

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on August 23, 2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair _____

Recording Secretary _____

Attending:

Barbara Hilden Neil Cramer
 Darlene Fisher Stephanie Coombs
 Earl Anderson Andreas Loutas
 Dominic Schamuhn Erin McDonald
 Rebecca Goodenough Daniel Rose

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
 Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guest:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner

Regrets

Aimee Shaw

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.	Barbara	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	-Adding item regarding River Crossing Plan Moved: Dominic Second: Neil Approved (unanimously)	Barbara	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES • May 24, 2017 minutes	-David Johnston's name to be removed as he was not in attendance Moved: Stephanie Second: Andreas	Barbara	

	Approved (unanimously)		
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			
a) Review/Discussion: Review of Agencies Boards, Committees and Commissions report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Barbara and Sonia were in attendance at the June 14th Council meeting. -City Clerk presented report to Council and qualified all recommendations. -Councillor Esslinger recommended that all ABCC's should be made permanent and recommendation was supported by Council as a whole -Some reservations regarding Council setting the agendas for the ABCCs -All ABCCs will be meeting with Council in early Spring as opposed to meeting/reporting to Council's standing committee -Council still debating if City employees are to be allowed to sit on ABCCs 	Barbara	
b) Follow-up: Value of Built Heritage Report next steps & letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Goal to have a package of information for council post election -EHB has funds to work with For August's meeting: -Action: Committee Chairs to draft a one page document to include in this package. -Action for HOC: Other info to be: list of inventory for each councillor detailing their ward; reminder of some of the issues/communications undertaken by EHB to council (Hangar 11, Mitchell Reed, etc.); document detailing difference between EHC and EHB -Further discussion in August 	Barbara	
c) Information: Community member recruitment for all committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -As all committees have some available spaces, Barbara, Dominic, and Daniel to work on descriptions to be posted on Facebook by end of July 	Barbara	

<p>d) Discussion: Position on EHB plaques and awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plaques and Awards committee has addressed some of this topic in the Committee's report. -Discussion on possibilities of how EHB can undertake next steps -Applicants will need to provide more detailed information and seek approval of bldg/site owners etc. -EHB- supports the move to expanding the role of the EHB's plaques programs. -P&A will discuss and bring recommendation at August meeting. 	Barbara	
<p>e) Update: River Crossing Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interpretive plan was circulated a few weeks ago, and will go to Urban Planning Committee on July 5. -Committee has asked if EHB will provide a letter of support for the plan, which the EHB (Barbara) will provide. <p>Motion: That the EHB provide a letter of support for the Interpretive Plan Moved: Erin Second: Dan Approved (unanimously)</p>	Barbara	
<p>4. Board Committee Reports</p>			
<p>a) Historical Resources Review Panel</p>	<p>Panel met this month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reviewed the report from Civic Agencies -Discussion on how to get more properties on Inventory. More exposure to public through media (e.g. Avenue Magazine) -Expanding/updating current database of properties kept -Upcoming inventories for Jasper Place -May have an application from the Westmount area 	Andreas	
<p>b) Heritage Outreach Committee</p>	<p>No meeting this month, but discussion over email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Talking points for Council presentation -Recommendations coming in August -EHB reviewed the options for new EHB stationery 	Dominic	

	<p>-Motion: That the EHB formally proceed with Option 1 as the choice for the new letterhead Moved: Dominic Second: Earl Approved (unanimously)</p> <p>-Dominic will speak with Curio to see if building on bottom of option one can be more transparent</p>		
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	<p>Report attached -Cameron Block will be postponed as bldg will be needing rehab and starting date not known</p>	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	<p>-Behind the scenes tours of the Archives will begin next week as Archives' participation with Historic Festival and Doors Open -EHB is the sponsor of the Cemetery tours and those will begin next week as well</p>	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	<p>Report attached -Newest podcast was released today on Ritchie</p>	Chris	
d) Naming Committee	<p>-2 meetings have been held -April meeting: Ongoing discussion of the collector road in Blatchford- stantec has been wanting to use numbering; difficult for EMS -Being called Alpha Blvd and Bravo- the original apron name used -May meeting: Department in charge of the Funicular wants it named and has been sent to the Committee. Information reviewed on the original funicular-incline railway -Names of three individuals were discussed- Recommending that the look-out point be "Frederick</p>	Erin	

