

Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study (QPNHS)

Working Group Meeting #6

October 23, 2014 6:00pm

Committee Room #2

AGENDA

1.0 Working Group Meeting Notes of September 25, 2014

2.0 Research Subgroups

Group updates: 10 minutes per group

3.0 Open House Preparation *Date: Wednesday October 29, 2014, 5-8pm*

Review of presentation boards

Review of questionnaire

Working Group attendance and duties

4.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 27, 2014

6:00pm

Committee Room #2

Please RSVP to Julie Schueck at

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Working Group Meeting Notes of September 25 , 2014**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, Chair
Maureen Arvanitidis (NWHPS)
Tom Bellamy
Bruce Cheng
Deane Gurney (QPRA)
Gary Holisko
Steve North (NWHPS)
Robert Toth
Dave Vallee
Jennifer Wolowic

REGRETS:

Rebecca Bateman
David Brett (QPRA), Vice-Chair

CITY STAFF:

Joan Drabyk, Building Division
Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner

Working Group Meeting Notes:

The meeting notes from the September 4, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

Agnes Cerajeski has withdrawn from the Working Group.

Building Code Q & A

Joan Drabyk, from the Building Division, answered questions from the Group with regard to the Building Code, and Julie Schueck answered questions with regard to the Zoning Bylaw. Some questions and comments included:

“Builders are uneasy about taking on renovations as it often instigates unexpected upgrades, which leads to people preferring to demo rather than renovate. Can something be done to make the permit process easier and are there ways to not instigate upgrades?”

“More people want to save the interiors of their houses.”

“Is it really necessary that people have to provide floor plans for the entire house when they are seeking permits for minor work?”

“How can we encourage people to get permits rather than do the work without?”

Research Sub-Groups

The sub-group teams were reviewed and everyone present agreed to the distribution of people. Groups were advised to pick a team-leader who would be responsible for calling meetings, coordinating information with Ms. Schueck, and for presenting updates to the larger working group. All research is expected to be completed by the end of January 2015.

Open House Preparation

The first open house will take place at the Anvil Centre (room 411), on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, from 5:00 – 8:00pm. All members are expected to be present and to engage the public.

The revised questionnaire was reviewed and suggestions were made. The final version will be presented to the group at the next meeting.

Speaker Series

It was agreed that the speaker series could take place January, February and March 2015 and that they would take place on the same evening as the working group meetings. The working group would meet from 6:00 – 7:00pm in their regular meeting room, then relocate to Council Chambers for the speaker. The speaker series would be open to the public and advertised ahead of time.

Suggestions for the speaker series are Jim Wolf (local historian and urban planner), Don Luxton (Heritage Professional), someone from the Assessment Authority, someone from the insurance industry (an actuary), and someone from Kelowna to talk about their experiences there.

Wendy Sarkissian (international social planner and community engagement specialist) will be speaking to the working group at the November 27 meeting.

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6:00pm
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City Hall

Queen’s Park Working Group – Heritage Survey for Residents:

1) Please rank the top 3 reasons that you like most about living in the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood:

- Historic neighbourhood
- People/neighbours
- Walkability
- Landscaping
- Neighbourhood parks
- Location
- Affordability

1a) Please give us another reason that is not on the list.

2) In the context of the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood, what does the term “heritage” mean to you?

3) What is your level of knowledge about the following heritage programs (please check the box that best describes your level of knowledge about each program):

Program	Have never heard of it	Have heard of it, but do not know anything about it	Have heard of it and know something about it	Have heard of it and know a lot about it
Heritage Homes Tour				
Heritage Designation				
Heritage Revitalization Agreement				
Heritage Conservation Area				
Heritage Conservation Covenant				
Heritage Tree Designation				
Heritage Inventory				
Heritage Register				

Comments?

4) How many demolitions do you think the Queen's Park Neighbourhood has had compared to other neighbourhoods in the city over the past 5 years?

- Less
- Same
- More
- Don't know

5) "Protecting and enhancing the character of the Queen's Park Neighbourhood is ..."

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 5 with 1 being "not important" and 5 being "very important".

Why?

6) Please rank the importance of each of the following statements in terms of protecting and enhancing the character of the Queen's Park neighbourhood:

Please rank each statement on a scale of 1 – 5 with 1 being "not important" and 5 being "very important".

- a. "Defining the character of the neighbourhood in order to identify what should be retained and/or protected is...."
- b. "Developing design guidelines for new construction, renovations, and restoration of single-family houses is..."
- c. "Developing new or stronger regulations to deter demolition and to provide incentives for the retention of older single-family houses...."
- d. "Identifying the types of densification, if any, that would be acceptable as a way to protect old buildings and that might provide affordability and diversity of housing types is...."
- e. "Identifying ways to build understanding and support from the community, the building industry, and from within City Hall for neighbourhood heritage conservation strategies is...."
- f. "Ensuring new construction is compatible with the neighbourhood in terms of design and scale is..."

- g. “Ensuring alterations to existing buildings are compatible with the neighbourhood in terms of design and scale is....”
 - h. “Minimizing demolitions in the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood is....”
 - i. “The protection of trees in the Queens Park area is....”
- 7) Please identify any barriers that you feel might prevent you from taking steps to protect your home with a heritage designation bylaw (check all that apply):
- length of process
 - expense of process
 - unclear process
 - change of property value
 - change in property taxes
 - change in insurance premiums
 - Other: _____
- 8) What would encourage/motivate you to protect your home with a heritage designation bylaw?
- 9) Please describe the type of home that you live in:
- Single detached house (without a secondary suite)
 - Single detached house (with a secondary suite)
 - Secondary suite
 - Townhome
 - Apartment
 - Multiplex unit (unit in duplex, triplex etc.)
- 10) Please describe your housing tenure:
- Renter
 - Owner
- 11) Please describe the approximate age of your home:
- 1520 or before
 - 1521 to 1545
 - 1546 to 1560
 - 1560 to 1550
 - 1551 or later.

12) How long have you lived in the Queens Park area?

- Less than 1 year
- One 1 to 4 years
- 5 years to 5 years
- 10 years or more

Optional Questions:

13) What is your age?

- Under 18 years old
- 18-25 years old
- 30-45 years old
- 50-64 years old
- 65+ years old

14) What are the names of the nearest cross streets to your home? (e.g., Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue)

15) Name and Address

For more information on this Neighbourhood Heritage Study, please refer to any of the following:

City of New Westminster webpage:

www.newwestcity.ca/qpnhs

Queens Park Neighbourhood Working Group Facebook Page:

New Westminster Heritage Preservation Society webpage and Facebook:

newwestheritage.org/

www.facebook.com/newwestheritage

Queen's Park Residents' Association webpage and Facebook:

www.qpra.org

www.facebook.com/pages/Queens-Park-Residents-Association/230547400338891