A Regular Meeting of the Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at the Water Street Café, 300 Water Street.

PRESENT: Glenda Bartosh, Local Property Owner
        Chris Fair, Community Business Representative
        Seann Farell, Community Business Representative
        Jim Lehto, Community Heritage Representative
        Ariella Stoeber, Community Hospitality Representative
        Tony Tang, Councillor, Liaison to GHAPC (departed 5:42 p.m.)

ABSENT: Will Beale, Community Resident Tenant
         Carol Sill, Community Resident Owner

ALSO PRESENT: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner
               Linda Chow, COV Engineering Department
               Allison Dunnet, DTES Planning
               Wesley Joe, DTES Planning

RECORDING SECRETARY: Vivian Guthrie, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner provided an overview of the committee responsibilities and noted a quorum was not present. Jim Lehto was elected Chair pro tem and conducted round table introductions of those present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Consideration of the minutes of the Gastown Historical Area Planning Committee meeting of November 16, 2011 was postponed.

1) New Membership and the Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2012
The election was postponed due to lack of a quorum. It was noted that GHAPC was missing a local resident, an architect and an engineer.

2) Blood Alley Square and Trounce Alley Revitalization Plan (Draft)
Allison Dunnet, DTES Planning, advised of the status of the project noting that the long-term vision may have to be achieved in phases.

Linda Chow, Engineering Department, provided background information on the planning work to date on Blood Alley Square and Trounce Alley and presented draft plans for restoration work.

Wesley Joe, DTES Planning, commented on finishes.

Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner, noted this was the fifth presentation received on this subject matter, and referred to the “Statement of Significance” document
previously distributed.

Committee members provided feedback regarding the appearance of infrastructure, lighting fixtures, retention of heritage characteristics in road surface materials, ambiance, flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and site usage.

Questions and comments were received from the Committee in regard to the future use of the New Stanley Fountain Hotel (Portland Hotel Society) social housing and shelter. It was noted that part of the area serves as a methadone dispensary.

**REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**Staff was requested to clarify the uses on each side of the site, specifically whether there would be institutional, non-market housing or mixed use on the internal side, and report to the committee.**

5:42 p.m.

Councillor Tony Tang departed the meeting.

Members’ expectations around lighting and roadway infrastructure were that they would be of historic materials. In regard to the proposed concrete strips, it was commented that the Alley is a ‘civic jewel’ and in terms of upgrading the historical restoration concrete should not be used.

Members commented on alternative lighting choices, pole lights, closing area for certain hours, platforms elevation change, space change, windy road, and less emphasis on vehicles and focus servicing (garbage loading towards western side).

It was suggested that the design be more organic, less structured, more integrated to respond to human dynamics; that it anticipates usage for people who cannot spend money; that it not trap public spaces; that the area needs public and private daily activities and not be car oriented; that it not offer visual barriers; and that through connections be reopened.

3) **Other Business**

No other business was considered.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: July 18, 2012

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Water Street Café, 300 Water Street, Vancouver, BC.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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