

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012, AT 5:12 P.M.
AT THE ESPLANADE CUTBANKS ROOM

PRESENT: Malcolm Sissons, Chair
Alderman Graham Kelly, Aldermanic Representative
Earl Morris
Mark Dumanowski
Dennis Baresco
James Marshall

ALSO PRESENT:
Jeanie Gartly, Superintendent of Planning Services
Carol Beatty, Manager of Cultural Development
Philip Pype, Archivist
Kathy Eden, Heritage Assistant (Recording Secretary)

NOT PRESENT:
Andrea McIntosh, Arts & Heritage Advisory Board Representative

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order. The following items were added to the agenda:

- (a) The passing of Bill Keith under new business;
- (b) Civil Defence Siren under new business;
- (c) Q.R. Codes under items for information;

INFORMATION

2. Bill Keith

The Committee would like to express their condolences to the family and friends of Bill Keith. Mr. Keith was a respected member of the community with 30 years of service as City Clerk and a great knowledge of the history of our City.

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3. First Street Draft Statement of Significance (SoS)

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Open House held on May 24, 2012. Approximately 80 people attended, about one third residents of the proposed area. The response sheets were virtually all favourable but raised a few questions. The subcommittee will meet and revise the draft Statement of Significance to include comments received by the public. A refined draft will be reviewed at the meeting in July.

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4. Finlay Bridge Plaque

The Committee discussed options presented for possible plaque locations. City staff will discuss these options with Development and Infrastructure to determine best location. Discussion occurred regarding Provincial requirements to modify the existing hand railing. The Committee will determine if the bridge would be exempt due to its historical status and if it is necessary to modify the hand rail. The Committee understands that safety and structure take precedence over historical integrity. As there is a bylaw in place, the Committee would like to see that any required modifications comply with the bylaw and take into consideration the historical architecture of the bridge.

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5. Ewart Duggan Garden Project Update

- The garden project is underway with the assistance of donations and volunteer help.
- Donations of crushed gravel, compost and soil were received from local organizations and companies. Perennials were donated by the public.
- Volunteers constructed pathways, gardens and planted perennials.
- The white picket fence will be installed in July.
- The subcommittee will meet in June to discuss next stages and provide an update at the July meeting.
- The Committee would like to thank all volunteers as well as donors for materials and plans to recognize volunteers and donors later this year.

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6. RFP Inventory Finalization

The Committee reviewed the proposed list of buildings to be evaluated and determined that a further five buildings will be chosen at a later date.

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7. RFP Consultant Update

The date for submissions has closed. Proposals are being reviewed by the subcommittee. An update will be provided at the meeting in July.

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8. Corbin Bridge Update

The request for the name change of the bridge over Ross Creek currently referred to as Porcelain Avenue Bridge is now being considered by the City.

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9. Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Heritage Awards 2012

The deadline for submitting nominations to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has been extended to June 30, 2012. A draft application to nominate Finlay Bridge for the City of Medicine Hat for a Heritage Award was circulated to Committee members. The application will be refined and submitted.

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10. Land Use Bylaw #4116 / Voluntary Waiver Claims

Clarification was provided regarding Land Use Bylaw #4116 that was passed by City Council. Following discussion the Committee was satisfied that this bylaw does not put heritage buildings at risk.

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11. 2012 Heritage Festival

An invitation was received from the Esplanade to participate in the Heritage Festival on August 4, 2012. It was agreed that Committee volunteers will be available outside the Ewart Duggan House. Panel boards, information and brochures will be used to promote the work of the Committee.

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12. Civil Defence Siren

The history of the Civil Defence Siren located on Division Avenue S was discussed. A draft Statement of Significance will be drafted over the summer to determine the heritage value and character defining elements of this historical artefact.

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13. Q.R. (Quick Response) Code

Q.R. Codes were discussed and how the use of this bar code technology could allow for quick access to heritage information in the future. City staff will determine how the heritage information on the city website could possibly be enhanced and connected to the QR code technology.

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14. Other Administrative Items

The Committee discussed historic plaque maintenance. The supplier has confirmed that no maintenance of the bronze plaques is required.

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15. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Esplanade Cutbanks Room.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ANGELA CRUICKSHANK, CITY CLERK