative
R.J. McCulloch, Donald Luxton & Associates
Megan Faulkner, Donald Luxton & Associates
Staff: James Boldt, Heritage Planner

Staff, along with Don Luxton and Tim Ankenman, Architect, provided an overview. They and other members of the applicant team responded to questions.

Issues:

- (i) Statement of Significance and Conservation Plan;
- (ii) Overall proposal and compatibility of the new infill buildings; and
- (iii) Addition of the Wilmar Coach House to the Vancouver Heritage Register

MOVED by Richard Keate
SECONDED by Michael Kluckner

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the Statement of Significance and the Conservation Plan for 2050 SW Marine Drive, the Wilmar Residence, as presented at its meeting on January 21, 2013, noting the following concerns:

The Commission asks that the Applicant reconsider using cedar instead of asphalt shingles, and that the decorative element of the two new west dormers be simplified;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support the adding of the Wilmar Coach House to the Vancouver Heritage Register as a “B” listing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Kim Maust
SECONDED by Jon Stovell

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support the HRA application to add infill houses to the Wilmar site (located at 2050 SW Marine Drive), noting some concern about the need for the 5th house; and

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission suggest that design development be employed to make four of the infill housing more distinct from the heritage buildings, and that the 5th infill house be more complementary and in keeping with the heritage buildings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Commission recessed at 12:30 pm and reconvened at 12:40 pm.

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**(b) 8 West Pender - DE416362
VHR A, (M)**

Applicant: Soren Rasmussen Architects Inc.
Staff: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner
Paul Cheng, Development Planner

Staff provided an overview and along with the applicant, responded to questions.

Issues:

- (i) Design development of the glass enclosure

MOVED by Jon Stovell
SECONDED by Orville Lim

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission support the Heritage Façade Rehabilitation application and the proposed design for the glass enclosure for 8 West Pender Street, noting the following suggestions:

THAT the Applicant consider reconfiguring the angled glazing of the glass enclosure (i.e. making it a right angle) and consider the use of starfire glazing to make the glazing as clear as possible.

CARRIED
(Michael Kluckner, Anthony Norfolk, Joel Massey, and David Cuan opposed)

**(c) 750 Burrard Street
A - Municipally Designated**

Applicants: Doug Hamming, Principal, Stantec Architecture Ltd.
Samantha Steele, Design Manager, Limitedbrands Store Design & Construction
Mary Langan, O'Neil Langan Architects, Design Architect for project
Joe Webber, Project Manager, Limitedbrands Store Design & Construction
Staff: Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner

Staff provided an overview and along with the applicant, responded to questions.

Issues:

- (i) How well do the proposed alterations respond to the character defining elements and specifically the openness/curtain wall at the street corner?

MOVED by Anthony Norfolk
SECONDED by David Cuan

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission does not support the application to modify the storefront elevation of 750 Burrard Street because the building's sense of transparency is a unique character-defining element that should be maintained in order to respect the building's heritage value.

CARRIED
(Richard Keate, Joel Massey, Kim Maust, and Jon Stovell opposed)

5. Sub-Committee Reports

(a) Statement of Significance/Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee

Hugh McLean, Heritage Planning Analyst, provided the SoS/VHR Subcommittee report on the meeting held December 21, 2012, regarding 4250 Atlin Street and Mole Hill.

MOVED by Kim Maust

SECONDED by Shelley Bruce

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recommend the addition of the following building to the Vancouver Heritage Register, as a B-listing:

- Thompson House, 4250 Atlin Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

(a) Waldorf Hotel

Councillor Deal reported on the Waldorf Hotel and highlighted the tools available to Council related to the project and the need for a Heritage Registry update.

(b) 2128 Arbutus Street

The Chair reported he attended an Open House regarding 2128 Arbutus Street and noted the Vancouver Heritage Registry (VHR) is out of date.

Discussion included how to address the illusion that buildings can be saved if the tools are not in place, and how to ensure private owners know what the Commission would like to see.

Richard Keate and Michael Kluckner will prepare a draft motion.

(c) Statement of Significance (SoS) and VHR

In response to a question, staff noted it is typically the owner who writes the SoS. Discussion followed regarding concerns of when a building is under threat of demolition, the potential misuse of registration, and timeline for the Vancouver Heritage Registry to be upgraded. Suggestions included:

- hold a workshop to obtain feedback from Council
- ask staff to determine the cost involved to upgrade the VHR
- have a Subcommittee consider the above matters.

The Chair advised that VHC Subcommittees will be determined at the next meeting.

(d) Vancouver 2013 Heritage Awards

Staff noted nominations for the City of Vancouver 2013 Heritage Awards close on January 28, 2013.

Adjournment

MOVED by Richard Keate
SECONDED by Jon Stovell

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Next Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 18, 2013
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Subground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:16 pm.

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