

Included in the agenda package for information.

b) ArtsFair 2006 – 1st Annual Trade Show for the Arts:

C. Sholberg advised that the Commission has been invited to register a table at a cost of \$400.

The Commission agreed that they will not participate as the cost is too high for a display table.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Heritage Home Grant Applications:

C. Sholberg noted that:

- A general mail out was done to all heritage home owners on the register.
- Two applications have been received so far as well as a number of inquiries.

Newbury Farm House (678 Second Street)

Maryan Folinsbee (owner) gave a presentation and noted that:

- A lot of time and expense has gone into restoring the interior of the house.
- Replaced asbestos siding with wood.
- The pictures of the home included in the agenda package show that it is real need of painting.
- Showed the Commission members colours chosen from the heritage colour chart at Benjamin Moore.
- Received a quote on the external repaint – estimated cost (\$5,200 - \$5,800 plus GST).
- House was built in 1908 and feels it would be nice to have it repainted before it turns 100 in 2008. [Note: C. Sholberg confirmed that the home was actually built in 1918.]
- She is also interested in involving the City or Heritage Commission in some type of recognition of the homes 100th birthday.

C. Sholberg advised that:

- There is \$12,000 in the budget for 2006.
- Grant can be up to 50% of the applicant's proposed project cost to a maximum of \$2500.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that Maryan Folinsbee, owner of the Newbury Farm House, receive a Heritage Home Grant of \$2500.

CARRIED

715 Farquhar Street:

Marilyn Briggs (owner) gave a presentation and noted that:

- Recently bought the property and in the process of restoring the home.
- The roof is leaking and it has started to damage the structure.
- Received a number of quotes for replacing the roof and the best one was \$10,567 if Ms. Briggs and family remove the old roof.

C. Sholberg advised that:

- This application fits the parameters of the grant program as the leaking roof will damage other parts of the house.

MOVED by C. Riches, SECONDED by D. Dowson-Buffalo, that Marilyn Briggs, owner of 715 Farquhar Street, receive a Heritage Home Grant of \$2500.

CARRIED

- b) Request from Virginia Lafudo, owner heritage home at 825 Fitzwilliam Street, to consider providing Heritage Plaque, due to recent building upgrades completed.

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Spoke to the owner who is interested in acquiring a heritage plaque for the home.
- As all restoration work recently completed, therefore, the owners do not qualify for a grant.
- It would be a small bronze plaque mounted by the front entrance to the house.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that this request be deferred until near the end of the year and reconsider this request if there are funds available.

CARRIED

- c) Pygmy Pavilion (99 Chapel Street) – redevelopment proposal for information:

C. Sholberg displayed concept drawings of the proposed redevelopment and noted that:

- The building is not on the Heritage Register, however, it is listed as a significant heritage building in the Downtown Heritage Conservation Area, thus conferring protected heritage status on it.
- Amongst heritage buildings listed in the Heritage Conservation Area, the building has been rated in the lower 1/3 for heritage value.
- The developers have agreed to incorporate the Fiesta neon sign in the new development and will also install an interpretive plaque.
- HAP for demolition to Council on Aug. 14.
- Will be doing a photo documentation of the Pavilion.
- The museum is trying to acquire 3 springs from the original dance floor.
- Commission members are invited to join a tour of the building being held on Aug. 10 at 9:15 am.

Comments from the Commission:

- The applicant made a number of changes to the drawings that were suggested by the Design Advisory Panel (DAP). The Panel was reasonably satisfied with the changes brought back by the developer.
- Feel it is a positive addition to the downtown.
- In future, would like demolition proposals for heritage buildings brought to the NCHC before proceeding to DAP.
- Suggested alternate idea - could have NCHC members attend meetings of DAP that deal with heritage building demolition so that developers can make one presentation to both groups so as not to slow the process.

- d) Awards Luncheon with DAP, ACE and SPAC – proposed for 2006-Nov-09, 11-2 p.m.

C. Sholberg noted that:

- The Advisory Committee on Environment has proposed an awards luncheon which would combine the awards presented by these committees of Council.
- They have asked if the NCHC is interested in participating.
- The Commission only has the John Thompson award which is not necessarily given out every year.

