

MINUTES of the meeting of the OAK BAY HERITAGE COMMITTEE, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay B.C., on Thursday June 12, 2008.

PRESENT: Christopher Causton, Chair
Jane Nielsen
Jean Sparks
W. John Harker
Bronwyn Taylor
Brenda Jacques
REGRETS: Christopher Watts
Don Reksten
Stephanie Sainas
STAFF: Nigel Beattie, Sandi Piercy

Christopher Causton called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Christopher acknowledged the outstanding effort and successful opening of Edgecliffe. Christopher also took this opportunity to recognize Nigel Beattie and his contribution to the Heritage Committee. Nigel will be retiring from the municipality in July.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Bronwyn Taylor,
Seconded by Brenda Jacques, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OAK BAY HERITAGE STEERING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 8, 2008, BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Electrical Box Photo Wraps

The electrical box chosen for the photo wrap is not an ideal candidate for the artwork, as three of the four sides will not be covered. The committee agreed that the box in Windsor Park would be a good candidate for the photo wrap. Jean Sparks will find an archival photo of sports activities in the park.

Youth Participation in Heritage

Christopher Watts, Bronwyn Taylor and John Harker will pursue the project to involve youth in the Heritage Committee work. Some project ideas that students could work on included: research of tax and or grant incentives for heritage building owners, research for the progression of Tod House devolution, cultural heritage and information for the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Direction of Heritage Committee

The committee would like to see two or three heritage projects completed each year. An open discussion in an informal meeting on a Saturday morning was suggested. This would be a brainstorming session that will include the new Director of Building and Planning. Saturday September 6 in the Committee room at the hall at 10:00 am is the proposed date.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING

Budget

There is money in the committee budget to meet its commitments for 2008 and to complete the projects and commitments from 2007.

Kiwanis Signs

There has been a delay in the current project, due to incorrect process. Christopher Causton will set up a meeting with Steve Gorman to talk about the signs and their completion.

HERITAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Home and Garden Tour has been postponed until 2009. Lorna Curtis will continue to coordinate the project and Rotary would like to remain involved.

The Heritage Lecture Series will continue as planned. This project has a bigger budget this year for marketing and advertising expenses.

HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL

The Panel has viewed 1587/1595 York Place and discussed the proposed Heritage Revitalization Agreement. The application is to alter the interior of the existing house and create 5 suites (2 legal suites exist now) in accordance with provincial guidelines. The Panel was not unhappy with the plans and heritage designation restorations.

The Panel also assessed 2744 Bowker Avenue and agreed that it is an acceptable demolition.

ARCHIVES

The Art in Chambers Project has been extended until September. One drawing is complete. Two drawings are to be completed by September.

Judith Anderson has volunteered to catalogue house plans for the Municipality of Oak Bay with a database she has already prepared. This committee would like to see Judith Anderson accomplish this project. Lorraine Hilton and Bill Cochrane need to be informed of this proposal.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Camas Trail signs will be installed from the Esplanade to Nottingham this summer.

Walking Tour Maps will be out in June.

The Summer Swing street dance on Oak Bay Avenue will take place on July 26.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Heritage Committee will be on Thursday September 11, 2008 at 8:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.