

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Chair: Lynn Strachan

Start time: 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Christine Manewell, Jim Perrin, Jan Harris, Laurie Watt, Paul Ecker

Staff Members: Stephen Naylor, Geoff Mitchinson, Cathy Borchuk

- Geoff Mitchinson from Operations Sign Department presented two “mock-ups” of the proposed street for the Historic Neighbourhoods. The “mock-up” was presented in two versions : black with white lettering; and white background with black lettering. Paul Ecker wondered if the lettering would be all in capitals. Geoff Mitchinson explained that all lettering on the signs would be capitalized.
- The recommended colour scheme for the signs is “Black background with White Lettering”
- The committee wanted “Historic” not Historical on the bottom of the signs.
- Paul Ecker spoke on behalf of the Allandale Neighbourhood Association and he stated that the ANA would like a train graphic on the bottom of their neighbourhood signs.
- Discussion took place on using graphics on the bottom of the signage instead of wording.
- Chair Lynn Strachan suggested putting up a “gateway” sign on the entrance of the Allandale neighbourhood with the train logo.
- Chair Lynn Strachan stated that graphics are off the table for street signage.
- Jim Perrin recommended that a white line be added to border the street sign.
- Jim Perrin mentioned that the other neighbourhoods might also be interested in “gateway” signage.
- Allandale neighbourhoods are still going to be the first neighbourhood to get the new signage.
- Proposed Legacy Project- War of 1812/1814 street signage in the Kempenfelt Area.
- Staff are to check the spelling of “Steel Street” (*Staff subsequently has researched this and found the third “e” was dropped on an 1854 plan of Barrie*)
- Laurie Watt asked if a sign could be put at the Allandale Train Station directing to the Historic Neighbourhood, to help market the neighbourhood.
- Discussion took place in with regards to costing of signs; blanks for signs cost between \$25 to \$30 , to install the sign two staff members and a bucket truck would be required; estimated cost \$100.00 per sign and two signs at each intersection.
- Chair Lynn Strachan reminded the committee that they just need to pick the design, budget considerations were her responsibilities.

Presentation by Paul Ecker on Heritage Neighbourhoods in the City of Ottawa

- Paul explained that the City of Ottawa has developed an Urban Design for Infilling properties
- This guideline created regulations governing infilling construction in Historic neighbourhoods

- Markham also has such regulations
- The presentation looked at some of the neighbourhood features unique to the Allandale neighbourhood such as wide sidewalks, mature trees; comfortable size houses the focus of these neighbourhoods being people not cars.
- Ottawa picked a Downtown neighbourhood as a pilot project for an Urban Design Neighbourhood.
- Paul's presentation is posted on the HNS web site at <http://www.hns.barrie.ca/ReportNewsletter.aspx>
- Paul Ecker wondered if a meeting would be required for changes to the zoning bylaw and if the committee could approve changes without public consolidation?
- Stephen Naylor Director explained that any changes or additions to the zoning bylaw would require public consultation.
- Some of the changes the Allandale Neighbourhood Association is recommending to the bylaw are:
 - Front yard set-back based on a local average
 - Permission to build without parking spaces
 - Limit on height and area of rooftop projections to access roof-top patios
 - % of frontage needs to be glass
 - Limit to hard-surface area in front yard
 - Restrictions on provision of front garages
 - Heritage Districts
- The Town of Markham also has Heritage Conservation Districts as well as individual properties
- Thornhill has Heritage neighbourhoods and Heritage Districts.
- The committee wondered if the Community Improvement areas (CIP) could be revisited.
- The key objectives of Heritage Conservation Districts are to
 - Repair rather than Restore
 - Restore rather than Replace

NEXT STEPS

- The ANA is going to make a presentation in the fall and will recommend changes to the zoning bylaw with Heritage requirements such as:
 - Limit floor area 30%
 - Limit footprint of an addition to a fixed percentage of lot area
 - Limit height of addition
 - Enforce setback limits on additions
 - Set limits on "hard landscaping" parking in side and back yards
 - Require addition and original building to share one common wall.
- Review modify and urge adoption of some form of Ottawa and Markham infill guidelines
- Press for designation of Heritage Districts
- Stephen Naylor mentioned that the Draft Urban Design Guidelines for the City of Barrie will be presented in the fall which this will likely result in changes to the current Zoning Bylaw.

- Chair Lynn Strachan suggested doing a presentation to the Community Services Committee on the “Graffiti Out” program the Town of Collingwood has in place. (*The Town of Collingwood will be doing a presentation on the “Graffiti Out” program to Community Services on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Barrie Council Chambers*).
- Chair Lynn Strachan asked that the information on the project be sent to her and also to invite Christine Mancuso from McLaren Art Centre be invited to attend the meeting
- A suggestion was made that the Action Matrix be updated on a quarterly basis.
- The notes from each meeting will be posted on the HNS web site to keep the members informed.
- Stephen Naylor Director of Planning informed the Committee that a traffic count and pedestrian survey is being done at Toronto/Ross Street intersection.
- The committee would like to be included in the circulation of development applications by email it was suggested that the circulation memo be sent to the HNS Committee and if the members want to see the plans they can view them in the Planning Services Department.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Outline of Roles and Responsibilities of HNS Committee Members and City Staff.
- Update from the Allandale Neighbourhood Association (ANA) the ANA has put together a petition to get bike lanes going under the bridge at Essa Road.

OTHER ITEMS

- Paul Ecker extended an invitation to the HNS Committee to attend the Allandale Neighbourhood Association (ANA) picnic on June 23, 2012.
- The next meeting will be held at the end of August a few dates will be sent out for the Committee members to choose.
- The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.