

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Open Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2014
Location: Knox Mountain Meeting Room, City Hall, Kelowna

In attendance:

Brian Anderson (Chair), Bob Hayes (Okanagan Heritage Society), Ann Bostock (Alternate - Okanagan Heritage Society), Jim Meiklejohn (Member-at-Large), Amanda Snyder (Kelowna Museums), John Pendray (Central Okanagan Heritage Society), Cheryl Spelliscy (Alternate - Central Okanagan Heritage Society), Rudy Schoenfeld (Member - at-Large) and Alice Arsenault (Member-at-Large)

Regrets:

Patti Kilback (Alternate - Kelowna Museums)

Staff:

Urban Land Use Planner, Adam Cseke
Policy & Planning Planner, Lindsey Ganczar
Planner II, Abigail Riley

Recording Secretary:

Legislative Coordinator, Corinne Boback

(* denotes partial attendance)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Opening Remarks by the Chair regarding Conduct of the meeting.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM 1

HAP14-0004

1175-1177 Ellis Street

To consider a Heritage Alteration Permit to allow a new free-standing sign.

Applicant: Colliers International Centre Group Commercial Realty/Perry Freeman

Staff:

- Presented powerpoint on subject property.
- The subject property is zoned I4 - Central Industrial and is located on the corner of Ellis Street and Clement Avenue.
- The subject property has a registered heritage building (old CN Train Station) and a Heritage Revitalization Agreement.
- Agreed upon through the Heritage Revitalization Agreement, the owners will not alter any heritage element or character.
- Any alterations including the proposed free-standing sign need to be approved by the City as indicated in the agreed upon Heritage Revitalization Agreement.

- Staff are concerned with the proximity of the proposed sign to the existing heritage monument and whether an parking stall will need to be removed.
- Sign meets requirements of Sign Bylaw No. 8235

CHC Discussion:

- Members discussed concerns relating too:
 - Why another "Train Station Pub" sign is needed;
 - View of Train Station might potentially be blocked;
 - Sign bigger than the electrical box on the corner;
 - Location of sign near sculpture;
 - No indication of what the sign is constructed of; more detail is required on measurements and materials.
 - The sign tying into the architure of the Train Station Pub.
- Members discussed suggested desirable outcomes relating too:
 - In the future, proposed new buildings will use it for advertising on the property;
 - Brick portion of sign fits with the design of the Train Station;
 - On a good corner for advertising, high traffic.

MOVED BY Rudy Schoenfeld /SECONDED BY Bob Hayes

THAT the Community Heritage Committee supports the Heritage Alteration Permit to allow a new free-standing sign.

CARRIED

Amanda Snyder - Opposed.

Anecdotal Comments:

The Community Heritage Committee noted that the final choice in sign materials need to be sensitive to Heritage guidelines and should be approved by staff.

III. FOR CONSIDERATION/STAFF INQUIRY

ITEM 1

2248 Abbott Street

Staff:

- Powerpoint presentation.
- New duplex architectural form inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Frederick C. Robie House.
- Designed and built between 1908 and 1910.
- Applicant will do a Rezoning application and Heritage Alteration Permit to create a duplex on the subject property that is located in the Heritage Conservation Area.
- Preliminary drawings meet the site line requirements of the Zoning Bylaw No. 8000.
- Applicant will demolish existing building to create the proposed duplex.
- Improvements to be made on the walkway (beach side) via City initiative.

CHC Discussion:

- Proposal would be an improvement on the subject property being a Frank Lloyd Wright's inspired design.
- Cancer building on Royal Avenue is also an inspired Frank Lloyd Wright design.
- Applicant made the effort to have each angle of the proposed dwelling look like a single family dwelling.
- Members discussed suggested concerns relating too:
 - Limited space between fence and the garage;
 - Existing and proposed dwelling is not keeping with the form and character (Arts and Crafts Style) with the nearby homes of the neighborhood;
 - Walkway along Abbott is more publicly viewed and should be made to look like a single dwelling, currently seems to be all garages;
 - Existing front fence height is a violation of Official Community Plan Heritage Conservation Area Guidelines; shall be adjusted by applicant; and
 - A sense of general opposition in Heritage Conservation Area with knocking down single family dwellings for construction of duplexes, this will set a precedence and change the feel of a Heritage Conservation Area.

IV. MINUTES

MOVED BY Brian Anderson/SECONDED BY Jim Meiklejohn

THAT the Minutes as amended of the open meeting of the Community Heritage Committee held on March 6, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

V. OLD BUSINESS

Heritage Plaque Write-Ups:

- Members continued discussion on outstanding write ups for recipients of plaques:
 - Committee Member, Bob Hayes touched base with Ron Cannan, MP and will follow up with Mr. Cannan's return after April 11, 2014.
 - Write ups need to be finalized and plaques installed before tourist season starts.
 - Members to submit write ups to Committee Member Bob Hayes as soon as possible for final circulation prior to next meeting for final review.
 - Final review of write ups is at May's meeting.
 - The Casorso House (white house) will be added to list to receive a plaque and Alice will do the write up.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Staff proposed adding to future agendas Council's decisions on Heritage Alteration Permit that the Committee previously reviewed.
- Members suggested when there are no applications to review, Members use the time to view previous applications to the committee the final products.

VII. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting terminated at 1:12 p.m.

Brian Anderson, Chair

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