



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 24, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 11:01 am in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Michael Kluckner, Chair
Michael Gordon
Denise Jacques
Janet Leduc*
Doreen Leo
Joel Massey
Mollie Massie
Jenni Pace

ABSENT: Jan Fialkowski (Leave of Absence)
Craig Rogers (Leave of Absence)
Richard Keate (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison
Trustee Estrellita Gonzalez, Vancouver School Board
Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Leduc
SECONDED by Commissioner Jacques

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approves leaves of absence for Commissioners Fialkowski, Rogers, and Keate for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Leo

THAT the minutes of the Vancouver Heritage Commission meeting held on May 13, 2019, be approved as amended on page 4 in the motion for item 3 to add the words “and for appropriate signage” at the end of the last FURTHER THAT in the motion so that the motion will read:

FURTHER THAT the Commission suggests that the applicant investigate opportunities for complementary mosaic tile treatments and colours to enhance the relationship between the heritage building and the new building and for appropriate signage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

2. 52-60 East Hastings Street – Wright Building VHR “C” Pre-Application Workshop

Issues:

- Statement of Significance and Area Context Statement
- Design Options
- Heritage Impact Assessment

Applicant: Jennifer Marshall, Architect, Urban Arts Architecture

Staff: Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver
Paul Cheng, Senior Development Planner, City of Vancouver

Staff and the applicant provided an overview of the application and responded to questions. Discussion during the workshop included:

- appreciation and support of the proposed application including the saw tooth character and schematic design;
- concerns with the use of the word colonialism and its application to all post-contact architecture and history;
- questions of what reconciliation will mean and how it will be successful as the City moved forward;
- the need for a new and revised Statement of Significance for the Wright Building to include the cultural and historical significance of the site, especially its location on the “canoe route” near Lek’Liki;
- inclusion of a historical and educational piece inside the building to explain the evolution of the site in the broader context of the Downtown for both Indigenous and non-

Indigenous residents, including the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) history of the Wright Building;

- general support for the retention just of the “relic” column of the hotel on the west side of the site, and strong support for the retention of the hotel’s west wall as the support for an art piece, rather than support for the retention of the Wright Building’s entire façade or the building itself; and
- strong support for the Esemkwu concept – a blanket wrapping a longhouse, using the same white brick facing as the hotel’s.

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The Commission recessed at 1:17 pm and reconvened at 1:31 pm.

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3. Staff Update

a) 2019 City of Vancouver Heritage Awards

Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst, provided a brief overview of the 2019 City of Vancouver Heritage Awards and responded to questions. Report on file.

b) Commission Member Roles

Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, advised that Tina Penney, Director of Legislative Operations, will provide a presentation regarding the role of Commissioners and the Commission’s terms of reference at the next meeting on July 15, 2019.

c) Heritage Revitalization Agreements

Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, provided a brief overview on Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) and agreed to come back to the Commission at a future meeting to discuss some identified issues and how should this heritage conservation tool be best utilized in the future.

4. New Business

a) 1540 Yew Street

Commissioner Kluckner, requested more information on the status of the apartment building at 1540 Yew Street, noting concern about properties that have not been flagged as having potential heritage value. Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, provided a brief update indicating a development permit application is ready for approval.

b) Upcoming Walking Tour

Commissioner Gordon reminded the Commission about the upcoming Heritage Vancouver walking tour he will be leading on July 13 at 11 am in the Broadway neighbourhood starting in South Granville. More information has been circulated via email.

c) Creation of Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Non-Zoning Incentives for Heritage and Character Buildings

Commissioner Kluckner discussed the need for an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss and make recommendations on potential (non-zoning) incentives for heritage and character buildings. This will be discussed at the next meeting on July 15, 2019.

d) Bidwell House

Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner, provided a brief update on the Bidwell House located at 1685 Nelson Street (at Bidwell Street). The project will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting if the application proceeds.

e) 402 West Pender Street – Heritage Façade Grant

Hugh McLean, Heritage Planner, updated the Commission on an upcoming Council report seeking Council's approval for a façade grant for the Vancouver Heritage Register "B" listed building at 402 West Pender Street, known as the "British Canadian Securities Building".

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Leduc absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 15, 2019
TIME: 11 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 2:11 pm.

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