The Commission decided to put this issue on the next agenda when more information would be available.

e) Relocation of Piper Park Miners Cottage and Locomotive – Commission input needed

C. Sholberg advised that:

- The Council Action report on this item was e-mailed to the Commission. Council would like the Commission's input.
- The Southend Neighbourhood Association has asked that if the cottage and locomotive are to be relocated, that they be moved to their neighbourhood.

Comments from the Commission:

- Do not feel that the cottage and locomotive should be moved at all as they are used by the Museum for their programs.
- If they have to be moved, at least the locomotive should be moved to the Harbourfront Plaza near the Library.
- Concerned about the potential for these items to be vandalized if they are moved to a remote location.
- When they move to their new facilities, the Museum would like to keep the lower floor of the existing Museum for storage.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the NCHC not make any recommendation before this issue goes through the scheduled Piper Park redevelopment planning process. The NCHC asks that they be included in this planning process.

CARRIED

f) Request for \$2,000 to reprint approximately 1,000 copies each of Southend and Newcastle Heritage Walk brochures:

C. Sholberg asked the NCHC to approve funds to reprint these brochures.

MOVED by B. McGuffie, SECONDED by B. Gard, that the Commission spend \$2000 to pay for a new print run of the Southend and Newcastle Heritage Walk brochures.

CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) John Thomson Heritage Award – Ted Brothers nominated by Vancouver Island Military Museum. Alternate nominations by Pam Mar (Nanaimo Historical Society) include: Alison Habkirk, Catherine Umland and Elizabeth Low.

After a short discussion, the Commission asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting when more information will be available.

b) Heritage Walk Brochure – Harewood - status

C. Meutzner was not in attendance so this item was deferred to the next meeting.

c) Historic Sites and Monuments Board Nomination – Biological Station and Newcastle Island - status

D. Hill-Turner advised that he and B. Gard will be visiting the Biological Station to use their documentation to research information needed for the nomination.

d) Display case for Heritage Commission:

C. Sholberg advised that after successfully using the Planning Department's new easels for the NCHC display at the recent Heritage Society of B.C. Conference, in his opinion, there is no need for a new display case. Commission members concurred.

e) Rental Signage for Buttertubs Marsh Miner's Cottage:

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Looking for ideas on how to promote more use of the Cottage.
- Will post ad on City web site as directed by the Commission..
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Department do not want to put signage near the building advertising rental availability.
- City is concerned that about renting the Cottage because of the lack of full washroom facilities and small size.

Comments from the Commission:

- Would like the Parks Dept. to be made aware that the gardens of the Cottage are getting overgrown.
- Could include the Cottage in the list of rentals available in the Leisure Guide.
- Would be a great site for wedding photos if it was cleaned up.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee:

D. Hill-Turner noted that there was no July meeting of PNAC.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation:

G. Manson noted that:

- The reburial ceremonies of remains found at the Foundry site went well and the elders were pleased to see so many members of City Council in attendance.
- School house: brought back the issue to the Band Council
 - Previous Council had voted to demolish it
 - Looking into potential funding available to move and restore the building

Comment from the Commission:

- Asked that G. Manson call on the Commission if they can be of any help in saving the school house.

C. Sholberg added that:

- The plaque for the Departure Bay First Nation’s burial site is ready but waiting for the Public Works project to start.
- Possible to have the plaque installed sooner if the First Nation’s would prefer.
- Will get the revised cost estimate for fencing.
- Likely will need an archeological permit to install the fence or at least sign off from Snuneymuxw First Nation and Provincial Archaeological branch.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society:

C. Meutzner was not present at the meeting.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum:

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Historical pub tours are doing very well and attracting people from outside the downtown.
- Cemetery tours are continuing on Thursdays.
- First harbour tour was sold out.
- Chowder Fest being held in Pioneer Plaza on Saturday, Aug 05 from 1 – 3:00 pm at a cost of \$10.
- Planning a new event – Heritage Labour Picnic.
- The teen curator program was successful.
- Cottage and locomotive in Pioneer Park are open daily.

e) Design Advisory Panel:

J. Hofman noted that the Panel reviewed and recommended approval of the development plans for the Pygmy Pavilion as discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2006-Sept-06, Board Room, City Hall.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date