

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, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Christopher Wilkinson, Chair
Lori Boyd
Kevin Harvey, Architect
Kevin Healy, Vice Chair
Allan Molyneaux
Marian Wilkins

GUESTS:

STAFF:

Sean Galloway, Manager, Planning
Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure
Edytha Barker, Committee Clerk

ABSENT:

Quorum = 4

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by the Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of August 14, 2018 were as circulated.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Grand Boulevard Lighting
J. Hall gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Key points included:

- During construction of the Green Necklace, the City heard that lighting was needed. The use of the central pedestrian pathway has gone up considerably since the Green Necklace was finished but drops significantly after dusk, particularly after 8 pm, due to a sense of safety.
- The decision was made to install pedestrian scale lighting on the central pathway to create a sense of safety and comfort and to limit light pollution.
- A series of pop-up sessions were held in Boulevard Park in June 2019; 42 completed surveys were received, with overwhelming support given for pathway lighting.
- Staff were originally proposing standard Cobra light fixtures but, based on feedback received, committed to finding appropriate historically referenced lighting fixtures.
- After looking at other historical light fixtures in the City, such as those used in Victoria Park, it was decided to go with a Philips Lumec Metroscape fixture,

which is the best on the market. This fixture contains a smart lens that softens light.

Questions/Comments from HAC:

- Is there an option for the light to be directional?
 - The light looks round but the actual lens is a series of LED lights that form a rectangular pattern.
- What is the planned spacing of the lights?
 - Every 33 feet to keep a uniformity of light.
- What is the proposed colour and finishing? Is this consistent with fixtures in Victoria Park?
 - Black with a matte finish. Yes, reflective finishes cause light to bounce.
- Has there been any consideration given to a consistent colour of fixtures for each heritage area? Perhaps something unique to Grand Boulevard?
 - We have not considered alternative colours; black is used consistently throughout the City for light fixtures.
- When the pathway was built, lighting wasn't being considered; will putting in wiring now cause a disruption?
 - Lighting was considered but due to budget constraints, was slated to come later. We will not be staggering lights on either side, so as not to disrupt; there is no conduit in the ground now but will it be easy to construct, which will keep costs down.
- Will there be opportunities for any kind of banners or festive kind of items to be hung from the fixtures?
 - We have not considered banners in the park but we can ask the designers if it is an option. We will be working on having wayfinding.
- Regarding the colour of the fixtures, was bronze considered? It is more historical, softer and blends with nature better.
 - We can look into that; traditionally we have gone with black as it is muted but well stated.
- In terms of spacing and uniformity of light, is that a CNV standard?
 - It is a national Engineering standard and the spacing is recommended by the design consultant. We have more flexibility with pathway lighting
- This is very thoughtful, well considered and the level of engagement was great. The only thing I would add, Grand Boulevard is such a jewel of the City; I would support the idea of a unique colour for the Grand Boulevard area.
- I support the chosen fixture and applaud staff for considering historically referenced fixtures. I would also support using a unique colour if possible. Looking at lighting to balance public safety with heritage is great. Moving forward it's a great considering to do up lighting with the trees. Up lighting landscape features is a way to continue telling the story including those in Grand Boulevard park.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission, having reviewed the presentation from Justin Hall, Manager of Public Realm and Infrastructure, on Grand Boulevard Lighting, supports the project. The Commission commends the presenter for a thorough presentation.

In recognition of Grand Boulevard's importance as a key heritage character area, the Commission thanks the City for its selection of a historically referenced fixture and, moving forward, requests that the City consider the following:

- a) Implement local heritage colour or design features for this area;
- b) The potential for banners or hangers at specific locations (but not to compete with the park setting).

Further, the Commission supports the need for electrical outlets for future festive use or up lighting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Heritage Awards – Change of Nomination Deadline

S. Galloway introduced himself to the Commission. He has taken over the heritage portfolio.

He advised we have changed the deadline for nominations for heritage awards to give us more time. It is now November 29, 2019. The call out for nominations will go out very soon.

c) Heritage Plaque Update

E. Barker advised that there have been several requests for heritage plaques that need to be redone as well as a few new ones. We currently have nine plaques being produced and will advise the Commission when they will be given out to the homeowners.

S. Galloway informed the Commission that the City may look at changing the type of heritage plaque in the near future. We will bring this back to HAC to discuss at a future date.

3. UPDATES

a) **STAFF**

- 242 West 6th Street – This project has been completed. The two houses in the back are on the market, as well as the heritage house in the front.
- 736 East 3rd Street – The rear element is completed and is sitting in building permit process. There is a little more work to do on the upgrading of the heritage house to building code.
- Shipyards Lot 5 – Has been renamed the Shipyard Commons. They had a successful launch and are now in the finals stage of getting the restaurants ready to open. The skating rink will be up and running soon for winter.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Chair



Date

