



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 18, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 11:04 am in the Strathcona Room, Subground, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Richard Keate, Chair
Shelley Bruce
Terry Brunette
Lihua Livia Huang
Michael Kluckner
Orville Lim
Joel Massey
Kim Maust, Vice-Chair
Anthony Norfolk
Jenny Sandy

ABSENT: David Cuan (Sick Leave)
Jon Stovell (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal, Council Liaison
Marco D'Agostini, Heritage Group, Staff Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, Planner, Heritage Group
Hugh McLean, Heritage Planning Analyst

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

The Vancouver Heritage Commission granted leaves of absence for David Cuan and Jon Stovell for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Michael Kluckner
SECONDED by Anthony Norfolk

THAT the minutes of the January 21, 2013, Vancouver Heritage Commission meeting be approved, with a correction to two typos in section 4(c).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

2. Presentation from Vancouver Heritage Foundation (VHF)

Diane Switzer, Executive Director, VHF, provided an overview of Vancouver Heritage Foundation's recently published research paper entitled "Conserving Heritage Buildings in a green and Growing Vancouver", which included a public survey and key informant interviews on heritage conservation in the city (*Survey summary distributed - on file*).

Research paper available at: <http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Conserving-Heritage-Report-FINAL.pdf>

She explained VHF's role and noted the research paper revealed what Vancouverites think about heritage buildings and their connection to current city priorities of affordability and energy efficiency. Ms. Switzer also noted the survey did not cover the public's knowledge of the Heritage Register and advised that the VHF will be doing more surveys.

Subsequent discussion included issues related to:

- sustainability and incentives
- affordability and affordable rental stock
- tourism and economic strategies
- cultural mapping
- heritage grants.

Suggestions included:

- questions for a future survey
- refining what the public meant by heritage planning tools
- improvements to website's boundaries
- updating heritage register
- annual meeting about shared issues.

Ms. Switzer also distributed two Vancouver Heritage Foundation brochures, entitled:

- VHF Historic West Hastings Walking Tour
- Celebrate Heritage Week with VHF (February 18 - 24, 2013).

3. Conservation Review

(a) 150 E. Cordova DE416465

Applicant: Christopher Bozyk Architects Ltd.
Nick Bray, RIBA

Staff: Marie Linehan, Development Planner
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

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

Issues:

- (i) Compliance of the proposed design with HA-2 Design Guidelines;
- (ii) Compatibility of the proposed design with the historic character of Gastown; and
- (iii) Height relaxation (of up to 4ft above 75ft limit)

MOVED by Kim Maust

SECONDED by Jenny Sandy

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (VHC) supports the Development Permit Application for 150 East Cordova Street (DE416465) as presented at the February 18, 2013, VHC meeting, noting that while the designer has paid attention to the *HA-2 Guidelines* and to the historic character of Gastown, the Commission recommends:

- design development to strengthen the both the upper and lower cornices,
- to enhance the verticality of the Cordova façade, and
- to give further thought to the use of materials and colour;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the height relaxation as requested.

CARRIED

(Shelly Bruce opposed)

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The Commission recessed at 12:53 pm and reconvened at 1:02 pm.

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(b) 498 Carrall Street (1 East Pender) - DE 415524
VHR B (M)

Applicant: Soren Rasmussen Architects Inc.
Staff: Paul Cheng, Development Planner
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner, and Malcolm Candler, Associate, Soren Rasmussen Architects Inc., presented the application and, along with Jack Chow, Jack Chow Insurance, responded to questions.

Issues:

- (i) New building projection on Carrall Street, its design and encroachment;
- (ii) Continuity of proposed fixed canopy, its design and projection; and
- (iii) The character of E. Pender Street storefronts

MOVED by Terri Brunette
SECONDED by Orville Lim

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission generally supports for the application to rehabilitate 498 Carrall Street (1 East Pender Street - DE415524) noting the following:

- i) That the bay window and the theatre entrance be treated as an unified element by considering the use of mullions in the large plate glass window in the current proposal,
- ii) That the detailing of the garage door be reconsidered, and
- iii) That the plate glass storefronts be reduced to be more in keeping with Chinatown, more consistent with the current pedestrian experience; and

FURTHER THAT the applicant consider the inclusion of neon signage.

CARRIED
(Shelly Bruce opposed)

4. Sub-Committee Reports

The Chair noted the review of Subcommittees has been postponed to next meeting.

(a) Statement of Significance/Vancouver Heritage Register Subcommittee -

i. 900 West Georgia Street - Hotel Vancouver

Hugh McLean, Heritage Planning Analyst, provided an update on the SoS/VHR Subcommittee meeting held on February 18, 2013, (*report distributed - on file*) and noted the Subcommittee's recommendation with regard to 900 West Georgia Street.

MOVED by Michael Kluckner
SECONDED by Jenny Sandy

THAT the Statement of Significance for the Hotel Vancouver, 900 West Georgia Street, be referred back to the consultant for editing, restructuring and additional information as noted in the February 18, 2013, SoS/VHR Subcommittee Report to the Vancouver Heritage Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

None.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Anthony Norfolk
SECONDED by Shelley Bruce

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2013
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Subground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:27 pm

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