

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Center, Jefferson Room

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on November 22 ,2017 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair _____

Recording Secretary _____

Attending:

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

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support

Guest:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
 Robert Geldart, Senior Heritage Planner
 Deeksha Choudhry, Graduate Heritage Planner

Regrets

Barbara Hilden
 Aimee Shaw

Agenda Item		Person(s) Responsible	Date Due
WELCOME & CHAIR'S REMARKS	5:04 p.m. Welcome everyone. Dan will be chairing in Barbara's absence.	Dan	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: Rebecca Second: Dominic Approved (unanimously)	Dan	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ▪ September 27, 2017 minutes	Moved: Dominic Second: Stephanie Approved (unanimously)	Dan	
3. Items for Discussion/Decision			

<p>a) Information: Community member recruitment for all committees</p>	<p>-Executive met last week. 4 people who had expressed interest were asked to come in for an interview last week. -3 individuals are being recommended Motion: That the Edmonton Historical Board appoint Keltie MacKenzie to HOC, Suzanne Campbell to P&A, and Sarah Eggert to HRRP Moved: Dominic Second: Andreas Approved (1 abstention: Earl Anderson)</p>	<p>Dan</p>	
<p>b) Follow-up- Hangar 11 Heritage Assessment report</p>	<p>-Letter to be drafted by Dan -item to be brought back to November meeting</p>	<p>Dan</p>	
<p>c) Information: Naming Edmonton (EHB & EHC)</p>	<p>-No update at this time. -Meeting with Naming Committee, EHC, EHB, and City Admin will take place on November 7</p>	<p>Dan</p>	
<p>d) Information: Request from Artists Quarters in the Quarters</p>	<p>-Erin McDonald recused herself as this is in conflict with her work branch -Request received for a letter of support from the EHB. Request email attached. -Not enough information provided for the EHB to be able to respond. -As EHB is an entity of the City of Edmonton, Sonia will check if EHB is even able to provide a letter of this type; Sonia to let Barbara and Dan know of response. -Dan and/or Barbara will respond accordingly. -At this time, the EHB feels that the information provided in not sufficient. Discussion ended -Erin returned to meeting</p>	<p>Dan</p>	
<p>4. Board Committee Reports</p>			
<p>a) Historical Resources Review Panel</p>	<p>-Information on the Elliot Residence was reviewed Motion: That the Elliot Residence, located at 10543-125 Street be added to the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton Moved: Stephanie Second: Niel</p>	<p>Andreas</p>	

	Approved (unanimously) -Inventory for Jasper Place community to begin in November		
b) Heritage Outreach Committee	Motion: that the EHB approve the attached version of the briefing package circulated with edits for circulation to council Moved: Dominic Second: Stephanie Approved (unanimously)	Dominic	
c) Plaques and Awards Committee	-No update at this time -More information to follow regarding the event.	Neil	
5. Other Reports and Updates			
a) Heritage Planners' Report	Report attached	Robert	
b) City Archivist's Report	No report at this time	Kathryn	
c) Historian Laureate Report	Report attached	Chris	
d) Naming Committee	No report at this time as meeting to take place on November 7.	Erin	
e) EDHS Update	No report at this time	Aimee	
f) NAPDA Update	No report at this time	Earl	
g) Heritage Council	No report at this time	Kathryn	
h) Fort Edmonton Park	New CEO has been hired; began on October 16. -Bill Demchuck, has decided to return to his former position with the City	Darlene	
6. Issues/Project Updates			
7. Other Business			
a) Administrative support	-Follow up on email request from Edward Vanvliet for the use of the EHB's banner for an activity for Culture Days-was to be used as a colouring activity -Council luncheon will take place on Wednesday December 6 -EHB budget was included in the meeting information	Sonia	

b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-Review budget and discussion -Follow-up of Civic Agencies training	Dan	
c) Molson Brewery tour (121 Street)	Tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Please let Andreas know	Dan	
8. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Erin at 6:14 p.m.		

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday November 22, 2017 5:00 pm

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)

Tipton Investment Co. Building (Whyte Ave)

Southpark Sign (Queen Alexandra)

Gibbard Block (Highlands)

Approved Notice of Intention to Designate

St. Joachim Church (Oliver)

Upcoming Designation Bylaws

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Burns Residence (McCauley)

Upcoming:

Blue Cross Animal Hospital (McCauley)

Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)

Ukrainian Greek Cultural Association Hall (McCauley)

The Richards Block (Strathcona)

West End Telephone Exchange (Oliver) – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to reinitiate the designation process in early 2018

In discussions:

Mayor J.J. McKenzie Residence (Strathcona)
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)
Ostolovsky Residence (Glenora)
Wilkin Residence (Glenora)
Wilson Residence (Glenora)
Bellevue Community League Hall (Bellevue)
Kennedale Building (Belevedere)
Ernest Manning Residence (Rural Northeast South Sturgeon)

Demolitions:

To date eight (8) applications to demolish historic resources listed on the Inventory have been approved in 2017.

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 has lobbied the City to amend the ARP and DC1 zoning. Preliminary work on the project has been initiated, with the public launch targeted for January, 2018.

