

City of Port Moody Minutes

Heritage Commission

Minutes of the meeting of the Heritage Commission held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 via Zoom.

Present Councillor Diana Dilworth – Vice-Chair

Laurie Beckwith Dianna Brown Rebeca Salas Joan Stuart

Absent Councillor Meghan Lahti – Chair

In Attendance Jess Daniels – Policy Planner

Esin Gozukara - Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 HC22/004

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Heritage Commission meeting held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Subcommittee and Working Group Formation

4.1 HC22/005

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

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THAT the Storyboard Working Group be formed with Joan Stuart and Dianna Brown as members;

AND THAT the Cultural Inclusion Working Group be formed with Laurie Beckwith and Rebeca Salas as members.

Mills Storyboard Update

4.2 The Policy Planner advised that Parks staff has confirmed that the Komagata Maru Storyboard will be located at a garden bed at Rocky Point Park, and that the Mills Storyboard will be located on a railing at Shoreline Park.

The Vice-Chair noted that it would be ideal to place the Mills Storyboard closer to where the mills were located.

The Commission noted the following in discussion:

- during a site visit with the Commission and the Manager of Policy Planning in December 2021, staff identified two possible locations at Rocky Point Park and one by the old mills site for the storyboards;
- one of the locations identified during this visit, by the west side of the boat launch at the Rocky Point Park, was not considered by the staff; and
- it could be challenging to place a storyboard onto a railing.

<u>Action:</u> The Policy Planner to confirm the locations identified with the Manager of Policy Planning and the Superintendent of Parks, noting that problems may arise from attaching a storyboard to a railing.

Laurie Beckwith left the meeting at this point.

Heritage App Options

4.3 Presentation: Jess Daniels, Policy Planner

The Policy Planner gave a presentation on Heritage App Options, and noted the following:

- the Commission reviewed the On This Spot app at the January 2020 meeting, endorsed the premium pricing proposal, and agreed to support the Tourism Committee and review content development;
- no progress was made with the app since the January 2020 meeting and the Commission can take the lead if there is interest;
- the app pairs historical photos with descriptions, produces then and now photos of certain landmarks, and it is used by cities in British Columbia, Canada, and Europe;
- the app is in alignment with the Heritage Strategic Plan;
- pricing has increased, but the app now offers more capabilities and technology, and the Commission can seek direction from Council for funding in addition to grant opportunities; and

March 10, 2022 File: 01-0360-20-09-01/2022 one alternative to the app is ESRI, a GIS mapping software, that is free.

The Vice-Chair noted that since the app creates walking tours on maps for the users, advertising spaces can be offered to local businesses through these maps. The Vice-Chair also noted that the City was recently awarded a grant which could potentially cover some of the costs of the app.

The Commission noted that inquiring about the experiences of the municipalities in BC that are already using the app could be beneficial. The Commission also noted that it is not possible to create user data and stats of self-guided tours if they are created with GIS maps, and it is helpful that this app has the capacity to do so.

<u>Action:</u> The Policy Planner to invite On This Spot to do a presentation to the Commission about the app, and report back with the experiences of the BC municipalities that are using the app and funding options that are available.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 Laurie Beckwith returned to the meeting at this point.

The Policy Planner advised that Communications has indicated that the photos provided by the Commission for the utility boxes wraps do not meet the resolution and quality standards required for use as large format utility wrap images, and requested the Commission's feedback about using other photos.

The Commission noted that considering the photos provided are telling a local story around a theme, it would be ideal to revisit all the images collected, and more photos could be selected by the Commission if necessary.

The Commission expressed concerns about a pre-application of a development on Clarke Street, noting that there is a heritage building at that location and requested that the Commission receive an opportunity to review the application.

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6. Adjournment

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair Esin Gozukara, Committee Coordinator

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