	<p>G. Todd lookout” and two options for the funicular: 1. The One-Hundred First Street 2. YEGscalator -Reviewed names for other areas- the old MacEwan arts centre- 156 Street Community Hub lacks support from the community leagues- Recommendation : the orange community hub -Recommendation for groups to work together on this issue -17 names to be reviewed for the reserve list from the Ind. communities; researched by the students at the Jean Forest academy at St. Joseph’s high; to be used for the Alex DeC. area.</p>		
e) EDHS Update	Report attached	Aimee	
f) NAPDA Update	-Sunday July 16- Pancake breakfast at the Cabin -last Plan Whyte was held at the Cabin; renovations were done well and the building looks great.	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	-Meeting next week and a strategic planning session in September -Review of Infill in Heritage Neighbourhoods- have hired Shirley Lowe for this report.	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	-AGM was held on Friday -Strategic objectives for 2018 -Approved to increase the number of Board members to 12 from 10	Darlene	
6. Issues/Project Updates			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support		Sonia	
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting		Barbara	
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Dominic at 6:23 p.m.		

> **Next Meeting:** Wednesday August 23, 2017 5:00 pm

PLAQUES and AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to Edmonton Historical Board

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From May until June, the P&A have been writing texts for our various awards and plaques that we need to award, as of the writing of this report, there are still several texts outstanding, however, it is likely that by the end of this week (June 23rd) we will have all outstanding material finished.

There were two nominations that recommend to be deferred. The first was Alexander Circle, material on this location was scarce, even with the combined efforts of Sonia, Neil and Robert, most of the information that was found had to do with the broader garden city movement. There was little to nothing available about Alexander Circle specifically. As such, it is the intention of the Chair of Plaques and Awards to defer this plaque until more, site specific, information can be uncovered about Alexander circle. We have the broad significance, we just need the specific context.

The second was for the Cameron Block, apparently the owners have been incredibly hard to get a hold of, and the building itself has not had any work done towards its restoration with no concrete start date in sight. If the Plaque were created and placed on the site, it would need to be removed anyways once construction starts, so logistically, it makes sense to wait until work is completed to place this Plaque on that site.

Finally, at last month's meeting, the Board asked P&A to discuss the matter of Ghost Sites and Plaques further. Some discussion was had, and Allan Rowe, a member of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation was contacted for his experience. The AHRF is the body that manages built heritage sites in the Province and it is their own standards that the EHB uses when designating sites in Edmonton. It also manages the Highway Heritage Marker program which is something that Ghost Site recognition may emulate. Allan provided this insight when the topic of the Klan Query discussion and marker came up.

This feedback has been taken into consideration and was given to the rest of the P&A committee, we will continue to discuss the matter amongst ourselves and at the next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Neil Cramer, P&A Chair

HERITAGE PLANNERS REPORT

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For 2017, we have a number of Designation Bylaws and Notices of Intention to Designate now approved and new ones coming forward to City Council for approval:

Approved Designation Bylaws:

William Buster Residence, at 10950-81 Avenue (Garneau)

Calder Cenotaph (Calder) Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium (Woodcroft)

J.B. Little Brickyard House (Riverdale) Ira Stephens Residence (Highlands)

Rodd Apartments (Boyle Street) Streetcar Railway Substation No. 600 – on 124 Street (Oliver)

Mill Creek House (Strathcona)

Barto Residence (McCauley)

Upcoming Designation Bylaws (in July)

Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)

Upcoming Notices of Intention to Designate (June and July):

Southpark Sign (Queen Alexandra)

Gibbard Block (Highlands)

Upcoming:

Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)

West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in the fall of 2017
Ukrainian Greek Cultural Association Hall (McCauley)

Burns Residence (McCauley)

St. Joachim Church (Oliver)

The Delton Apartment (Delton) - Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in the fall of 2017

In discussions:

Snook Residence (Allendale)

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)

Keillor Cabin/Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)

Judge Downs Residence (Strathcona) Empire Building (Downtown)

McClory Residence (Glenora) Stewart Residence (Glenora)

Updates:

Westmount Community League has a committee focusing on the Westmount Architectural Historic Area (WAHA) that is advocating for the development of new regulations to more effectively preserve the architectural character of the area. The committee applied to the City to amend the ARP and DC1 zoning. We have met with representatives of the committee and are scoping a process for proceeding with the initiative. The public launch of the project is targeted for November following the Municipal election.

