

Historic Neighbourhood Strategy Meeting- Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Chair: Lynn Strachan

@ 6:00 -7:35p.m.

- Chair Lynn Strachan left at 7:05 p.m. for Development Services Meeting
- Chris Manewell Vice-chair resumed the role of Chair.

Attendance: Jim Perrin, Chris Manewell, Jan Harris, Bill Scott, Paul Ecker, Clare Mitchell, Geoff Mitchinson-City of Barrie- Operations, Stephan Naylor-Director Planning Services, Cathy Borchuk- Planning Services -Staff Representative.

Notes Provided by Cathy Borchuk

Signs:

- Geoff Mitchinson addressed the HNS committee with regards to sign development and explained how the City of Barrie follows the "Ontario Traffic Manual".
- Geoff Mitchinson explained that there is a possibility that both signs (the City's and the HNS) would be present at intersections depending on the design of the HNS sign.
- The chair (Lynn Strachan) and the committee decided that one sign design should be for all the neighbourhoods. The design that was settled on was the "Top Tab" with no design on the bottom tab. Similar to the "Duke of York" sign in the Toronto example reviewed. On the top tab the neighbourhood would be included (ie. Allandale or Queen's Park) with the street name being in the middle. One colour was also decided, the Committee chair wants the branding to be consistent throughout the neighbourhoods.
- Geoff Mitchinson from Operations will create a blank and recommended a rounded blank "Duke of York" sign design as an example.
- Geoff Mitchinson from Operations will prepare a "mock-up" sign and source out some blanks to get pricing.
- This information will be available for the next meeting
- Possibility of "Entrance Signs" instead of a separate logo for the Allandale area.
- There might a possibility of funding through the Heritage Committee for the other neighbourhoods.

Action Matrix

- That the Action Matrix be received and to revisit it at the next meeting, the chair felt some of the remaining items have been addressed such as 6.1 there are two strong associations the Allandale Neighbourhood Association (ANA) and Barrie Downtown Neighbourhood Association (BDNA).

Membership

- On- going recruiting of new members by the HNS members
- The Downtown HNS needs some members Lynn Strachan offered to approach the Barrie Downtown Neighbourhood Association (BDNA) to see if any members are interested in being a member of the HNS Downtown.
- There is a limit of three (3) members for each neighbourhood.
- Members asked that all email and phone numbers for all the members be circulated in the HNS committee.
- Permission has to be given as this is personal information. **Staff will draft an email to be sent to all the members asking for permission.**

Website

- The Web-site will be updated by staff to follow-up with updating and finding out where the main information resides.

Meeting Place for Associations

- The associations are looking for a gathering place, somewhere in the various neighbourhoods.

Laneways

- Jim Perrin inquired about naming all laneways in the City of Barrie, Lynn Strachan and Jim Perrin to discuss this with the Communications department.
- Contest to get people involved
- Get schools involved / Heritage Barrie.

Next Meeting

Items for discussion for the June 13, 2012 7:00 p.m. HNS meeting:

- Roles and responsibilities of members and staff contacts
- Review of information from Geoff Mitchinson on neighbourhood signs
- Web Site Information, update, find out where the site resides, who manages it.
- Christina Mancuso –great graffiti paint out, invite Christina Mancuso from Maclaren Art Centre to speak about their programs with the youth.
- Choose a location for a Mural (possibility of Wellington Plaza laneway), and ask.
- Engineering-Wendell McArthur has a report going to Council on the Ash Beetle projections are that the Ash Beetle will be in the City of Barrie in 4 to 5 years.
- Next meeting number of development applications in the HNS area
- Donald Street / Wellington Street : Staff will contact the Fire Department and find out if there has been any issues concerning the signage, and should Donald Street portion be

changed to Wellington Street. This area is in front of the White Towers Motel. Staff will report back next HNS meeting.

- Crosswalk at Toronto/Ross Street: Stephen Naylor will contact Engineering and organize a site walk and (will advise members of date and time) to see what can be done about this intersection
- Queen's Park washroom: Stephen Naylor recommended that the HNS Committee do a presentation to Council to get the washroom moved up the priority list in the budget process.
- **Why are the washrooms at Queen's Park currently closed/ locked?** Staff contacted Steve Deschamps from Operations and he informed staff that the washrooms don't normally open until the May 24 weekend because if the weather changed the pipes would freeze. Steve Deschamps also informed staff that new stalls have been installed in the washroom and this stronger version will hopefully stand up to vandalism. Once the warm weather is here the washroom floors are to be painted. This information was emailed to the members May 2012.
- Bill Scott- Power Point half hour presentation-Ottawa , Control of Building Modifications, Presentation of Heritage Buildings
- Next Meeting date and times were discussed the committee would like a Tuesday meeting if possible. The suggested date and times were as follows:
 - Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- **The Chair has picked Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**