



MINUTES
OAK BAY HERITAGE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AT 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL, 2167 OAK BAY AVENUE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Collier
Marion Cumming
Cairine Green
Joan Heagle

Susan Ross
Robert Taylor
Pat Wilson
Councillor Kevin Murdoch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jan Mears

Margaret Palmer

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Jensen, Planner
Roy Thomassen, Director Building and Planning

Krista Mitchell, Building / Engineering Clerk
Chris Hyde-Lay, Manager of Park Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Members of the Public: 3

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5: 07 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda and Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of the following item:

2031 Runnymede Avenue, Blair Gowie

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from January 12, 2016 be adopted as presented.

The motion was carried.
None opposed.

The Commission moved and seconded that the motion for 1701 Beach Drive, carried at the January 12, 2016 meeting be rescinded.

The motion was carried.
None opposed.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council support the proposed conservation of the historic buildings and the development of new buildings. The Commission does not support the juxtaposition of the proposed main entrance and the historic house as it relates to compliance with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

The motion was carried.
None opposed.

A Commission member inquired regarding potential changes to the Cenotaph that would recognize the Gulf War veterans.

K. Murdoch advised the working group has not provided an update to Council, but will advise Councillor Ney to contact the Chair of the Heritage Commission.

4. Correspondence

The Hallmark Heritage Society is holding two lectures, both at the Craigflower Schoolhouse:

- Demolitions in Vancouver, February 15th at 7:00 pm.
- Research Your House History with Jennifer Barr, February 24th at 7:30 pm.

5. Chair's Report

C. Green advised Hope Burns, long-time Oak Bay resident and former land use consultant for the District of Oak Bay, has passed away and a card will be sent to her family on behalf of the Heritage Commission.

C. Green stated that the overall direction for the Heritage Commission is to support each other, work together, keep lines of communication open, and keep heritage transparent and accessible to the public.

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, as a result of comments from the Commission at their last meeting, staff have been pursuing quotes from graphic design companies to produce a heritage designation brochure and it is anticipated work will commence over the next month.

Councillor K. Murdoch left the meeting

7. New Business

a. DVP00030 – 3125 Uplands Road

To permit an addition to the existing house and construction of accessory buildings.

D. Jensen gave a brief overview of the application, advising the applicant is presenting a revised design based upon comments previously received from the Heritage Commission.

B. Kurylo, applicant, presented the application, advising of some of the modifications to the previous design. Some of the comments included:

- Only half of porte-cochere will be enclosed for main entrance as compared to the previous proposal to enclose the entire area.
- Side addition has been made less prominent and clad in shingles.
- Some addition areas have been scaled back to the perimeter of the building and windows have been redesigned.
- Pool will not be enclosed; instead, a cabana will be constructed adjacent to the pool.
- Patio area will be covered, with skylights installed, and the lower terrace will be kept.
- Perimeter fencing around pool will be kept, with short columns and new fencing of wrought iron.

Commission Comments

Commission members thanked the applicant for incorporating their suggestions, and advised the original house design is still evident with the proposed design, particularly with respect to mirroring and pairing of materials around the porte-cochere and cabana.

Commission members expressed concern regarding loss of the porte-cochere, and inquired whether more could be done to protect this dominant feature.

B. Kurylo advised the home owner wants a grander entryway, and they have tried to accommodate that while still respecting the existing structure.

A Commission member reiterated this porte-cochere is not the best example, but the proposed change enhances it while still respecting the integrity of the original building.

It was moved and seconded to recommend that Council approve DVP00030 as per the proposed design submitted to the Heritage Commission.

The motion was carried.
None opposed.

b. Oak Bay Rose Garden – Replacement of American Pillar Rose Structures

C. Hyde-Lay presented proposed changes to the supporting posts that support the American Pillar Roses in the rose garden. Some of the comments included:

- Rotting posts will be replaced and extended to approximately six feet in height.
- Posts would not be visible from the street, only from inside the rose garden, and a wire running between the posts will deter the deer.

Commission Comments

A Commission member asked about the colour of the posts.

C. Hyde-Lay confirmed the posts will be weathered cedar with no stain, similar to what is already there, and added that metal stands identifying rose varieties will be reintroduced to the garden.

c. Demolition / House Moves Archival Records

A Commission member advised photos were taken of an additional two homes.

R. Thomassen said demolition applications appear to be coming from new owners.

d. Art in Chambers – Volunteer Coordinator

No volunteers will be assigned to this position in the interim.

e. Heritage Foundation Subcommittee Tracking – Volunteer Needed

S. Ross volunteered to track the subcommittees and members involved with each of the subcommittees.

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The two subcommittees currently operational are the Oak Bay Heritage Book and Database Project (ongoing) and the Registration and Designation subcommittee.

g. Streamline Paper Flow

Commission members discussed appropriate timing for the Commission agendas to be distributed prior to the meeting, which is set at one (1) week prior to the meeting, and C. Green will be the contact person between Commission members and staff for inquiries or placing items on the agenda.

R. Thomassen indicated that a draft motion could be sent to the Chair for information.

Staff agreed agenda materials, where more substantial, will be held for pick up at Municipal Hall advising Commission members when they are available.

h. Hallmark Society Event – Presenter Jennifer Barr – February 24

Covered under Correspondence (4)

8. Reports of Subcommittees / Other

a. Council Liason (K. Murdoch)

No report.

b. Education (M. Palmer)

No report.

c. Tourism (C. Green)

M. Cumming volunteered to act as liaison with Tourism.

d. Community Register / Designation (P. Wilson)

A Commission member inquired regarding the status of the Statement of Significance for 2671 Margate Avenue.

R. Thomassen advised the Statement of Significance will be completed this month.

e. Planning and Development

D. Jensen advised no new applications affecting heritage properties have been received, and distributed Heritage Commission information binders to the Commission members.

A Commission member inquired whether an electronic version of the properties listed on the Heritage Register could be made available to the Commission.

9. Information Items

A Commission member advised that Heritage Week will take place February 15th to February 21st, and a lecture by Jean Sparks will be held February 17th.

A Commission member indicated the owners of Blair Gowie would like to subdivide the property, which has a heritage designation, and questioned whether this would set a precedent or could a covenant be placed on title to protect the property.

A Commission member advised the owner of the Oak Bay Guest House at 1052 Newport Avenue was advised to contact municipal staff regarding proposed renovations.

Commission members reported that the Hallmark Award will be awarded in May and the owner of 2753 Somass Drive had been contacted, and was supportive, of receiving a Hallmark Award.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.