

CITY OF NANAIMO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2005-APR-06 AT 5:00 P.M.
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET

Present: Bill Gard
Colleen Parsley
John Hofman
David Hill-Turner
Christine Meutzner
Staff:
Chris Sholberg, Heritage Planner
Fran Grant, Recording Secretary

Councillor Loyd Sherry
Geraldine Manson
Joan Perry, Chair
John Nimmo
Jeff Thomas

Regrets: Laurie Waldie

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Perry at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes of 2005-Mar-09:

Revisions:

Page 2, bullet 1, remove phrase "promoted and wrote about the women in Nanaimo's history."

Page 2, bullet 2, change Carr to Karr, bullet 3 change Standard to Stannard and change "hosting the Miner's Picnic" to giving the Southend Miner's Picnic tour.

MOVED by B. Gard, SECONDED by J. Thomas, that the minutes of 2005-Mar-09 be adopted as revised.

CARRIED

3. Budget Review:

C. Sholberg advised that there is \$8,850.00 of uncommitted funds in the Commission's 2005 budget.

4. LATE ITEMS

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PERIODICALS/NEWSLETTERS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2005

J. Perry advised NCHC that she is resigning from the Commission as she has accepted a job in Vancouver.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair. J. Hofman's name was put forward and he accepted. There were no further nominations.

MOVED by D. Hill-Turner, SECONDED by C. Meutzner, that J. Hofman be elected as Chair

CARRIED

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. B. Gard's name was put forward and he accepted. There were no further nominations.

MOVED by J. Nimmo SECONDED by D. Hill-Turner, that B. Gard be elected as Vice-Chair

CARRIED

The Commission thanked J. Perry for all her work on behalf of the Commission and wished her well in her new job.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Nomination for John Thomson Memorial Award

C. Sholberg advised that:

- At the last meeting, the Commission put forward the names of Helen Brown, Clarence Karr and Jill Stannard as possible nominees.
- After some research by C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner, it was apparent that C. Karr was the strongest candidate due to:
 - his 25 years of working on heritage in Nanaimo;
 - 12 years serving on the Heritage Commission;
 - his is a well recognized Canadian historian.
- C. Meutzner drafted up a brief bio on C. Karr.
- There are no formal criteria for this award. It is up to the NCHC to endorse a nominee.
- The Award could be presented at a Council meeting, the Heritage Summit or at a ceremony being organized for the Environmental and Social Awards.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by B. Gard, that C. Karr be nominated as the recipient of the John Thomson Memorial Award for 2005.

CARRIED

C. Meutzner will contact C. Karr regarding his availability to receive the Award.
C. Sholberg will proceed with the required report to Council and arranged for the award presentation.

b) Nominations for National Historic Site Status – Application Status

C. Sholberg noted that he will be reviewing the new application form to see if any changes need to be made to the applications that the Commission is working on.

J. Perry advised that she will send her files on the Biological Station application to C. Sholberg.

c) Next Heritage Walk Brochure – status

L. Waldie was not present. C. Sholberg noted that at the last meeting it was decided to work on a brochure that would show where historical sites along the Millstone used to be located.

G. Manson indicated that the band office has information on several First Nations historical sites along the Millstone that could be put into the brochure.

d) Heritage Art Collection – review draft policy – status

J. Perry advised that the draft policy was distributed at a previous meeting but that no formal decision has been made by the Commission.

The Commission agreed that this issues should remain on the agenda until it has been dealt with.

e) Miners' Memorial – status

B. Gard and C. Sholberg noted that:

- There has been no change in the status since the last meeting.
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission has made the fountain at the plaza their first public art priority with the Miner's Memorial second.
- There is still public interest in seeing this memorial happen.