A report on City Owned Historic Resource Management Strategy is being prepared for Urban Planning Committee in September with a recommended approach to ensure a development of a comprehensive strategy for the proper preservation of the City's existing historic resources. It will also establish direction on how the City maintains, programs, acquires and markets its historic resource assets in the future.

Hangar 11: a first draft of a Building Condition Assessment has been received by Integrated Infrastructure Services, using S2 Architecture and RJC Engineering. The Heritage Management Unit has also reviewed and accepted a Heritage Significance Assessment from David Murray Architect. Heritage is in discussions with the Blatchford Team to encourage them re-consider its plans for Hangar 11 to demolish it and instead explore preservation and adaptive re- use opportunities. Outside of Hangar 14 (the Aviation Museum), Hangar 11 is the only remaining hangar on Blatchford Field.

Oliver 112 Street houses: The City has had a building condition assessment completed recently on the three properties, and have engaged Dub Architects to develop options to rehabilitate and re-purpose the buildings. At this point, there is not a specific re-use program that has been identified. David is working with the team for the assessments and reviewing the possibility of rezoning the site to allow for additions to be made at the rear of the buildings to provide additional redevelopment opportunity.

The work of plan Whyte continues. A public Open House was held on June 20. The overall project intends to have draft recommendations by fall 2017, with Council consideration targeted for early 2018. The objective is to reinforce the heritage character of the Provincial Historic Area, and identify redevelopment opportunities in the vicinity.

Church Street DC1 rezoning is now scheduled for City Council at Public Hearing on July 10, 2017. The purpose of the DC1 zoning is to encourage the preservation of the areas unique collection of 12 culturally, historically and architecturally significant churches. This would apply to 96 Street between 106 Avenue and 110A Avenue. In addition to the DC1, the first phase of interpretation for Church Street is currently being installed, with each of the 12 churches on being recognized with a plaque.

David continues his role on the project team for the Rosssdale Heritage Interpretative Plan, which will be developing a framework for how all aspects of the history of Rosssdale can be celebrated. It will be a high level document, providing direction for the Business Plan and Interpretation Themes for the River Crossing project. The City is working with Form Media of Halifax on the project. The HIP will be considered by Urban Planning Committee on July 5.

Ritchie School built in 1913 at 9750-74 Avenue, owned by the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord is under threat. The owners have drawn up conceptual plans to build a new school, demolish the existing school except for the gym. Councillor Nickel is aware of this. The Province is also aware and has expressed their interest in the school. Our Unit and Citizen Services (Open Space Planning and Design) have been in a meeting with the school board and expressed our concerns. An upcoming design coordination meeting has been set by the owner's architect, Stantec.

Based on recent direction from Urban Planning Committee, David is working with the Zoning Bylaw Amendments team to formally enshrine documentation requirements for proposed demolitions of buildings on the Inventory. The City Council public hearing to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Bylaw is on June 28.

David is working with Real Estate and Housing on the planned rehabilitation of the Edmonton Iron Works. The City is arranging hazmat assessment and remediation work, as well as general clean-up of the building interior. A site meeting with Alberta Culture and Tourism was recently held to determine what portions of the building must be retained.

The Real Estate and Housing Branch is preparing to list Street Railway Substation No. 600, a MHR located on 124 Street, for sale. Potential purchasers will be required to submit proposals for the redevelopment and repurposing of the building. Scott will be included on a committee which evaluates the proposals to identify the successful purchaser.

We were successful in getting another Young Canada Works grant with National Trust Canada for 2017-18 to hire a Graduate Heritage Planner.

The posting was advertised and interviews are now being scheduled for early July. Our goal is to have the graduate on board by early August.

Scott has joined the steering committee for the Coliseum Station Area Redevelopment Plan. The project area includes the Northlands exhibition grounds. Through the plan, the City will be seeking to establish a permanent location for the Old Timer's Roost, a vernacular log cabin constructed in 1928, so that it can be designated as a MHR. The plan will also identify opportunities to recognize the more than 100-year history of Northlands as the site of Edmonton's annual agricultural exhibition.

