CITY OF VANCOUVER

GASTOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2024

A meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee was held on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Sockeye Room, Seventh Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:	Stephanie Ameyaw, Community Resident Tenant, Vice Chair
	Tanya Bennett, Community Business Representative
	Brent Constantine, Community Hospitality Representative
	Alyssa Myshok, Business Owner
	Adrian Watson, Community Architect
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Sean Elbe, Community Resident Owner
	Mitchell Thom, Local Property Owner
LIAISONS PRESENT:	Rachel Magnusson, Branch Manager, Street Activities
	Elijah Sabadlan, Heritage Planner

Call to Order
The Vice-Chair (Stephanie Ameyaw) called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1.   Introduction
The Chair opened with a land acknowledgement to recognize that we are on the unceded ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations, and expressed our gratitude for allowing us to inhabit in this land.

The Chair conducted a roll call.

2.   Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Brent
SECONDED by Alyssa

> THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the agenda for the October 16, 2024, and the minutes for November 15, 2023 meeting, as presented.

> > > > CARRIED

MOVED by Tanya
SECONDED by Alyssa

> THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee formally adopts the virtual motion for "Blood Alley Mural Proposal – *FutureVisions* (Hickey Block, 228 Abbott Street)" dated July 17, 2024, as presented:

> *THAT the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee:*
> *   1. acknowledges and generally supports the applicant team for presenting their proposal to GHAPC to install a mural along the north (laneway) elevation of*

> *the protected heritage building commonly known as the Hickey Block,*
> *addressed 228 Abbott Street; and,*

2. *respectfully requests the applicant team consider the following:*
a. *to present a more balanced artistic message and explore ways for the*
   proposed design to
   i. *create an open dialogue on current housing issues balancing both*
      challenges and solutions.
   ii. *reflect the diversity of Gastown's community.*
b. *consider options to expand the mural to include upper part of the wall.*

(Absent: Adrian Watson)

CARRIED

3. **Mural Support Program Application (DP-2024-00937)**
   195 Alexander Street (VHR-C)

Social Planner Staff (Anna Marie) introduced the applicant team, Xochitl and Nelson, who presented their mural support program application. After the presentation, discussion we

- Major requirement for seismic and structural upgrade
- Values align in longevity and business improvement
- 3 Pillars: community (needs); importance of the site; values and strengths (listen to community but stick to what we do best)
- Bosa: Buildings with integrity and quality
- Renewal to Gastown and Downtown Eastside

- Policy is not helpful; confrontation: dogmatic policy vs regeneration.
- Façade-retention is supportable
- Fenestration rhythm; modulation is not subservient to existing building
- Relationship of retained with new (diagrams to validate composition; so close it could a little bit more coherent with
- Legibility; makes it more obvious that it is façade-only retention
- Height is more or less
- No concerns with viewcones…

5. **New Business**

Heritage Planning Group: Elijah provided an update about the Council-approved Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade, and noted a roadshow will be provided at a future date to provide an overview of the project and upcoming implementation plan.

Engineering Services: Rachel provided an update on Gastown Public Spaces Plan, particularly the recent Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot. A report to council is scheduled next week; they will circulate any related information to Committee members via e-mail.

The GHAPC meeting held on October 16, 2024 adjourned at 5:50pm.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:
Date: November 20, 2024
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Sockeye Room, Seventh Floor, Vancouver City Hall

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