

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 24, 2014

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, Jefferson Room

Minutes

These minutes were approved on October 22, 2014 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Erin McDonald Helen Cheung
 Kyle Witiw Darlene Fisher
 Gayle Simonson Leslie Chevalier
 Barbara Hilden Michael Boire
 Ana Laura Pauchulo

Archives Staff:
 Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
 David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner

Regrets:

Sean Moir
 Marilyn Assheton-Smith

Agenda Item	Action	Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
1. Welcome and Chair's Remarks	Call to order at 5:05 p.m. Warm welcome to everyone. A reminder of a shortened meeting to accommodate the planning session which will take place directly following meeting. Congratulations to Helen on her Exhibit	▪ Erin	
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved: Leslie Second: Helen Approved	▪ Erin	
3. Approval of Minutes	-Addition of "Lowe" after Shirley's name and Hotel's name spelling to "Metterra" Moved: Barbara	▪ Erin	

	Second: Michael Approved		
4. Items for Discussion/Information			
a) Follow-up: Whyte Avenue redevelopment	-Council received the letter submitted by the EHB. -Council voted and approved the redevelopment of the site on the Whyte Avenue and 105 Street by approving an amendment to the Strathcona Area Redevelopment Plan.	▪ Erin	
4. Board Committee Reports			
a) Historic Resources Review Panel	-Report attached	▪ Barbara	
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	-Report attached	▪ Leslie	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	-Report attached	▪ Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	-Report attached	▪ Kathryn	
c) EDHS Update	-Speaker Series begins next week -History Center has begun programming for year -Bus Tour of all annexed towns will take place in October	▪ Gayle	
6. Other Business			
a) Council Luncheon	-Reminder that the Luncheon will be held on Wednesday October 8, 2014.	▪ Erin	
7) Building Agenda for Next Meeting			
Annual Report Including Historian Laureate Review			
8. Adjournment	Moved by Helen at 5:20 p.m.	▪ Erin	

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday October 22, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** in the POWA Jefferson Room
- **Please bring:** Your agenda, meeting minutes, committee reports
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Historic Resources Review Panel
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Summer student Connor Thompson made a presentation to the Panel. He surveyed the Oliver and Strathcona neighbourhoods, identifying buildings which have undergone extensive renovations and/or alterations since they were first added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in 1993. Comparing photos from the original Inventory addition, Connor identified six homes whose status as “architecturally or socially significant” was in question due to these alterations.

The Panel debated the relative merits of each home, reviewed the changes, and discussed the results. We also held a friendly discussion about whether removing homes from the Inventory—an action previously undertaken only at owner’s request and not on Panel’s own initiative—was appropriate.

Ultimately, four of the six homes were determined to be, while altered, still possessed of historical and architectural integrity. We agreed to amend the Inventory files of each home so that the original and modified characteristics can be viewed and reviewed in the future.

Two other homes were flagged as problematic, and the heritage planners offered to prepare more information for Panel to further consider Inventory removal at an upcoming meeting.

The Panel wishes to extend special thanks to Connor for his work and initiative in undertaking this project.

The committee next meets Tuesday, Oct 14.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hilden, HRRP Chair

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Current Projects

- Articles for the fall Building Heritage Newsletter issue have been written by Connor Thompson, Student Heritage Planner and Elizabeth Martelluzzi (who R. Geldart brought in to the meeting to introduce to HOC). The ad for homeowners interested in the Heritage Homeowners Association has been reprinted. The Edmonton's Architectural Heritage Website announcement will be a permanent addition to the newsletter. Helen will be writing an article about heritage buildings used as performance sites for Cantonese operas for the Spring edition of the newsletter. Kyle Witiw will also be writing something for the spring edition. Gayle Simonson has offered to proofread the spring and subsequent editions. Helen Cheung suggested widening the Newsletters availability starting with The Bruce Peel Collection/Library.
- The Heritage Homeowners Association meeting was held in September on Thursday the 11th at the John Snooke Residence. There were 14 in attendance with several more interested but unable to come. The next meeting will be held in early January. Location TBD.
- Gayle Simonson is continuing her work on a children's section addition to the website, starting with the Legislature building. There was some discussion about her early ideas and a consensus that activities should relate as much as possible to built heritage.
- Kyle will be taking over the administration of EHB's FaceBook page. Jason of City Communications will be invited to the next HOC meeting for social media guideline training.
- The Councilor's Luncheon is on October 8 in the Councilor's Boardroom in City Hall. Please be sure you have responded to Sonia about whether or not you can attend.

