Toronto/East York Preservation Panel Monday, November 10, 2014 City Hall

Present: Pancheta Barnett (Acting Chair), Anita Millar (Treasurer), Jane Clark, Dean Maher

Regrets: Lanna Crucefix, Benedict Hilliard, John Wilson, Laura Hatcher, Courtney Meagher

Absent: Mark Gilchrist, Clarice Dale

- 1. Call to order: 7:40 pm.
- 2. Approval of minutes from October 20, 2014: M/S/C Anita Millar, Jane Clark
- 3. Chair reported that she attended the Heritage Toronto Awards night. Event was well attended. Lots of engineers and developers present.

She also reported that Barbara Holt had asked her to provide a complete list of our panel members. We discussed members of the panel Mark Gilchrist and Clarice Dale. They will be contacted one final time by the Chair. No reply will constitute a lack of interest and they could then be removed from the roster. Courtney Meagher wishes to continue on the panel. She requested that she be advised of our next meeting date and receive minutes of tonight's meeting.

Dean was welcomed back to the panel after his leave of absence.

Pancheta reminded us that we have been asked to submit names for lanes. She asked us to try to identify lanes in our neighbourhoods that could be considered.

- 4. No Secretary's Report this evening.
- 5. Treasurer reported that she had contacted Barbara Holt to find out what the normal turnaround time is for payment of expenses submitted to the City. Barbara advised that it was normally within two months. Nothing further to report at this time.
- 6. Report on Action Items:
 - a) Letter to new City Council: Laura emailed in her draft letter for the councillors. We reviewed them and some minor changes were suggested. Jane was going to follow up with her so a final draft could be prepared for the panel's review at our next meeting.
 - b) Report on the Spadina Hotel (460 King St. West): Jane reported the results of her research on this property. The site has been purchased by Allied Development. They have acquired the entire block that the hotel sits on. The hotel is a listed property. The developer plans to renovate it for use as retail and office space and they have applied for the necessary permits to do so.
 - c) Report on Stollery's (1 Bloor St. West–Yonge & Bloor): Mizrahi is the developer who has purchased the site. The developer is likely to propose a tower in the 75-storey range. Stollery's is not part of the heritage inventory. The City's <u>Historic Yonge St. HCD Study</u> states that "the Bloor and Yonge intersection has been redeveloped with high-rise office buildings with no remaining historic elements." Jane spoke to Geoff Kettel (North York Panel Chair), who advised her to get a Notice of Intent to Designate form. She has requested a copy of this form. She will continue her research on

this property. Those present at the meeting felt it did have significance and was worthy of further attention by the panel.

- d) Jane is continuing to investigate the most efficient methods for the panel to use in learning the current status of buildings, etc. of interest, in particular the existence of any demolition applications. She is hoping to hear back from a number of contacts on this issue and will report on progress next time.
- 7. New Business:
- a) Jane made a suggestion concerning the lack of value in meeting if we did not have quorum. She offered to contact panel members three days before each meeting as a reminder but also to ascertain if they planned to attend. We agreed that her idea should be tried out for the next meeting.
- b) Anita made a suggestion that we set up a section of the meeting for action items. Members of the panel who take on tasks should be included in the agenda under action items. It was agreed that this idea also had merit and could be instituted.
- c) Pat offered to contact Barbara Holt about setting up a separate city e-mail for the Panel to facilitate internal communications and public access.
- d) Our December meeting: A number of options were discussed concerning our next meeting. No final decisions were made but panel members would be contacted for further discussion.

Next meeting: Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.