

Calgary Heritage Initiative Society AGM Meeting Minutes

2014 Annual General Meeting

April 23, 2014 at Lougheed House, 707 13th Avenue SW, Calgary

Board members present: Chris Edwards, Laura Golebiowski, Cynthia Klaassen, Amanda Kriaski, Laura Pasacreta, Bob van Wegen and Rick Williams.

Welcome, Introductions and Approvals

- President Cynthia Klaassen called the meeting to order.
- Sam Boisvert verified a quorum of members was present. A total of 44 attendees.
- Cynthia Klaassen welcomed CHI members and guests and reviewed the agenda
- The board members present introduced themselves.
- Cynthia Klaassen moved to appoint Secretary Lindae Stokes as meeting secretary, seconded by David Stauff. Approved
- Jeremy Hexham moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Rick Williams. Approved.
- Rick Williams moved to approve the minutes of the previous AGM (April 2013), seconded by Jeremy Hexham. Approved.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Amanda Kriaski delivered the Treasurer's Report and the Auditors' Letter. A few highlights:
- Money left over in Century Homes Calgary Account funded yard flags for 2013.
- Revenue raised through the Sandstone Bus Tour helped to purchase a speaker for walking tours as well as the projector being used tonight.
- Question about who funded Century Homes Calgary. Funding came from: Alberta Real Estate Foundation, Calgary Heritage Authority, Calgary Heritage Initiative, Calgary 2012 and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.
- At the end of the year, there was \$4003.77 in the CHI general account, \$273.50 in an account set aside for Project Brewery and \$10,604.28 in the Century Homes account. There was also \$5147.25 in accounts payable related to Century Homes Calgary. Net Assets and Equity was \$9691.17.
- Amanda Kriaski moved acceptance of the financial report, seconded by Terry MacKenzie. Approved.

President's Report – Cynthia Klaassen

- The timing of the 2013 flood heavily impacted participation in the Century Homes Calgary project. There were close to 500 participants. However, less participation in those communities trying to recover. Cynthia recalled walking through Elbow Park and seeing at one home, a silt-soaked banner on display. Despite the flood, this heritage house was still standing.
- A post-flood Heritage Roundtable at Fort Calgary was organized by Kerri Rubman to deliver information about flood recovery for heritage buildings.
- The Blueprint for running a Century Homes project is to be funded by Alberta Real Estate Foundation. Heritage Canada, National Trust will help with the communication of this document across Canada.
- Regular meetings of the Heritage Watch (previously called Development Watch) committee continue, reviewing threats and opportunities related to heritage buildings.
- Cynthia listed many events CHI has participated in over the year including Jane's Walks, Historic Calgary Week, the Calgary Public Library's heritage weekend, Inglewood Sunfest and many more. She thanked CHI's many friends and partners including Lougheed House, the Calgary Public Library, Calgary Heritage Authority, Chinook Country Historical Society, the City of Calgary, Fort Calgary, the Federation of Calgary Communities, the Heritage Roundtable, etc.

Development Watch – VP and Development Watch Director Chris Edwards

- Changed name from Development Watch to Heritage Watch.
- Monitoring sites at risk, including McHugh House, Barron Building, 100 Block of 7th Ave SW, Canmore Hotel, Elbow Park School, 13 houses on Memorial Drive, to name few listed on the CHI website.
- Highlighted in the case of flood-damaged Elbow Park School, where the school board is likely to demolish the old school to build a new one. CBE does consider the building's heritage and how this belongs to all Calgarians, and seems to only be considering the immediately affected parents as stakeholders. A grassroots push is needed as the CBE does not have the authority to remove an important piece of Calgary's heritage.
- Also discussed: 13 houses in a row on Memorial Drive were built in 1910 and are typical of a streetscape, which is what makes them unique. We are losing these clusters of vernacular housing quickly. How are we going to deal with it?

Communications

VP and Communications Director Laura Golebiowski reported on communications and related efforts. There have been about 30 campaigns via social media and email. Communications including a regular e-newsletter featuring a summary of what is going on, heritage resources and requests to join in advocacy efforts. Laura reported on our numbers regarding Facebook page "likes" and Twitter followers. Also Laura invited everyone to pass on ideas for the newsletter.

Election of Board Members

- A slate of members who were prepared to stand for nomination was presented: Chris Edwards, Laura Golebiowski, Cynthia Klaassen, Amanda Kriaski, Laura Pasacreta, Lindae Stokes, Bob van Wegen, Rick Williams.
- Cynthia moved that the list of directors be elected, seconded by Jeremy Hexham. Approved.
- Terry MacKenzie thanked the board for their hard work.

Adjournment

- Cynthia Klaassen moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm, seconded by Rick Williams. Approved.

Following adjournment:

- Upcoming heritage events were listed.
- Guest speaker: From Vancouver, Donald Luxton of Luxton & Associates, a heritage resources conservation and management consultancy.
- Socializing.