Past Projects

- David Panzerella added the designation option to the buildings pages so that the current designation status of any building can be included.
- Lorraine will add Edmonton's Mayors' residences to the website if we can get picture permission from the Provincial Archives (where applicable). It was decided by the committee she should add Edmonton's Lost Buildings (featured in previous EHB publications) to the website after that.

Future Projects

- Leslie will be meeting with David Ridley of EHC this Thursday to discuss emulating Calgary's Century Homes initiative with a focus on Westmount area to coincide with Doors Open week. Report to follow.

- Helen is continuing to look into the inclusion of a tour of heritage buildings for students during U of A's Week of Welcome. She is consulting with U of A staff about the possibility.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Chevalier, HOC Chair

Heritage Planners' Report
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Introduction: Please join me in welcoming our new Principal Heritage Planner, David Johnston to our Heritage Management Unit. David has over 17 years of both Municipal and Private Sector planning experience and for the past six years he volunteered with the Edmonton Historical Board and sat on both Plaques & Awards Committee and the Historic Resources Review Panel.

Update on the Historic Resources Inventory for the Calder Neighborhood: We have received two proposals from two of the three invited consultants. The proposals have been reviewed and evaluated. References are being checked and we expect to inform the successful candidate tomorrow or by Friday.

Notice of Intention to Designate the Crawford Block located on Gateway Blvd. in Old Strathcona was passed by Executive Committee on Tuesday September 22, 2014,

Scott Ashe recently did a presentation on our Heritage Management Program with a series of ***Before and After*** images of our designated historic resources to the Greenfield Seniors Association.

Heritage staff will be attending the Municipal Heritage Forum on October 16 and 17th. Robert and Scott will be presenting a short talk on three of our designation projects, the Kelly Ramsey Project, the Crawford Block and the Massey Ferguson Building or the Pendennis Hotel, (soon to be UCAMA)

Other potential designations still on the horizon include the Molson's Brewery, Mountfield (house in Oliver), McKay Ave. School, Glenora B&B (on 124 Street), Captain John Hall Residence (Cromdale), Cameron Block on 97 Street, and Louis Residence (Glenora).

The Fall issue of the Built Heritage Newsletter is now completed and is now with our Graphic Designer. Copies of written articles for the Newsletter were given to HOC committee at their last meeting. The newsletter will be mailed out to owners of historic resources by late October.

Respectfully submitted by: Robert Geldart, David Johnston, and Scott Ashe

Archivist's Report
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The City Archives and the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre are preparing for the Free Admission Day – September 28 (10AM to 6 PM). There will be two new displays for the Archives (Creepy Edmonton upstairs and “What is an Archive” on the Concourse).

We are currently hosting two contract staff – one archivist, one conservator - from the Archives Society of Alberta who are doing a two year project to support first those archives which experienced major floods (Calgary, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie and High River) in 2014 and then they will be supporting all the other archives in the province in developing and updating their emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans. We also have a practicum student on Wednesdays from the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies. Space is very tight now in the Archives because we also have a full complement of volunteers (10) coming in once or twice a week as well.

Awareness of the Archives seems to be at an all time high – we had the highest ever revenue months in terms of photograph orders and blueprint reproduction sales in August. Hits on the website – while not growing in overall numbers have been increasing in time spent on the site and numbers of page views. Numbers in the reference room continue steady growth as do the email and phone reference requests.

The Archives 2015 Calendar featuring the River, in commemoration of the 1915 Flood, are in production and will be available for Christmas gifts at the front desk in a week.

Fort Edmonton Park Management Company Report
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- In-house catering initiative is off to a good start; Johnson's Cafe was successfully re-branded from a Caribbean Restaurant to more local fare, prices were raised for lunch service
- A Buffalo pound, hide stretcher and other interesting objects were added to the Cree Camp to enhance Aboriginal programming. 8 Aboriginal public interpreters hired to increase ability to represent Aboriginal history
- Increased programming in the blacksmith shop
- Introduced music onto 1920 Street through theatre speakers
- Selkirk dining room was equipped with an additional exit door to increase capacity with respect to fire code requirements
- Plans to have the streetcars running in December; diesel locomotive will be repaired to be ready to pull passenger cars
- Replacement of the train water tower by a stand pipe structure located on the train platform
- I was invited to sit on the Capital Committee and I accepted

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Fisher