

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
Minutes

March 2, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room No. 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaime McEvoy	- Chair
Damon Alberda	-Community Member
John Davies	- Community Member
Catherine Hutson	- New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society
Wayne Janzen	- Community Member
Christa MacArthur	- Community Member
Roger Nottingham	- Community Member
David Sarraf	- Community Member

VOTING MEMBERS REGRETS:

Councillor Lorrie Williams	- City Council Representative
Lynn Radbourne	- Community Member

STAFF:

Julie Schueck	- Heritage Planner
Debbie Johnstone	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 3, 2016

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the February 3rd, 2016 Community Heritage Commission be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There are no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 1031 Sixth Avenue

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided a verbal update regarding a demolition permit application for 1031 Sixth Avenue. Ms. Schueck reported that at the last meeting she had indicated that the demolition permit for this property had been issued. Ms. Schueck advised that she made this statement in error, and noted that the City has not issued a demolition permit and is requesting the Commission's input with regard to the matter.

Ms. Schueck provided the following additional information:

- A Bylaw is in place for houses on the Heritage Register that states that any demolition permit application would automatically be held until a building permit is issued for the property;
- A building permit application has been submitted for 1031 Sixth Avenue; however, there is currently still a hold on the house;
- The home owner has indicated that they are re-considering a Heritage Revitalization Agreement;
- If a new house were to be built, the City would not have input regarding the design if it conformed to the Zoning Bylaw; and,
- If the home owner decided to pursue a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA), feedback on the design recommendations would be required from the Commission.

Discussion ensued, and the Commission provided the following comments:

- It was suggested that a duplex, an additional home or a coach house be considered in an effort to save the heritage house;
- It was suggested that the lot size may not be suitable for an additional home;
- Concerns were raised regarding how the style of the additional home or coach house could affect the integrity of the heritage home; and,
- Ensuring that the HRA is worthwhile to the home owner could prevent the demolition of the house.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Heritage Commission does not support demolition for the home located at 1031 Sixth Avenue and would strongly encourage the home owner to work with the City to avoid demolition at all costs; and,

THAT the demolition permit be put on hold until the developer has thoroughly investigated options to retain the heritage home by increased densification through building a coach house or duplex.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the City provides appropriate incentives to maintain the heritage home.

CARRIED.

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

4.2 709 Cumberland Street

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, provided the following update regarding the Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) for 709 Cumberland Street:

- A HRA had been adopted in order to subdivide the property;
- The subdivision required developers to move the heritage home in order to make room for the new home;
- The heritage home was moved onto a new foundation; however, following this relocation the home was demolished; and,
- The City is currently working towards a resolution on this matter.

4.3 Heritage Week colouring contest – verbal update

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, reported that the Heritage Week colouring contest submissions would be judged by the Commission following the end of the meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

There are no items.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 City Heritage Program – Verbal Update (Standing Item)

Julie Schueck, Heritage Planner, advised that there was no update with regard to the City Heritage Program.

6.2 Demolition Permits Issued (from January 23, 2015 – February 23, 2016)

(Please note that demolition permits may only be made public once the permit has been issued. The City is not permitted to release information earlier unless the application deals with a property identified as having heritage value.)

ADDRESS	YEAR BUILT	NEIGHBOURHOOD	DATE ISSUED
2306 Edinburgh St.	1941	Connaught Heights	February 5, 2016
362 Columbia St. – Front St Parkade	1958	Downtown	January 29, 2016

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Vancouver Heritage Foundation Spring 2016 Newsletter

8.0 NEXT MEETING

8.1 Next Meeting Date:

April 6, 2016 6:00pm or at the call of the Chair

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Certified correct,

Councillor McEvoy
Chair

Debbie Johnstone
Committee Clerk

