



MINUTES
OAK BAY HERITAGE COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 AT 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL, 2167 OAK BAY AVENUE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Collier
Marion Cumming
Cairine Green
Jan Mears

Margaret Palmer
Susan Ross
Pat Wilson
Councillor Kevin Murdoch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Heagle
Robert Taylor

Monica Walter

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Jensen, Planner
Roy Thomassen, Director Building and Planning

Krista Mitchell, Building / Planning Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Members of the Public: 2

Councillor Eric Zhelka

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented subject to the addition of Announcements (see 9.b) as well as moving item 7d to 7a.

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from March 8, 2016 be adopted as presented.
The motion was carried.
None opposed.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Chair's Report

C. Green reported that there has been a lot of publicity in the Oak Bay News regarding demolitions in Oak Bay. As well Council has formed a task force created to examine the issue of demolitions.

C. Green attended a meeting of the education committee and reported that it was primarily a discussion of educational activities and future plans.

It was moved and seconded that the Chair's Report be accepted as presented.

The motion was carried.

None opposed.

6. Old Business

a. Heritage Brochures

D. Jensen reported that a meeting with the design consultant is underway and a draft should be available for review at a future meeting.

7. New Business

P. Wilson left the meeting at 5:10 pm and returned when Statement of Significance was completed

a. Statement to Significance

i. 1329 St. Patrick Street.

R. Thomassen reported that the property will be added to the Oak Bay Community Heritage Registry once the Statement of Significance is prepared and motion is made by the Heritage Commission to add it to the Oak Bay Community Heritage Register.

C. Petersen, applicant, gave a brief summary of the application. Some of the comments were:

- Addition to the north side of the house.
- Sympathetic renovation.
- Building is not currently on the Heritage Register.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council support the application for Oak Bay Community Heritage Register of 1329 St. Patrick.

The motion was carried.

None opposed

b. National Trust Funding

A Commission member reported that Parks Canada is increasing cost sharing projects over the next two years and this might apply to Trial Island should it ultimately become a national historic site. Eligibility is expanded for funding of historic lighthouses.

A Commission member mentioned that historically that funding has been very difficult to obtain. Additional funding would be beneficial for the Tod house.

c. Heritage Protection – Motion to Council

Discussed under 8 (a)

d. Heritage Registration / Designation Referral Process

D. Jensen commented that the application for Heritage Designation and Registration will be updated and then put on the website.

D. Jensen will look into the list of homes registered or designated, for the Commission and the website. As well D. Jensen will follow up with Corporate Services regarding providing a current list of Commission members.

8. Reports of Subcommittees/ Other

a. Council Liaison (K. Murdoch)

K. Murdoch reported that the Heritage Foundation funding will be examined at the upcoming Estimates meeting.

The Mayor has created a task force with four members, T. Taddy, J. Mears, Councillor K. Murdoch and Councillor E. Zhelka, to look specifically at the loss of character homes in Oak Bay, not necessarily Heritage Registered or Designated. The committee will be looking at the assessment of the scope of the issue, collate information from the Heritage plan and the OCP, and lastly to draft a report for Council by June.

E. Zhelka said he was pleased that the issue about loss of homes in Oak Bay is moving forward. C. Green commented that the new committee can gather historical information regarding demolitions from members of the Heritage Commission.

A Commission member will be reporting the progress of the new task force at the monthly Heritage Commission meetings.

K. Murdoch departed at 5:25 pm

b. Education (M. Palmer)

A Commission member commented on some of the upcoming educational opportunities. Some of the comments were:

- The photography exhibit will not be done in the foreseeable future.
- The education committee met and discussed different ideas to educate the community about registering or designation of their homes. As well as different ideas to preserve restoring homes versus demolishing.
- Possible inservice with L. Carvello, a planner and lawyer, to educate themselves of different possibilities.

c. Tourism (M. Cumming)

No report.

d. Community Register/ Designation (P. Wilson)

A Commission member inquired if the owner of 2018 Meadow Place had submitted a Heritage Registry application. D. Jensen confirmed the application had recently arrived on March 30th.

e. Planning and Development

D. Jensen reported that 2671 Margate Ave has been added to the Heritage Registry.

A Commission member mentioned that more continuity and succession planning was needed for the Heritage Commission. Another member added that the City of Victoria has a contractor writing the Statement of Significance.

9. Information Items

a. Insurance

A Commission member commented that having a Heritage Designated home does not impact home insurance premiums.

b. Announcements

- Hallmark society will be doing a bike tour in Oak Bay this August. More details to come.
- Dates for the night market are June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14 from 4-8 pm. The Heritage Commission will need members to volunteer at the booth.
- The Chairperson mentioned the possibility of not having meetings in July or August but this will be decided later.
- The Heritage Foundation is looking for a contractor for the secretary/treasurer position.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.