

The Corporation of the **City of North Vancouver**
Regular meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission
Conference Room 'A', City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Christopher Wilkinson, Chair
Kevin Healy, Vice Chair
Kevin Hanvey, Architect (left at 7:30 pm)
Allan Molyneaux
Marian Wilkins
Linda Buchanan, Councillor (arrived 6:12 pm)

STAFF:

Annie Dempster, Planning Technician
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk
Jessica Oakes, Landscape Technician

ABSENT:

Lori Boyd

Quorum = 4

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by the Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of February 13, 2018 were adopted as circulated.

2. DELEGATION

- a) Moodyville Park Redevelopment
J. Oakes presented.

Key points included:

- The project started in June 2016 when Council directed staff to form the Moodyville Task Force. This was a short-term committee with a mandate of 1 year.
- A park master plan is a guiding document that acts as a framework for future detail design as well as an analysis of existing conditions and future needs of the community.
- The process included public engagement, an interactive table at "Kids in the Hall", Carson Graham Community Stewardship Day, 2 Open Houses, Stakeholder Workshops and public questionnaires.
- The Moodyville Park Master Plan was approved by Council in July 2017.
- The vision statement for the Master Plan is: *Moodyville Park is a natural setting with opportunities for play, discovery, and art throughout.*

- Historical elements of the time when Moodyville was active as well as the wartime houses that were demolished will be incorporated into the new park.
- Most importantly, the H-1 and H-12 design wartime houses that were on 3rd Street will be commemorated as children's' play structures. There will also be some "kid-friendly" interpretive signage.
- The existing 16 interpretive historical panels are being kept but will be upgraded and will include minor modifications to include First Nations' History. They will also be used as a wayfinding feature in the park.
- The park will also include natural elements for play such as interpretation of the sawmill and skid road.
- The park will be redeveloped in phases. We hope to start Phase 1 soon and have it finished by October. Upon Council approval, Phase 2 will start in January of 2019 and the project hopes to wrap up by the summer of 2019.

Questions/Comments for HAC included but were not limited to:

- Will there be public parking available?
 - There will be six stalls, one which is accessible. The intent is that the park will be a "walking to" destination.
- Very nice job, great presentation. Was this done only by staff or were there external consultants?
 - PFS Studios through a public tender process. They are also working on the adjacent site and that has been helpful in the process.
- Is there a sustainability element related to the park design?
 - Yes, there is. There are many trees on the site; we will be removing maples only as they are unsuitable and at the end of their time. The wood from the trees removed will be used in the park. We will also be planting 100 new trees. Invasive plants will be removed through the construction process. We are hoping to set up a Park Stewardship program in Phase 2.
- Will the trails go down into the sloped area?
 - Yes, it is important to be able to access the forest but not be trampling through it. We will build "sneaker" paths that connect with existing paths and hope to build a gravel path that will connect with the 3rd Street bridge.
- The design of the playhouses is to be commended. It is a spectacular idea. Are there any architectural elements of the wartime houses that will be mimicked on the play houses?
 - We definitely looked at that and it is challenging. We want to be sure the houses are very open. We will look at it again in the shop drawings.
- Are there going to be any restrictions on the times of use for the park?
 - All other CNV parks are dawn to dusk; this park will have lights on the multi-use path as we see that being used as a commuter connection. There will be lights around the washrooms and playground for safety reasons. We will be using the principles of CPTED. As well there will be a lot of eyes on the park from the new building.
- You mentioned the First Nations people and your work with a consultant to bring some of this history in; have you consulted with the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in terms of their perspectives?
 - No we have not as yet but that's a great idea.

- The Museum & Archives recently tweeted a photo of Moodyville sawmill workers and it was quite a diverse group in terms of ethnicity. The inclusiveness of the employer would be a great story to tell as part of the City's history.
- I seem to recall that part of the Spirit Trail was originally a path from where First Nations people lived to the sawmill; it would be great to draw this connection.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT, the Heritage Advisory Commission, having received the Moodyville Park Redevelopment Master Plan Update, commends the City, particularly Jessica Oakes, for the quality of the plan and presentation.

FURTHER, the Commission endorses the Moodyville Park Redevelopment Master Plan with recommendations as noted in the minutes.

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3. UPDATES

a) **COUNCILLOR**

- Nothing further to add to staff update

b) **STAFF**

- 910 Grand Boulevard – The rezoning is finished; the preliminary layout approval for the subdivision has expired and they have applied for an extension, which is being processed now.
- 242 West 6th Street - Waiting for legal agreements; has received third reading. Have had a pre-application meeting for a building permit.
- 736 East 3rd Street – Have applied for 2 different permits, they are moving the existing coach house to a different lot down the lane and demolishing the foundation and will be building a 2 unit duplex in the rear.
- Shipyards Lot 5 – The water feature is open; on target for November completion.
- No HRA's currently.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

C. Wilkinson asked if it would be possible for HAC to tour 214 West 6th Street at some point.

K. Healy mentioned that West Vancouver is forming a Heritage Committee again and wondered if there would be value in a joint meeting with them.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Chair

July 10, 2018

Date