

Queen's Park Neighbourhood Heritage Study (QPNHS)

Working Group Meeting #5

September 25, 2014 6:00pm

Committee Room #2

AGENDA

- 1.0 Working Group Meeting Notes of September 4, 2014 p. 2
- 2.0 Building Code Q & A
- 3.0 Research Subgroups
Expectations and deadlines.
- 4.0 Review of Revised Questionnaire p. 4
- 5.0 Open House Preparation *Date: Wednesday October 29, 2014, 5-8pm*
Review of presentation boards, update on venue,
Working Group attendance and duties.
- 6.0 Fall Speaker Series
Schedule, internal and public.
Please bring along some ideas for speakers!
- 7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 23, 2014
6:00pm
Committee Room #2

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Working Group Meeting Notes of September 4, 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy, Chair
Maureen Arvanitidis (NWHPS)
Rebecca Bateman
Tom Bellamy
David Brett (QPRA), Vice-Chair
Bruce Cheng
Deane Gurney (QPRA)
Gary Holisko
Dave Vallee
Jennifer Wolowic

REGRETS:

Agnes Cerajeski
Steve North (NWHPS)
Robert Toth

CITY STAFF:

Jackie Teed, Manager of Planning
Julie Schueck, Heritage & Community Planner

Working Group Meeting Notes:

The meeting notes from the July 24, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

FaceBook Page:

The FaceBook sub-committee, represented by Jennifer Wolowic, advised that there has been some interest in the Working Group's FaceBook page, but not as much as hoped. It was acknowledged that often FaceBook pages of this type receive more attention when there is something controversial that people wish to comment on. The sub-committee will continue to make posts and report back on the interest level and on any comments received.

Issues Identification – Grouping Issues into Themes

The issues that were identified by the group at the last meeting were grouped under themes by staff and presented for review. The revised themes are as follows:

- a) Definition of the character of the neighbourhood in order to identify what should be retained and/or protected.
- b) Lack of design guidelines for new construction, renovations, and restoration of single-family houses.

- c) New or stronger regulations to deter demolition and to provide incentives for the retention of older single-family houses.
- d) Identification of the types of densification, if any, which would be acceptable as a way to protect old buildings and that might provide affordability and diversity of housing types.
- e) Identification of ways to encourage buy-in from the community, the building industry, and City Hall for neighbourhood heritage conservation strategies.

These themes and issues would be presented on the questionnaire and at the Open House for comment by the community.

The group requested information on how many homes in the Queen's Park neighbourhood have a secondary suite and/or multiple tenants, and how many houses are stratified.

Via email, the group will be requested to identify the themes they are willing to research. Each person is expected to participate in two themes. Each theme should have two or three people on its team, with one person identified as the team-lead. The research work would be carried out between now and the end of 2014. Staff requested that team members relay any questions for other municipalities through Julie Schueck.

Open House Preparation – Questionnaire Review

The draft questionnaire was reviewed and suggestions were made. The revised draft will be sent to the group via email for further comments. The final version will be presented to the group at the next meeting.

Fall Speaker Series

This item was deferred as an item to be emailed for comments.

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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 look
- History of neighbourhood
- Ambience
- Size of lots
- People/neighbours
- Walkability
- Landscape: city boulevards and residential gardens
- Type, number and age of trees
- Queen’s Park and other neighbourhood parks
- Cultural and sporting activities and events in Queen’s Park
- Location within city
- Location within region
- Prestige
- Affordability
- Other

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 Register				
Heritage Designation				
Heritage Revitalization Agreement				
Heritage Conservation Area				
Heritage Conservation Covenant				

Heritage Tree Designation				
Heritage Inventory				
Heritage Homes Tour				

Comments?

4) How many demolitions do you think the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood has had compared to other neighbourhoods in the city?

- much less
- less
- about the same
- more
- much more

5) “Protecting and enhancing the character of the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood is ...”

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 9 with 1 being “not important” and 9 being “very important”.

Why?

(Tristan, please make sure we have an ‘n/a’ or ‘don’t know’ option as well.)

6) Please rank the importance of each issue in terms of protecting and enhancing the character of the Queen’s Park neighbourhood:

- a) Defining the character of the neighbourhood in order to identify what should be retained and/or protected.
- b) Lack of design guidelines for new construction, renovations, and restoration of single-family houses.
- c) 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.
- e) Find ways to encourage buy-in from the community, the building industry, and City Hall for neighbourhood heritage conservation strategies.

(Tristan, is it possible to give them a choice of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th for each item? Not 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 because this would be confusing with the questions that say “1” is the lowest importance.)

7) “Minimizing demolitions in the Queen’s Park Neighbourhood is....”

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 9 with 1 being “not important” and 9 being “very important”.

8) “Ensuring new construction is compatible with the neighbourhood in terms of design and scale is...”

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 9 with 1 being “not important” and 9 being “very important”.

9) “Ensuring alterations to existing buildings are compatible with the neighbourhood in terms of design and scale is....”

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 9 with 1 being “not important” and 9 being “very important”.

10) The protection of trees in the Queens Park area is....

Please rank this statement on a scale of 1 – 9 with 1 being “not important” and 9 being “very important”.

11) Please describe the type of home that you live in:

- Single detached house (without a suite)
- Single detached house (with a suite)
- Secondary suite
- Townhome
- Apartment
- Multiplex unit (unit in duplex, triplex etc.)

12) Please describe your housing tenure:

- Renter
- Owner

13) Please describe the approximate age of your home:

- 1920 or before

- 1921 to 1945
- 1946 to 1960
- 1960 to 1990
- 1991 or later.

14) If you are interested in having your home protected with a heritage bylaw , but have not taken steps to do so, please identify any barriers that have prevented you from taking such steps (check all that apply):

- Too much time needed to go through the process
- Process is too expensive
- Not sure how to do the process
- Would reduce the value of my home
- Would reduce the marketability of my home
- Would increase my property taxes
- Would increase my insurance costs
- Other: _____

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

- Less than one year
- One year to four years
- Five years to nine years
- Ten years or more

Optional Question:

16) What is your age?

- Under 18 years old
- 18-29 years old
- 30-49 years old
- 50-64 years old
- 65+ years old

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