



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 9, 2019

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 11:01 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Michael Kluckner, Chair
Jan Fialkowski, Vice-Chair
Richard Keate
Janet Leduc*
Doreen Leo
Joel Massey
Mollie Massie
Jennie Pace
Craig Rogers

ABSENT: Michael Gordon (Leave of Absence)
Denise Jacques (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison
Trustee Estrellita Gonzalez, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, Staff Liaison
Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner
Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Leo

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve leave of absences for
Commissioners Fialkowski and Leduc, for the meeting to be held on September 30, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Leduc absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Fialkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Massey

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of July
15, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Leduc absent for the vote)

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

2. 855 Granville Street – The Palms Hotel and Paradise Theatre VHR “B” with designated façade and VHR “C” DP-2019-00393

Issues:

- Compatibility of the middle building section and rooftop addition on the Paradise Theatre façade with the existing historic character;
- Rehabilitation of storefronts, as proposed;
- Level of retention and conservation of the Paradise Theatre.

Applicant: Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership – Bill Reid, Architect
Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton and Associates

Staff: Amber Knowles, Heritage Planner
Brenda Clark, Development Planner

Staff and the applicant provided an overview of the application and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Failkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

WHEREAS

1. The façades of the Palms Hotel (VHR B municipally designated) (Building A) and the Paradise Theatre (VHR C) (Building C) were consolidated as part of a cinema complex in the 1980s.
2. The Palms Hotel was demolished in the 1980s redevelopment;
3. The Paradise Theatre façade will serve as the entranceway into the new entertainment complex;
4. The Palms Hotel storefront will be rehabilitated and will give back a sense of the historic streetscape;
5. It is unclear whether the windows in “Building B” will be permeable; that is whether people will be able to see in and see out.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Heritage Commission supports the work of the architect and heritage consultant to preserve and restore and rehabilitate the facades of the two buildings, and to reconstruct the canopy and re-create a blade sign for the Building C, and to improve the storefront of the Building A and to have it function as an entrance.
- B. THAT the Commission is concerned that Building B, with its long blank wall, will not contribute to a safe community use of the street.
- C. THAT the Commission asks for design development that would allow the heritage facades to predominate in the composition. In the Commission’s opinion, Building B, with its glass curtain wall and smooth industrial surfaces, fails to marry the streetscape into a satisfactory composition.
- D. THAT the applicant consider signage and interpretation to enhance the memory of the Paradise and Coronet.
- E. THAT the applicant consider animating the lane with a mural-type composition to interpret the site and Granville Street itself.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. 2441 Trinity Street – David Crawford Residence -
Voluntary VHR B-listing and Voluntary Heritage Designation**

Issues:

- Addition to the Heritage Register;
- Compatibility of addition with heritage building;
- Extent of restoration work proposed;
- Viability of retention of the heritage building with the proposed extent of structural and underground work (i.e. parking garage);
- Support for designation and Conservation Plan.

Applicant: Yamamoto Architecture Inc. – Taizo Yamamoto, Architect
Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton and Associates

Staff: Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst

Staff presented the heritage designation application and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

WHEREAS

1. The house at 2441 Trinity Street has been evaluated as a B on the VHR;
2. The owners of the house have requested municipal designation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission enthusiastically supports the designation of the house and thanks the owners for their stewardship of it.
- B. THAT the Commission asks staff to consider writing a Statement of Significance or the equivalent to document the house's history, or to advise the owners to pursue a grant, such as one available through the Vancouver Heritage Foundation, to have the work done.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Commission recessed at 12:11 pm and reconvened at 12:27 pm.

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4. Vancouver Heritage Commission – Role and Mandate

Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk, provided a presentation on the role and mandate of Advisory Bodies and the Vancouver Heritage Commission, including the following subject areas:

- Roles and responsibilities of advisory bodies;
- Governance framework: VC, VHC By-law, Terms of Reference;
 - Commission By-law
- Roles of VHC members, staff and Council liaisons;
- Code of Conduct;
- Equity, diversity and inclusion;
- Engagement and communication;
- Privacy and confidentiality.

The Deputy City Clerk also responded to questions.

5. Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee Reports

Staff reviewed the report from the Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee meeting held on August 19, 2019, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Keate

SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (VHC) support adding 1833 Yew Street, the LeFeuvre Residence, to the Vancouver Heritage Register as a B-listing and that the VHR Evaluation be referred back to staff to complete the necessary revisions;

FURTHER THAT the Commission request that the Statements of Significance for

- 845-851 Granville – Paradise Theatre;
- 871 Granville Street – Palms Hotel;
- 5882 Tyne Street – Walter Anderson Residence;
- 1833 Yew Street – LeFeuvre Residence,

be referred back to the consultants for revisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

a) Leave of Absence

Leave of absence request was amended to include Commissioner Leduc for the September 30, 2019, meeting.

b) Character and Heritage Houses in RS Zones Motion

The Commission received a proposed motion on the “Continuing Demolition of Character and Heritage Houses in RS Zones.”

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers
SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

WHEREAS

1. The Commission has received a report from staff on April 8, 2019, stating that the current Character House Zoning is not working to address the continuing demolitions in the RS areas;
2. At its meeting on September 18, 2018, the Heritage Commission opposed changes to the RS District schedules that it, believed, would make it much more difficult to retain character housing;
3. The Commission believes that the preservation, adaptation and reuse of Character Houses in Vancouver should be a priority for the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the intent of the motion proposed by Councillor Hardwick to address the continuing demolition of Character and Heritage Houses in RS Zones.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission agreed to delegate a member to speak at the Committee meeting on October 2, 2019, regarding the proposed motion, should the motion be referred.

c) Councillor Hardwick Requested Support for Pat Davis Heritage Week in February, 2020.

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Pace

WHEREAS

1. The Davis family restored a number of heritage properties in the Mount Pleasant area, made a significant contribution to the city's appreciation of heritage buildings, and had a profound influence on the form of development adopted in Mount Pleasant;
2. Pat Davis passed away this summer on July 26, 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the creation of Davis Family Day as part of Heritage Week in February, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Kluckner

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 30, 2019
TIME: 11 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 2:07 pm.

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