Comments from the Commission:

- We should not let this issue be forgotten and should continue to work to bring it about.
- Add to the work plan so that it doesn't get lost.

f) Chinatown Heritage Park – status

C. Parsley gave a brief update and noted that:

- A proposal has been drafted to turn part of the area into a park. The draft was circulated to the Commission.
- Recommendation in the report is to acquired green space in the area as a heritage park.
- Archeological Society is finalizing the proposal.
- Trying to get the support of the Canadian Chinese Society.
- The park would serve many purposes such as protecting the Catstream, recognizing the Chinese pioneers and providing a park for area residents.

C. Sholberg noted that:

- A lot of the property in the proposed park is privately owned and is not on the Parks Master Plan.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

J. Perry advised that with her leaving a new representative from NCHC will be needed on PNAC.

MOVED by J. Nimmo, SECONDED by G. Gard, that D. Hill-Turner be named to PNAC as NCHC's new representative.

CARRIED

b) Snuneymuxw First Nation

G. Manson noted that:

- Very busy working on the Treaty Agreement in Principle and hope to meet with the federal negotiator as the present agreement is not acceptable to the Council.
- Two parcels of land which are part of the claims package are currently at risk of being lost.
- Feel the band membership will support the Council in their decision.
- Land is the most important issue of the treaty.
- Will be having a meeting later this week on Gabriola regarding the plans for the Borsek property. The owner wants to use the burial caves and petroglyphs for a tourist attraction which the band does not support.
- The working relationship with the City and RDN has improved and is going well.
- Will be working closely with the Museum on a First Nations' exhibit.

c) Nanaimo Community Archives Society

C. Meutzner noted that:

- The AGM is being held on Wednesday , April 20 at 7:00 in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- There will be a presentation of photographs from the Archives collection on Frank Ney and his many roles in Nanaimo.

d) Nanaimo District and Museum

D. Hill-Turner noted that:

- Whistle Farm by Bob Swanson is opening this weekend. His books will also be on display.
- Trying out a new interpretive technique with DVDs for sound.
- Bastion display opens on May 21.
- The canons will be used when Cruise West ships arrive.
- Working on the October exhibit for Madill.

e) Design Advisory Panel

J. Hofman noted that the Panel has not met since the last NCHC meeting.

9. Late Items:

a) Statements of Significance:

C. Meutzner advised that:

- The second batch of SOS have been completed and have gone to the province.
- 99 of 145 sites have been completed. May or may not do future SOS depending on funding.
- The historical chronology on the City's web site needs to be pulled until it is corrected.

C. Sholberg noted that:

- Changes to the second batch will be made to the City's web site as soon as possible. The first batch has already been completed.
- The buildings are on the federal web site as well.

b) Plaque Issue:

It was noted that:

- Request for plaques have been received for:
 - Diver Lake cairn – working with Mr. Norm Godfrey and Archives on appropriate wording.
 - Stark Family – found out that there is already an existing plaque at the Chase River School. The Chase River Association is now involved. C Sholberg is working with the African Heritage Society and Chase River Neighbourhood Association on the project..
 - McGregor Park – C. Sholberg and C. Meutzner are working on narrative for the plaque. Hope to have it installed by the fall.
- It would be helpful to have a standardized design for plaques, kiosks and cairns. People would then know what to look for and they would be more recognizable.
- C. Sholberg received an e-mail from Pamela Mar inquiring about a plaque for the Departure Bay area to detail its history and the Dunsmuir family connection. He will bring to the attention of the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association.

c) C. Meutzner noted that she had sent a sympathy card to David Spearing's family on behalf of the Commission.

d) Harewood School

B. Gard advised that:

- A neighbourhood group has formed to save the school as a multi-purpose building and a petition is being circulated.
- The group has met with Mike Hunter.
- Approached School District 68 about a \$1 per year lease agreement.
- May also be able to apply for funding through the Heritage Society of B.C.'s new Heritage Legacy Fund.

e) D. Hill-Turner advised that the theme for Heritage Week 2006 will be commercial buildings.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2005-May-04

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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