Scott has joined the Evolving Infill Working Group. The working group will support Evolving Infill 2.0, an initiative to mature the City's strategy related to residential infill. Best practices for preserving neighborhood character while accommodating infill, is one of the items to be addressed through the initiative.

Submitted by; Robert Geldart, David Johnston and Scott Ashe

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT

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June was a big month – a lot of speaking events, and I hired an Assistant Producer for Let's Find Out!

1. Throughout the end of May/beginning of June, I interviewed candidates who applied for the Let's Find Out Assistant Producer position. Fortunately lot of qualified candidates applied, and I ended up hiring Samantha Power, who has previously worked at CJSR and Vue Weekly, and has a Masters in Journalism from Carleton University.
2. May's episode of Let's Find Out featured questions from kids about dinosaurs. I went down to the Danek Bonebed to pose their questions to real-life paleontologists digging up real-life Edmontonosaurus and Albertosaurus bones. It became the most popular episode of the series so far, and I am very curious to know how it spread so widely.
3. On May 28, I moderated a Q&A after a film called All Our Father's Relations, presented at Metro Cinema as part of Reconciliation Week and the Asian Canadian Film Series.
4. On June 1, I spoke at Edmonton NextGen's Canada 150-themed PechaKucha Night. My talk will be titled "The Land We Stand On."
5. On June 4, I led a historical walk around Ritchie neighbourhood, answering local residents' questions about the area's history. The recording of this walk became June's episode of Let's Find Out. Samantha Power was able to join me to record the walk.
6. On June 9, I was the keynote speaker at the NEOS Miniconference at MacEwan University. My talk was called "I Need Everything You Have on Harriet Brooks, By Tomorrow."
7. On June 9, I helped interview candidates who applied to become the next Poet Laureate. We selected Ahmed "Knowmadic" Ali, and I attended his inauguration on June 27th at City Hall.
8. On June 10, I volunteered at the Queer History Project exhibit at Pride.
9. I was interviewed by Metro Edmonton for a story about what Canada 150 means, and where Edmontonians see the city in 150 years. <http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2017/06/25/what-does-canada-150-mean-to-you.html>
10. I was also interviewed by Metro national reporter Vicky Mochama for a series about marginalized and ethnic minority communities across Canada. That piece should be published in July.
11. I met with local filmmaker and artist Jason Gondziola to help him brainstorm ideas for a history/dance project with Mile Zero Dance company.
12. I chatted with the Edmonton Public Library's Lydia Zvyagintseva about historical content they could use to create user experiences with location-based beacons in libraries.
13. I asked a number of people to help me with a series for the Edmonton's Historian Laureate Facebook page. For five days leading up to Canada Day, each day will feature a different Edmontonian's ideas for ways to work through our complicated feelings about Canada 150 through some sort of homework or volunteering. Miranda Jimmy, Ahmed Knowmadic, Kathryn Ivany, and Kisha Supernant contributed (thanks Kathryn!).

Coming Up

I'm on vacation from July 3-11.

I'll be volunteering at the World Indigenous Nations Games on July 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris Chang-Yen Phillips

EDMONTON DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The next EDHS Casino is confirmed to be held at the Palace Casino in the West Edmonton Mall.

The History in the Classroom project will continue 2 times a week for the next academic year.

The EDHS Facebook page will keep us up to date about all the various and exciting events which are due to take place over the Canada Day long weekend celebrations.

The EDHS will be involved in exciting events taking place at Fort Edmonton during the Canada Day long weekend, including a canoe brigade (all welcome to join in the float) and an ceremony with some pipers.

The Speaker Series is set for 2017/2018 with an array of excellent speakers and new venues.

We discussed the possibility of a collaboration with The Next Act and Alley Kat brewery. The EDHS is looking into an event being held at the Next Act bar, with a cask of beer especially brewed for the evening. Every drop must go!

Edmonton Mama is a Blog site which focuses on activities families can do with their young kids and encouraging folks to get out and do things within the community. The blog site reviews the family friendliness of the place or activity for users. The EDHS is endorsing Edmonton Mama to write a number of blogs and highlighting the importance of the EDHS in our community. These reviews will be on the Facebook page and we would encourage everyone to 'Like' it!

Respectfully submitted by: Aimee Shaw, EDHS representative