The Westmount Community League also has a committee tasked with setting up their own Westmount plaque program similar to Highlands. They have asked for financial support from the Heritage Reserve Fund's "Promotions" category. We did support the Highlands Historical Society with their plaque program and we will be supporting the Westmount Community League as well.

A report on City Owned Historic Resource Management Strategy was prepared for Urban Planning Committee for September 6, but was deferred to November 29 with a recommended approach to ensure a development of a comprehensive strategy for the proper preservation of the City's existing historic resources. The report will now identify that the City is undertaking a broad-based asset management program, and a specific focus on historic assets will form part of this.

Hangar 11: a 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. Negotiations with NAIT on the proposed land transfer have apparently moved forward, and we are working to determine the fate and next steps.

Oliver 112 Street houses: The City has had building condition assessments 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. Dub Architects have indicated that the rehabilitation costs vastly exceed the City's available budget. The team is working on options on how to best address the circumstances with the funding currently available.

The work of plan Whyte continues. The goal of this study is to better understand how the area's heritage, character and livability be further strengthened while exploring opportunities for additional development over the next 20-25 years. The study will examine heritage, land use, urban design, transportation, and development opportunities (outside the core heritage commercial area), in order to develop a design vision for the long term evolution of Whyte Avenue. A third public open house was held on June 20, 2017, which was well attended. The purpose of the open house was to present the draft design concept and project direction for feedback. A final open house will be held in fall 2017 to present the final recommendations prior to City Council consideration targeted for early 2018.

On July 11, City Council approved the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan (HIP). The HIP will now move into work planning for short-term implementation, which will consist of low-cost tactical interpretation and events that leverage partnerships and existing programs to celebrate the four interpretive themes in the HIP. David will continue to be involved on the project team for the River Crossing Heritage Interpretative Plan. The City has hired a Stantec as consultant for the redevelopment concept design.

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. A design coordination meeting was held in June by owner's architect, Stantec. New school will be built while the 1950's portion of the existing school will continue to operate. The Province informed us they are unlikely to intervene to save the school. Based on the Architect's timeline, the demolition of existing is expected to begin in June 2019.

David continues to work 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. Discussions are ongoing with Alberta Culture and Tourism to determine what specific portions of the building need to be preserved, and what can be removed.

The Real Estate and Housing Branch has advertised Street Railway Substation No. 600, a MHR located on 124 Street, for sale. Potential purchasers are required to submit proposals for the redevelopment and repurposing of the building. The Invitation for submissions closed on October 2, 2017. Scott and a member of the Urban Design Team evaluated the submissions to assist with determining the best proposal.

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.

The Jasper Place Historic Resources Inventory is underway, with Donald Luxton & Associates. They expect to begin evaluations with the HRRP in November. The project is scheduled for completion in March 2018.

At the August 23, 2017, Urban Planning Committee (UPC), Councillor Catarina initiated an inquiry in relation to a recent subdivision proposal in the Viewpoint DC1 and more broadly how DC1 zoning can be employed as a tool to protect historic and low density character. Administration will return to UPC with a report responding to the inquiry in March of 2018.

We are continuing our work exploring the possibility of creating an app for our four walking tour booklets (Downtown, Strathcona, Oliver, and Highlands). As part of our review of best practices and having discussions with community stakeholders, we have met with Dan Rose, David Ridley, and two app companies. In conjunction with EHC, we will likely also meet with the Province (Heritage Management and possibly jointly with Alberta Tourism).

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

HISTORIAN LAUREATE REPORT

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This month was mostly planning ahead for future podcasts and events.

1. I found a professor to partner with for the U of A/Community Service-Learning portion of Figure 一, 二, 三, 六, 八 – a Chinese community art project showcasing the history and cultural impacts of Edmonton's Chinatown throughout the past 120 years. I will be working together with Shannon Stunden Bower and her Canada Before 1945 history class. We are still waiting to hear back about our grant proposal to the Edmonton Heritage Council.
2. A teacher named James Stewart approached me and CJSR about working on a project called the Mosaic of Voices. It's an initiative created by James and Aaron Dublenko of the Innovate Program in Edmonton Public Schools working in conjunction with the city of Edmonton's Energy Transitions team and organizing committee for the International Panel on Climate Change.
3. It's intended to coincide with the Cities and Climate Change Science Conference being hosted in Edmonton March 5-7, 2018. We are potentially going to create a series of 3-4, half-hour pre-recorded radio programs that can also be used as podcasts.
4. Let's Find Out hosted a live event on October 15 called The Sign of the Ferry. It was a live history walk, in association with the John Walter Museum. We explored whether a curious Edmontonian had really found the remnants of John Walter's ferry in the river valley. Heather Kerr, Jade Dodd, and archaeologist Brittany Romano spoke on the walk.
5. We recorded the walk for the latest episode of Let's Find Out:
<https://letsfindoutpodcast.com/2017/10/25/episode-15-the-sign-of-the-ferry/>

Coming up

I'll be speaking at a City of Edmonton TEDxEdmonton style event focused on climate change in November. The date is a bit up in the air.

Samantha Power left the Let's Find Out team to pursue another job, unfortunately. I'm on the hunt for a new assistant producer.

Respectfully submitted by: Chris