



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 3, 2021

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, May 03, 2021, at 11:03 am, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Randip Bakshi
Michael Kluckner, Chair
Michael Gordon, Vice-Chair
Paul Giles*
Mollie Massie
Jenni Pace*
Craig Rogers
Shirley Shen

ABSENT: Joel Massey

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner, Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability, Staff Liaison
Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst, Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, 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 Tseil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Massie
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, April 12, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Giles and Pace absent for the vote)

1. Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan (CHAMP)

Helen Ma, Senior Planner, updated the Commission following comments received at the previous meeting, and responded to questions and comments.

The Commissioners thanked Helen and Planning staff for bringing further information on the CHAMP program.

2. Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee Report

Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst, presented the report from the last Statement of Significance Subcommittee meeting, held April 19, 2021, and responded to questions and comments.

MOVED BY Commissioner Gordon
SECONDED BY Commissioner Massie

THAT the Commission support adding 998 Thurlow Street to the Vancouver Heritage Register as an A-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

- 6405 Prince Edward Street – Captain Hugh Docherty Residence;
- 993 Broughton Street – Geary Residence; and
- 998 Thurlow Street – Washington Court

be referred back to the consultants for revisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. New Business

MOVED BY Commissioner Massie
SECONDED BY Commissioner Bakshi

WHEREAS

1. At its April 12, 2021, meeting, the Vancouver Heritage Commission passed a motion asking "City staff to contact BC Housing, the owner of the [Con Jones] building, to inform them of the historic significance, both tangible and intangible, of the site, and to request that they consider the retention of the façade, reinstallation of the neon sign, and creation of appropriate historic interpretation, when redevelopment of the site occurs"; and

2. The Commission received a response from BC Housing and its engineering consultant to the effect that retention of the façade was impractical, in part due to a proposed temporary use of the cleared site as a market; and
3. The Commission believes that, despite efforts over the past decades by BC Housing to retain and restore SRO Hotels, the Downtown Eastside is continuing to lose its historic fabric at an unsustainable rate; and
4. Due to its structural deterioration, the Chief Building Official is in a process of declaring the building a danger to public safety and it is being demolished.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission asks BC Housing to consider documentation, dismantling, and possible reconstruction of the façade, in recognition of the site's cultural and historical significance, and to incorporate not only the historic neon sign but the façade of the building in its redevelopment plans, as a further demonstration of its long-term commitment to rebuilding the community and preserving its cultural and social heritage.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Pace opposed; Commissioner Rogers abstained; Commissioner Giles absent for the vote)

Commissioners discussed the upcoming term.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 31, 2021
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 1:03 pm.

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