



VANCOUVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 10, 2018

A meeting of the Vancouver Heritage Commission was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 10:57 am, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Main Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Michael Kluckner, Chair
Jenny Sandy, Vice-Chair
Jan Fialkowski
Denise Jacques
Richard Keate
Janet Leduc
Joel Massey
Mollie Massie
Anthony Norfolk
Craig Rogers

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Judy Zaichkowsky, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Helen Cain, A/Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver,
Staff Liaison
Zlatan Jankovic, A/Senior Heritage Planner, City of Vancouver
Joyce Uyesugi, Planner, City of Vancouver
Marco D'Agostini, Manager, Regulatory Redesign
City of Vancouver
Zoe Greig, Planning Analyst, City of Vancouver

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Leduc
SECONDED by Commissioner Jacques

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioner Massie and Commissioner Leduc from the meeting to be held October 1, 2018, and a leave of absence for Commissioner Rogers from the meeting to be held October 22, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Norfolk
SECONDED by Commissioner Leduc

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of July 16, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

2. Regulatory Review of Public Advisory Committees for Heritage

Staff: Joyce Uyesugi, Planner, City of Vancouver

Staff provided an overview of the Regulatory Redesign initiative and its potential impact on the Vancouver Heritage Commission.

The following comments were made informally in the workshop format:

- If it is a heritage project, it should be presented to the Vancouver Heritage Commission, regardless of which neighbourhood area it is located in;
- For the Commission to be provided with more substantive terms of reference;
- Great support from the Commission for the Regulatory Redesign to take place;
- It is important to have a clear and simple application process in order to encourage people to keep character homes instead of tearing them down;
- Transparency is key in the success of City public advisory committee processes; and
- Clarify heritage policy and policy that pertains to reconciliation.

The Chair asked staff how the Commission can be involved with the Regulatory Redesign. Staff noted that they welcome input from the Commission members through the survey that is specific to the Heritage Commission and brainstorming a list of issues and ideas about other heritage-related City public advisory bodies and regulatory by-law improvements to support heritage conservation.

The Commission thanked staff for their work on the Regulatory Redesign and indicated that members look forward to participation and staff updates.

3. Conservation Review

(a) 1833 East 11th Ave VHR B Comprehensive Development (CD-1)

Issues:

- Review of the Conservation Plan

Applicant:

- Emily Ng, Development Manager, Intracorp
- Donald Luxton, Heritage Consultant

Staff:

- James Boldt, Heritage Planner

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

MOVED by Commissioner Massie

SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission supports the Conservation Plan presented for 1853-1857 East 11th Avenue as part of the rezoning application for an 11-storey residential building with a five-storey podium.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission notes that the new window placement, railing heights and materials, and the confirmation of the colour palette are satisfactory; also, that the “second storey balcony on the west side of the front elevation” listed as a Character Defining Element, on page 7 of the Conservation Plan, did not exist on the original and should be deleted from the Character-Defining Elements.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (the “Commission”) notes that the Federal homeowner protection and associated Vancouver Building By-law requirements that currently exist for strata conversions, including rain-screening and non-combustible siding, make it impossible for the building to conform to the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada; and

FURTHER THAT the Commission supports the designation of the heritage building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Commission recessed at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 12:27 pm.

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4. New Business

(a) Outgoing Interview with Commissioner Julia Hulbert

Following discussion of Commissioner Hulbert’s exit interview (notes on file), the Commission made the following motions:

MOVED by Commissioner Sandy
SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission would like to acknowledge and appreciate the service Julia Hulbert has provided to the Vancouver Heritage Commission over the years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Leduc
SECONDED by Commissioner Fialkowski

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Heritage Commission has received written feedback from departing Commissioner Julia Hulbert, who has resigned to take a position with the Park Board, and discussed it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (the "Commission") recommends that, as part of the current process of the Regulatory Redesign, staff consider flexibility in meeting timing, that new commissioners receive a more comprehensive orientation when they join, and that commissioners themselves encourage recruitment of a diverse group of applicants for the Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Public Hearing – September 18, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Fialkowski
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

WHEREAS

1. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission is concerned that the proposed changes to RS District Schedules (Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law for Most RS Zones to Allow Two-Family Dwellings (Duplexes) to Increase Housing Choice), scheduled for the Public Hearing on September 18, 2018, will make it much more difficult to retain character houses and in so doing, will put two City policies at odds with each other, specifically the Character Home Zoning Review and Making Room Programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission (the "Commission") recommends that Mayor and Council postpone the approval of the proposed changes to RS District Schedules (Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law for Most RS Zones to Allow Two-Family Dwellings (Duplexes) to Increase Housing Choice), scheduled for the Public Hearing on September 18, 2018, in order to more fully consider duplexes as one option among other for Missing Middle uses and

housing forms that are being considered over the next year in the community process for the Making Room Program; and

FURTHER THAT the Commission requests that the Making Room Planning team include the Commission as a key stakeholder in the community process to take place over the next year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Leduc
SECONDED by Commissioner Jacques

THAT the Vancouver Heritage Commission sends a letter to Vancouver City Council regarding its opposition to the proposed changes to RS District Schedules (Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law for Most RS Zones to Allow Two-Family Dwellings (Duplexes) to Increase Housing Choice), scheduled for the Public Hearing on September 18, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Report on Development Permit Board

Commissioner Norkolk provided an update from the September 4, 2018, Development Permit Board meeting noting the approval of the 349 West Georgia Street (Canada Post Office) project.

(d) Report on the First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel

Commissioner Massie provided an update from the August 16, 2018, First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel meeting where an application at 4033 Osler Street was presented.

Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Keate
SECONDED by Commissioner Massie

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, October 1, 2018
TIME: 11 am
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:53 pm.

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