



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 30, 2022

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, May 30, 2022, at 11:00 am by electronic means.

PRESENT: Mollie Massie (Chair)
Crystal Hung (Vice-Chair)
Michael Gordon
Mohammad Kashif Khan
Hilary Macdonald
Jenni Pace
Shawn Preus

ABSENT: James Evans (Leave of Absence)
Paul Giles (Leave of Absence)
Leslie Kowarsky (Leave of Absence)
Joel Massey (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

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

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve Leaves of Absence for Commissioners Evans, Giles, Kowarsky and Massey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Hung
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, May 09, 2022 as amended due to typographical error.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. 1450 West 64th Avenue – Joy Kogawa House
VHR ‘B’
DP-2022-00200**

Staff:

James Boldt, Heritage Planner
Kristen Lambertson, Social Planner
Justin Neal, Project Coordinator

Applicants:

Mitch Sakumoto, Principle, Merrick Architecture
Ricky Disini, Heritage Consultant, Donald Luxton & Associates
Ann-Marie Metten, Executive Director, Historic Joy Kogawa House

James Boldt introduced the applicant team.

The applicant team provided a presentation and subsequently responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon
SECONDED by Commissioner Kashif Khan

WHEREAS the historic “Joy Kogawa House” at 1450 West 64th Avenue was built in 1912-1913 and is one of the oldest surviving houses in Marpole; and, because, as the home of the prominent Japanese Canadian poet and novelist Joy Kogawa (1937-1942), the house has national significance as a symbol of the discrimination experienced by Japanese Canadians leading up to, during, and following the Second World War;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports:

1. The DP Application to retain and restore the “Joy Kogawa House” and to undertake the necessary upgrades to make the house more accessible for small cultural gatherings; and to allow two Dwelling units to be built on site for visiting artists and residents;
2. The Conservation Plan as presented at the May 30, 2022 VHC meeting;
3. The proposed heritage revitalization agreement;
4. The Commission supports the proposed heritage designation; and

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recognizes the role of the Historic Joy Kogawa House Society over the years in celebrating the heritage of the place and the work of Joy Kogawa and disseminating the historic truths relating to the internment of

Japanese Canadians and dispossession of property and continuing sharing the cultural heritage and understanding of shared history with Vancouver and Canadian communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade – Staff Update

Staff:

Emilee Lawrence, Heritage Planner
Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner

Emilee Lawrence presented on the Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade and subsequently responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Pace
SECONDED by Commissioner Gordon

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recognizes and supports the work to upgrade the Vancouver Heritage Register to be able to identify, embrace and celebrate a broad range of places with social, cultural and historic values, based on principles of reconciliation, diversity and equity; and

FURTHER THAT the Commission requests ongoing periodic engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting the Commission decided by consensus to add a fourth agenda item, Subcommittee Updates. Items are listed in chronological order.

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4. Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Kashif Khan provided an update on the Development Permit Board, which discussed minor modifications to the building at 658 Homer St.

Zlatan Jankovic informed the Commission that Heritage Awards will not be proceeding this year due to budget constraints, and that there is a better chance of delivering the event next year.

Zlatan Jankovic also stated that Council has approved rezoning and relocation of the Fairmont Academy. If it cannot be relocated then it will be demolished.

3. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Kashif Khan
SECONDED by Commissioner Macdonald

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2022
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 1:22 pm

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