

MINUTES

Board Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: September 27, 2023; 5:00PM - 7:00PM Meeting Location: Virtually via Google Meet

Members Present:

| Stephen Rees, Chair | Shalene Williams, Vice Chair | Elyse Abma-Bouma |
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| John Beamish | Joshua Budinski | Elizabeth Cytko |
| Harrison Sheremeta | Darren N. Wagner | |
| Regrets: James McTagu | Je, Cindy Yan | |

Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner

Sydney Gross, Graduate Heritage Planner

Support Staff: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

| Agenda Item | Description | /Actions; Date Due |
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| 1. Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement | Stephen started the meeting at 5:02 PM with a welcome and a land acknowledgement. The Edmonton Historical Board acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as Nêhiyawak (Cree), Dené, Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), Isga Nakota (Nakota Sioux), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), and Métis– Region 4 peoples. We acknowledge this as the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place and a gathering place | |

| | for all peoples who come from around the world to share | |
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| | Edmonton as a home. | |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | Motion to approve the agenda Carried | Elyse |
| 3. Consent Agenda | Motion to approve the Minutes of June 2023 in the consent agenda Carried | John |
| 4. Reports & External Upc | lates | |
| a. Chair report & update | Stephen announced the resignation of Rose Herman from the Board. He will send a letter of thanks and acceptance of the resignation. | Stephen to write to Rose with thanks. |
| | The Administration at the request of Council has been carrying out a review of the Governance of public committees. They are looking at justifying all the Council committees and ensuring that there is no duplication of duties between Administration and other agencies, streamlining processes, and providing efficacy in the work. Largest concern is the removal of sub-committees and ensure they are advisory not advocacy committees. Questions included what is actually being suggested for the EHC and EHB. Members are wondering if it is a done deal and if the Council wants to tell the board how to divide up the work (no sub-committees) - and does that mean we can't have community members - especially on the Historical Resources Review Panel where experts are heavily relied upon. Some members felt that there is a general misunderstanding of how different the work of the EHC and the EHB is. | Stephen will continue to interact with Civic Agencies as to what is intended with this change. He will also try to meet with Councilor Stevenson. |
| b. Heritage Unit Report | David reviewed the highlights of the <u>Heritage Conservation Unit</u> <u>Report</u> including a disturbing number of demolitions. Welcome back to Sydney as a heritage planner backfilling for Scott Ashe. She is assisting with the visits (ten/year) to long designated buildings to ensure the City is aware of the current situation for | |

| c. Naming Committee | those buildings. Modern Inventory update - drafting project charter - will keep the Board updated on this as it goes forward. Property tax exemption bylaw - having an impact on some of the larger projects downtown now. Two committee meetings - Aug 29 - Oliver renaming suggested Wihkwêntôwin Δ΄·"٩-ɔ̈́Δ·ɔ or circle of friends - still needs to go to Council. and Sept 26 - dealing with Michener Park redevelopment and some Blatchford renamings. Sea Plane Iane. Michael Roston Park | Harrison |
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| | Natural Area - natural waste water area (Epcor). Report going to Council on their processes. Councilor Rice wants to have an education session on her ward name which is the longest and some find it difficult to pronounce. Might also include information about the renaming process. | |
| d. City Archivist | Kathryn reviewed the <u>City Archivist Report</u> | Kathryn |
| 5. Committee Reports & I | | |
| a. Historic Resources Review Panel | no meeting | James |
| b. Policy & Planning Committee | Elyse raised some issues around committee membership recruitment and the nomination procedures for the Board. The earlier discussion will have an effect on this conversation. Board members were encouraged to review the <u>strategic plan</u> / work plan for 2024 | Elyse |
| c. Historic Plaques Committee | Met and split up the work for 2023 plaque writing - deadline Nov 1. Had a discussion about land acknowledgements on plaques (issue arising from the Mill Creek House). Will be asking Historian Laureates for their take on this. Also working with Omar (HL) about the Al Rachid public engagement project to create their plaque. Updates on the website to diversity the descriptions of buildings to include cultural community landmarks and hubs. | Elizabeth |

| d. Engagement Committee | Meeting scheduled for tomorrow - consultation with influencers | Shalene & Elyse |
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| 6. Other Business | | |
| a. Administrative Support | Internal posting on the position of coordinator - going ahead - possibly 4-6 weeks before replacement is hired | Kathryn |
| 7. Roundtable and Con | clusion | |
| a. Roundtable | Open house this weekend for the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium - and the Dyde House documentary is going to the Edm International Film Festival and the Design Festival. Ironworks building update requested - David will be planning a site visit which would be during the day (and maybe the Ortona Armoury) David will send out a note for availability. | Stephen/All |
| b. Action Items | | Stephen/All |
| c. Feedback & Next Meeting | | Stephen/All |
| 8. Adjournment | Motion to adjourn at 6:06 PM | Harrison |

Next Meeting: October 25, 2023 at 5:00PM, location VIrtual or TBD