

Calgary Heritage Initiative Society AGM Meeting Minutes

2015 Annual General Meeting

April 23, 2015 at Lougheed House, 707 13th Avenue SW, Calgary

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

Welcome, Introductions and Approvals

- President Cynthia Klaassen called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- Amanda Kriaski verified a quorum of members was present: 37. (By the end of the meeting there was a total of 43 members; 50 attendees overall).
- 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 Rick Williams. Approved
- Cynthia Klaassen moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Michael Wright. Approved.
- Lindae Stokes moved to approve the minutes of the previous (2014) AGM, seconded by Amanda Kriaski. Approved.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Amanda Kriaski delivered the Treasurer's Report and the auditor's letter.
- Revenue raised through two bus tours and related sponsorship, post card sales, and membership.
- Expenses included events and the AGM, and ACAD logo rebranding.
- To summarize, at the end of 2014, Cash was 3974.98 (including 273.50 for Project Brewery), and 2,635.53 for Century Homes. Net Assets and Liabilities (i.e. including accounts receivable and payable) was 3,031.45 for CHI, and 1005.03 for Century Homes. .
- Amanda Kriaski moved acceptance of the financial report, seconded by Laura Pasacreta. Approved.

President's Report – Cynthia Klaassen

- A Mid-Century Modern presentation was researched and presented by Laura Pasacreta and exhibited at the Kerby Centre Open House in September.
- CHI held a Strategic Planning Session to review if CHI is on track with its goals. Highlighted the need to focus on building capacity and communications.
- Written Blueprint for the Century Homes project being completed; the Century Homes project was presented to the national conference of Heritage Canada, The National Trust, in Prince Edward Island, which many CHI members attended
- CHI members have helped to attract the National Trust Conference to Calgary in 2016 and are helping on program and local organizing committee.
- Regular meetings of the Heritage Watch (previously called Development Watch) committee continue, reviewing threats and opportunities related to heritage buildings.
- Kerri Rubman started drafting CHI 101 – introduction to heritage in Calgary and CHI to be used for new volunteers and board members.
- The Alberta Main Street Program and Municipal Heritage Partnership Program were cancelled by the PC government.
- Cynthia listed many events CHI has participated in over the year including Jane's Walks, Historic Calgary Week, Inglewood Sunfest, the Calgary Public Library's heritage weekend and many more. CHI's recent Demystifying Heritage Designation event (in fiscal 2015) was a great success. 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 heritage planning,

the Community Heritage Roundtable, Esker Foundation, The Kerby Centre, Federation of Calgary Communities, Lougheed House, Inglewood BRZ, etc.

2014 CHA Lions Award

- Rick Williams personally congratulated and thanked the winners for their inspiration.
 - Century Homes Calgary (Community Vitalization) – recognizing homes, human face of heritage.
 - Cynthia Klaassen (Advocacy and Awareness) – her dedication, expertise, and guidance.

Heritage Watch – VP and Heritage Watch & Web Director Chris Edwards

- Monitoring 50 different sites.
- Monitoring sites at risk, including: Calgary Brewery, Eamon's, Barron Building, Lancaster Building, 100 Block of 7th Ave SW, Elbow Park School, 13 houses on Memorial Drive, Enoch Sales house, to name few listed on the CHI website.
- Highlighted: have been plans to get the Enoch Sales House moved to the next-door park since 2007, but no action. The City is trying to find a buyer for Eamon's to replace it on original site. As well, Walsh House (Lt. Gov. of AB, in Mt Royal) was demolished and will be subdivided.

Communications:

- Bob van Wegen reported on communications and noted have not yet recruited a new Director of Communications since Laura Golebiowski left in fall 2014.
- Thanks to Erin Joslin for taking on social media for CHI, resulting in steady growth for both Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Social media stats: Facebook: 569 likes; Twitter: 948 followers
- Website forum: 3165 posts in 1172 topics
- News media presence
- Moved email list to Mailchimp platform; much more robust and efficient.

- In Fall 2014 CHI contracted 4th year ACAD design students to evolve CHI's logo.
- Two goals for redesign:
 - To present CHI as a dynamic and dedicated advocate for heritage in Calgary.
 - To attract untapped demographics and build capacity in the key areas of volunteers and funding.

Membership:

- Bob van Wegen reported CHI currently has 112 members.

Election of Board Members

- A slate of members who were prepared to stand for nomination was presented: Chris Edwards, Cynthia Klaassen, Lindae Stokes, Bob van Wegen and Rick Williams.
- Cynthia moved that the list of directors be elected, seconded by Rick Williams. Approved.

Adjournment

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

Following adjournment:

- Upcoming heritage events were listed.
- Guest speaker: Natalie Bull, Executive Director of the National Trust for Canada
- Socializing.