

C. Sholberg noted that the newsletter contains an article on the Catherine Gisborne plaque.

6. New Business

- a) Heritage Society of B.C. – sponsorship request for 2006 HSBC Conference in Nanaimo - \$5,000 requested

The Commission agreed that the request for funds should be directed to Council.

7. Old Business

- a) Foundry Reuse Process – status updated

C. Sholberg reported that:

- No commercial proposals were received by the Dec. 02 deadline.
- Will continue to work with the three short-listed proposal proponents.
- Plan was to take an update report to Council on Dec. 19 but that has been delayed until the federal government makes its final decision on the disposition of the property.

Comments from the Commission:

- If an issue like the Foundry comes up again, we should not start a process that calls for proposals without owning the land.

- b) Mobile Display Case Possibilities

C. Sholberg noted that he spoke to the City Information Technology Dept. and they are willing to share the cost of a display unit but only up to \$1000. Will keep this item open and look around for other departments to share the cost.

- c) Harewood School and E&N Railway Station (what's happening)

B. Gard advised that he would like to keep these two items on the agenda until they have been resolved.

C. Sholberg suggested that the Commission invite a representative of the Island Corridor Foundation to attend a Commission meeting once the new Rail Authority is created.

- d) Pioneer Cemetery – park rehabilitation project

C. Sholberg circulated a drawing of the proposed landscaping plan for the cemetery and noted that:

- Native plants will be used. Dogwood trees will be planted as they are a native plant and also have shallow roots.
- A stone and metal gateway will be installed where the path ends at the road.
- Planting could start in February or March.

C. Meutzner

- Asphalt may be used for the pathways but would prefer paving stone.

- Have met with some of the descendants of pioneers buried on this site and they approve of the plan.
- Working with the Parks Dept. has been a satisfying experience. They have been cooperative and respectful.
- Another interpretive plaque will be added to the site.
- A statement of significance has been written.

Comments from the Commission:

- Feel it is important that a contingency plan be in place before planting starts in case they find remains.
- Other cities have a policy of hiring an historic archeologist to be present while working on historic sites like the cemetery.

8. Committee Reports

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

D. Hill-Turner noted that there is nothing new to report.

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson was not present.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner noted that:

- The assistant at the Archives is funded by bingo proceeds but have not heard if the license will be renewed.
- Bingo licenses used to be for three years but the government may change that to one year licenses which will make planning difficult.
- Have developed two new data bases with information on historic building permits received from the City. Over 1000 entries have been made. Have also made 400 entries using information received from the RDN.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Whistle Farm and Madill displays are ready to go.
- Italian display starts on Feb. 21 – have been working with Cavoletti Lodge on these.
- As part of the Italian exhibit, have been working on a display about Pete Maffeo who was the driving force behind building of the Civic Arena. Mr. Maffeo won the O.B.E. and we have tracked down his medals.
- Traditional Christmas display is on and entrance is by donation to the toy drive.
- New tours are being planned for the spring and will also continue the coal mine tour.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman noted that there is nothing new to report.

9. Late Items:

a) Diver Lake Plaque:

C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner gave a brief update and noted that:

- Continue to work with Mr. Godfrey on this project.
- Would like to see something other than the usual plaque. Distributed information on a memorial kiosk.
- A good location for the kiosk has been chosen.
- A rock memorial could be done if there are sufficient funds available.
- E-mail any changes to the proposed kiosk text to C. Sholberg by Friday, Dec. 16.

Comments from the Commission:

- Would like to see the unveiling on the day of the explosion (Jan. 24) or if that is too short a time for the plaque to be ready, something celebratory done to mark the anniversary.
- If the weather is too inclement, hold it inside, perhaps at Beban Park with refreshments.
- Invite decedents of any Nanaimo miners, not just the Diver Lake mine.

MOVED by C. Meutzner, SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that the Heritage Commission commit up to \$4000 towards the Parks Department's Diver Lake miner's memorial plaque project.

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b) 2006 Heritage Summit:

C. Sholberg advised that:

- Theme of this years Heritage Week is 'Cultural Places'.
- Tentative date for our Heritage Summit is Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Comments from the Commission:

- Hold the summit in the Opera Room of the Dorchester Hotel. If that is not available, have it at the Edge Theatre.
- D. Hill-Turner agreed to do a presentation at the summit.

10. Next Meeting

C. Sholberg advised that:

- Council is doing a review of all committees.
- As a result of this review, advertisements for new committee members will not be going out until sometime in January
- New members could be appointed some time in February.
- Current committees are welcome to continue to meet in the new year if they wish.

The Commission agreed that the January meeting will be at the discretion of C. Sholberg.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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