



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2022

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, May 09, 2022, at 11:03 am in Cascadia Room, City Hall and by electronic means.

PRESENT: Mollie Massie (Chair)
James Evans
Paul Giles
Michael Gordon
Mohammad Kashif Khan
Leslie Kowarsky
Hilary Macdonald
Joel Massey
Shawn Preus

ABSENT: Crystal Hung (Vice-Chair) (Leave of Absence)
Jenni Pace

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Hardwick, Council Liaison
Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner
Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst

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 Preus
SECONDED by Commissioner Giles

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve a Leave of Absence for Commissioner Hung.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Kashif Khan
SECONDED by Commissioner Giles

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022, as amended due to typographical error.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. 123 East 6th Avenue – Simon Fraser Elementary School Annex
VHR ‘B’ (proposed)
DP-2021-00983**

Staff:

James Boldt, Heritage Planner
Carl Stanford, Development Planner
Joseph Smallwood, Project Facilitator
Katrina Hsieh, Project Coordinator

Applicants:

Donald Luxton, Architect / Heritage (Donald Luxton & Associates)
Hugh Cochlin, Architect (Proscenium)
Brent Sawchyn, CEO (PC Urban Properties)
Ben Nielsen, Architect (Proscenium)

James Boldt provided a presentation and introduced the applicant team.

Ben Nielsen introduced a Statement of Significance and the heritage conservation plan and the Applicant team subsequently responded to questions and comments.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Giles
SECONDED by Commissioner Kashif Khan

WHEREAS the Simon Fraser Elementary School Annex, located at 123 East 6th Avenue, is a two-story Arts and Crafts style schoolhouse that the Vancouver Heritage Commission supported for addition to the VHR as Category “B” in 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports a 90 degree rotation of the Annex building and its relocation to the east side of the site;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the Conservation Plan and rehabilitation strategy; and

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission recommends further clarification from the city on the definition of Art Walk and how future developments will address the laneway.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Broadway Plan – Heritage Chapter

Staff:

James Boldt, Heritage Planner
John Grottenberg, Planner, Broadway Plan
Zoe Acton, Planning Analyst, Broadway Plan
Chris Mah, Planner, Broadway Plan
Matt Shillito, Director, Special Projects

Concluding the Commission's discussion from the April 11, 2022 meeting, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon
SECONDED by Commissioner Kashif Khan

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission commends the excellent analysis and conclusions provided by the City's consultants, Marta Farevaag and James Burton;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission generally supports the draft Heritage Chapter and recommendations presented on May 9, 2022, with the following suggestions for this Chapter and the Broadway Plan:

- The rationale – “aging buildings” for redevelopment, should be deleted as this will encourage building owners to not maintain their buildings;
- The plan provide a broader range of housing types, including missing middle rather than a primary emphasis on tower developments, and maintain the language, character and identity of the neighbourhood built environment;
- The plan provide a variety of public spaces, parks and community facilities;
- The plan pursue opportunities for non market co-op and non profit rental housing;
- That the plan recognize the history of inequity and displacement of tenants in Vancouver's older neighbourhoods undergoing redevelopment and pursue the development of rental homes affordable for tenants now living in the Broadway neighbourhoods;
- Ensure the “Villages” and other locations provide affordable opportunities for small businesses;
- Provide clear policies to alert those proposing redevelopments of the tangible and intangible heritage merit of buildings and location, noting some will not have been captured in the current Heritage Register.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee Report

Staff:

Maxine Schleger, Heritage Planning Analyst

Maxine Schleger presented the report from the Statement of Significance and Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee meeting of April 4, 2022, and summarized Subcommittee feedback on the two Statements of Significance reviewed at that meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald

SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT the Commission support adding 1998 Matthews Av – Clifford Residence to the Vancouver Heritage Register as a B-listing;

FURTHER THAT the Commission request that the Statements of Significance for

- 1998 Matthews Av – Clifford Residence
- 555 West Georgia St – Randall Building

be referred back to the consultants for revisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. New Business

MOVED by Commissioner Gordon
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission be engaged in a facilitated workshop with presentations to explore, discuss, and understand intangible heritage in Vancouver and how it can be recognized and shared.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the meeting the Commission decided by consensus to add a fifth agenda item, Subcommittee Updates.

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5. Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Evans reported on the two buildings reviewed by the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel.

Maxine Schleger provided an update on the ongoing planning for the next Heritage Awards ceremony.

Chair Massie suggested the possibility of a joint presentation on the draft Vancouver Plan to the Vancouver Heritage Commission, the Vancouver Heritage Foundation and the Heritage Vancouver Society.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Macdonald
SECONDED by Commissioner Preus

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 30, 2022
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 12:18 pm

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