



MINUTES

Board Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: March 27, 2024; 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Meeting Location: Virtually via Google Meet

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

Guests:

Sydney Gross, Heritage Planner Erik Backstrom, Senior Planner, Nodes + Corridors Unit
 Lailai Zhang, Heritage Intern

Support Staff: Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist Mitchell Norenberg, EHB Coordinator

Agenda Item	Description/Actions; Date Due	
1. Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement	- Steve opened the meeting at 5:06 PM when quorum was attained with the land acknowledgement.	Steve
2. Approval of Agenda	- Steve added Harrison reporting on the two Council meetings he attended as a last minute addition In the Chair report & update section. - Once amended, agenda approved by consensus.	
3. Consent Agenda	- EHB Board meeting minutes : February 28, 2024. - Approved by consensus.	
4. Reports & External Updates		

a. Chair report & update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harrison reported on the two Council meetings he attended on March 5th and 6th. - During the March 5 Annual Report Presentation, Council inquired about the Board's thoughts on the potential EHB/EHC merger - Harrison answered that it was nothing the Board fully supported right now as more investigation is required. 	Steve/Harrison
b. Heritage Unit Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sydney presented the Heritage Conservation Unit Report on behalf of David who is away. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demolitions on the rise in 2024. - Sydney accepted a permanent position with the heritage team. - A letter was sent to Council advising the preservation of the Strathcona Public Market building (10325 - 83 Ave) but no response has been received yet. 	Sydney/Erik
c. Historian Laureates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historian Laureate interviews scheduled for April 2 and being conducted by Councillor Stevenson and Elizabeth. 	Kathryn
d. Naming Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A neighbourhood in the Horsehill area proposed to be named Quarry - rejected because there are other existing names in the area with Quarry so feared confusion - Quarry Ridge proposed and accepted. - Constable Ezio Faraone Park requested by Edmonton Police Association to be renamed Ezio Faraone Edmonton Police Memorial Park. There's already an existing Police park on the Legislature grounds and believes the name should focus on/reflect fallen EPS members and not just the police service in general. Considering alternative names to recommend and discuss at the next meeting. - Alces neighbourhood in SE Edmonton being subdivided for development. Alces Link road name requested and accepted since it's in line with the naming policy. - Community led renaming request to rename a park in Alces neighbourhood after Bhai Jagir Singh Ji, a significant Sikh community member which was approved. 	Harrison

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boyle Street Community led a request to rename one block stretch of road on 101A Avenue between 96 and 97 Street to Okîsikow (Angel) Way. Since it was in line with naming policies and lots of community support this was also approved. 	
e. City Archivist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kathryn gave a verbal report on the Heritage Facilities Unit Report. - Archivists working hard on the community collections with a lot more diversity material being added to the catalog. New material coming in because we have a dedicated archivist working on cultural communities and communities of interest. - Huge HIV collection is about to go live on the catalogue. Forms the last major collection in the Gay and Lesbian archives and other adjacent archives here at the City. Until new collections come in, that work is essentially done for that community right now. - Because some of the cultural communities don't have a sense of the archives or have their own specific archives, they're not providing a lot of material so we have a number of small bits and pieces now that we are hoping to grow into particular fonds. In the meantime we have collected them into the Community Archives Collection. - The City of Edmonton's Law Department is the other big collection that has been processed. It represents the City's side of court cases that dealt specifically with mayors and councillors who got in trouble with the law. - the Archives Instagram account has been very active - fun things coming up. - Pop up Edmonton! exhibits are ongoing and we are in touch with several communities. A couple of our exhibits will be Launched at Klondike Days - mostly around sports - before circulating them as new pop ups. 	Kathryn

	- Recruitment for Historian Laureate going ahead on April 2 with Councillor Stevenson, Elizabeth, and possibly a member of the EHC. Three very good candidates.	
5. Committee Reports & Requests for Decision		
a. Historic Resources Review Panel	- No meeting this month.	James
b. Policy & Planning Committee	- Discussed Council decision not to defund the EHC due to community support. Writing a thank you letter to them for listening to the community - will soon be drafted and circulated around the Committee and Board.	Elyse
c. Historic Plaques Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently held a working meeting. - Discussed incoming owner responses to the plaque texts. Mitchell created a document to organize and keep track of everything. - Mitchell presented a 2024-2025 Plaque Process Timeline that was approved. - Discussed the upcoming Historic Plaques Presentation Ceremony event on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 and St. Luke's Anglican Church has been confirmed as host space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing to coordinate everything for the Open Doors Event. - Mitchell will work on getting the event posted on different City websites and on the City's X feed, formally known as Twitter, in mid June. - Discussed the website with some of the ideas/feedback on how to improve it. Mitchell has created a document to merge comments for David of the Devenio company to incorporate into the new design. Comments are still being accepted. 	Elizabeth

d. Engagement Committee	- No meeting this month.	Kathryn
6. Other Business		
a. Administrative Support	- Recruitment for Historian Laureate going ahead on April 2 with Councillor Stevenson, Elizabeth, and possibly a member of the EHC. Three very good candidates.	Mitchell
7. Roundtable and Conclusion		
a. Roundtable		
b. Action Items		
c. Feedback & Next Meeting	April 24, 2024 at 5:00PM, location virtual or TBD.	
9. Adjournment	6:00PM adjournment seconded by Harrison.	Steve