

The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
Regular Meeting of the Heritage Advisory Commission
Via WebEx
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chris Wilkinson, Chair
Michaela Balkova, Architect
Chris Carnovale
Ali Nayeri
Kate O'Donnell
Christine Wilson

STAFF:

Emma Chow, Planner 2
Tanis Huckell, Committee Clerk

REGRETS:

Councillor Tony Valente

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. The Commission proceeded with a round of introductions.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) The minutes of January 11, 2022 were adopted as circulated.
- b) The minutes of February 15, 2022 were adopted as circulated.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a) HAC Presentation: Heritage Awards Nominations

E. Chow presented on four nominations received to date:

Residential Conservation:

- i) Witton Residence (240 West 6th Street)
- ii) 1147 Ridgeway Residence

Heritage Awareness:

- iii) Mr. Robert (Bob) Scott – Cold War Air Raid Siren
- iv) Andrea Newsom and Bob McMillin – Grand Boulevard Lights

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of each nomination.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission, having reviewed the submissions for Residential Conservation and Heritage Awareness, recommends that the following nominations be awarded for the following applications:

- Residential Conservation: Witton Residence (240 West 6th Street)
- Residential Conservation: 1147 Ridgeway Avenue
- Heritage Awareness: Mr. Robert Sutton, Cold War Air Raid Siren in Victoria Park East (posthumous award)
- Heritage Awareness: Andrea Newsom and Bob McMillin, Grand Boulevard Lights.

Carried Unanimously

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Proposed Sign for 93 Lonsdale (“Keith Block”, Heritage A)

E. Chow, Planner 2, presented on the proposed signage at 93 Lonsdale Avenue.

Staff/Applicant Presentation

A new business is moving into that corner retail space and are proposing a wraparound sign. A sign permit is no longer required, but as this is a Heritage A Building, staff are looking for feedback.

Questions/Comments from the Commission:

- Would ultimately like to thank the applicant for giving us the opportunity to see their proposal.
- Do we know the colours being proposed? If very bright, might detract from the surrounding area. **A:** No, but we could recommend a palette.
- Residential suites are above the property in question, so a neon sign could be intrusive. Also concerned if this is the first neon light in Lower Lonsdale, we are setting a precedent.
- Have they submitted anything on how the design will reflect the age of the building? **A:** Despite being a Heritage A Building, there is no legal protection on this property. No restoration plans nor conservation plans have been submitted.
- See this as a window of opportunity for improvement, particularly if neighbourly lighting is used.
- Concern regarding the attachment of the sign to the building. It will need a substantial attachment which may affect the historical structure.
- Question whether a coffee shop at this location really requires this type of signage; my suggestion would be understated colours to bring focus back to the heritage structure.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission, having reviewed the submission from 49th Parallel Coffee Roasters, appreciates the voluntary referral of the application and the opportunity to provide input;

THAT the Commission supports a muted colour palette in keeping with the fabrication sample image provided;

THAT the Commission suggests that the applicant consider the benefits of a smaller, understated scale that would be more complementary and subordinate to the existing historic structure;

AND THAT the Commission recommends lighting levels and design that are neighbourly both to the residents of the building and to the community at large.

Carried Unanimously

b) 2022 Heritage Plaque Consideration

One new heritage plaque is proposed for the Cold War Air Raid Siren to replace and standardize an aging plaque that was installed over 10 years ago.

Questions/Comments from the Commission:

- Suggest that the plaque is raised off the ground to facilitate reading.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT the Heritage Advisory Commission appreciates referral of the proposed plaque update of the Cold War Air Raid Siren in Victoria Park East, and recommends its replacement with the text as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. ELECTION

Ali Nayeri was nominated for the position of Vice Chair and accepted the nomination.

It was regularly moved and seconded

THAT Ali Nayeri be elected as Vice Chair of the Heritage Advisory Commission.

Carried Unanimously

5. **UPDATES**

None.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – April 12, 2022

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

“Chris Wilkinson”

Chair

“April 12, 2022”

Date