

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

**July 2, 2014 - 6:00p.m.
Committee Room No. 2**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Councillor Jaimie McEvoy | - Chair (arrived at 6:20 p.m.) |
| Councillor Betty McIntosh | - Vice Chair |
| John Davies | - Community Member |
| Robert Johnson | - Community Member |
| Lynn Radbourne | - Community Member |
| Tegan Cheremkora | - Community Member |
| Wayne Janzen | - Community Member |
| Gavin Hainsworth | - Community Member |
| Catherine Hutson | - Heritage Preservation |

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

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| Barry White | - Community Member |
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GUESTS:

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| Achim Charisius | - Architect, Perkins + Will |
| Donald Luxton | - Donald Luxton and Associates |
| Paul Grant | - Architect, Omicron |

STAFF:

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| Julie Schueck | - Heritage & Community Planner |
| Alison Worsfold | - Committee Clerk |

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Procedural note: Councillor McIntosh assumed the Chair.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added:

2.2 Adoption of the Notes of June 4, 2014 (On Table)

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of May 7, 2014

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the May 7, 2014 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

2.2 Adoption of the Notes of June 4, 2014 (On Table)

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the On Table notes of the June 4, 2014 Community Heritage Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 101 Third Street (Urban Academy) – Heritage Revitalization Agreement

Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton and Associates, summarized the details as outlined in the report dated June 23, 2014 regarding a Heritage Revitalization Agreement application for 101 Third Street (Urban Academy). In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Luxton and Paul Grant, Omicron, provided the following information:

- In order to accommodate the implementation of underground parking, the trees located on the property require removal. It was also noted that the condition of the trees was poor;
- The building will exhibit historically appropriate paint colours based on onsite paint sampling. The current proposed colours, ivory and green, may be altered, as further onsite analysis is required for final colour confirmation;
- The simple flat roof structure and architectural design hopes to emphasize the building's heritage elements;
- The 28 off-street parking spaces provided satisfy the City's Zoning Bylaw parking requirements; and,
- A living wall, which is a self-sufficient vertical garden, will be attached to the exterior of the building.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission commended the applicant for the proposal to revitalize Robson Manor, noting that the proposed addition could accommodate the student population growth at Urban Academy. The applicant was also commended for proposing to utilize historical elements and paint colours, specifically ivory, that will unify the project.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 101 Third Street be supported.

CARRIED.

One member of the Commission voted in opposition.

Procedural note: Councillor McEvoy arrived at 6:20 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

3.2 508 Agnes Street (Masonic Lodge) – Heritage Revitalization Agreement

Donald Luxton, Donald Luxton and Associates, and Achim Cahrisius, Architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting details noted in the report dated June 9, 2014. In response to questions from the Commission, Mr. Luxton and Mr. Cahrisius provided the following information:

- All salvageable items recovered will be restored and will be displayed throughout the building in cases;
- An animated street wall will be installed along Victoria Street, which will aim to add character to the site;
- The dark grey brick utilized down the middle of the new building aims to reduce the massing of the two white towers; and,
- As the building is a private hall, public access will be limited; however, the common area and banquet room, which will hold up to a maximum of 100 individuals, would be accessible to rent for public functions.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission noted the following comments:

- It was suggested that the City's Museums and Archives department be involved with salvaging and archiving the artifacts;
- It was suggested that the red sign currently located at the front of the property be removed;
- The applicant was commended for restoring the cornice on the lodge, as well as utilizing era appropriate materials for the development;
- It was suggested that the transition from the original heritage building to the contemporary addition be softened by utilizing brick, as well as implementing architecture displaying Masonic symbols; and,
- It was suggested that the brick colours on the new building be altered to match the colour of the original building to unify the project.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 508 Agnes Street be supported.

CARRIED.

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 709 Cumberland Street – Proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the memorandum dated June 4, 2014 regarding an application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 709 Cumberland Street. Ms. Schueck advised that the Community Heritage Commission received a presentation regarding 709 Cumberland Street at the June 4, 2014 meeting. Although Commission members present at the meeting expressed support for the application, a formal recommendation was not established due to the absence of quorum.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the application for a Heritage Revitalization Agreement at 709 Cumberland Street be supported.

CARRIED.

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

4.2 Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study - Update

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study working group discussed a communications strategy at the June 2014 meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 811 Columbia Street (The Mc & Mc) - Sign Application from the Hub

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, summarized the memorandum dated July 2, 2014 regarding a Heritage Alteration Permit for a sign application from the Hub to be located on the Mc & Mc building at 811 Columbia Street.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission suggested the following with respect to the four options presented to advertise the Hub logo:

- The logo should not be permitted to be advertised on the façade of the building, (options #1 and #2), as the façade is overwhelmed by signs as it is. Further, the sign could permanently damage the heritage building;
- The logo painted on the exterior wall (option #3), is the best preferred option; and,
- With respect to option #4, it was suggested that two, rather than three, banners be placed on the flagpoles or hung on the exterior wall.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that a portion of the brick on Fourth Street that is listed on the City's Heritage Registry has been removed to accommodate the installation of new pipes. Ms. Schueck noted that Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer, has arranged to have the bricks salvaged and reinstalled once the work is completed.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued

Julie Schueck, Heritage and Community Planner, advised that there have been no demolition permits issued since the June 4, 2014 Community Heritage Commission meeting. In response to questions from the Commission, Ms. Schueck advised that the Engineering department will be forwarding a preliminary report to Council with respect to deconstruction and the City of Vancouver's new bylaw in the near future.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2014 (in Committee Room No. 2) at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Certified Correct,


Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair


Alison Worsfold
Committee Clerk