

Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel Meeting Minutes

2021 Report No. 1

Date of meeting: Monday, January 25, 2021.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video/Telephone conference

Present: Paul Farrelly, Megan Albinger, Jane Clark, Susana Miranda, Anita Millar, Adam Wynne (guest), Pauline Walters, ACO (guest); Alex Corey, HPS (guest)

Absent: Pancheta Barnett

2021-01-01: Approval of Agenda

- PF moved to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

2021-01-02: Reports

1.2.1 Chair's Report:

- Chair reported on TPB meeting of November 30. 98 Superior Ave. was a loss, but big success with the batch listings (963 properties) passed at TPB and then through City Council.
- PW noted that ACO can contribute, and vice-versa. ACO has grassroots connections in communities, panel has process/policy knowledge.
- JC asked if there will be research documents for properties listed through batch listings. AC clarified that there will be as they move to designation.
- Panel reviewed all upcoming items for January 29 TPB meeting.

2021-01-03: Guest Speaker

- AC went through 2021 heritage work program for 2021
- The work plan was brought to planning, housing, and working towards City Council
- The work plan is available on-line at:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.PH20.2>
- Some highlights include: starting Junction HCD, Cabbagetown South-West HCD, Kensington Market HCD, Baby Point HCD, Gerrard-Carlaw cultural heritage resource assessment, multiple listing initiatives, working on appeals re. St. Lawrence, Historic Yonge, King-Spadina HCDs.
- Re. North Downtown Yonge, AC asked panel to bring any properties not captured to HPS attention:
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-61187.pdf>

2021-01-04: Section Reviews/Vice-Chair Reports

1.4.1 Midtown

- No report

1.4.2 Downtown – PF

- AW reported he submitted heritage nominations for:
 - 82-84 Maitland Street (Royal George Apartments)
 - 1402 Dundas Street West - this property recently went up for sale as a "Development Opportunity on a Large Lot."

- 81 Charles Street East, Toronto - the owner of this property also removed a bunch of the heritage elements despite having no building permits or formal redevelopment plans. The owner has advertised on his website plans for an ultra-slim high-rise on this site.
 - 209 Church Street
 - 304 Bathurst St.
- AW reported that the The Parkdale Village Historical Society / Sunnyside Historical Society met for the first time in a year on 13 January 2021. There is significant concern over the potential loss of 1354-1360 Queen Street West (northwest corner of Brock Avenue and Queen Street West) to demolition as part of a new redevelopment. The developers want to tear down 1354-1356 Queen Street West and only keep 1358-1360 Queen Street West. All of these 19th century buildings should be kept, as they are in the heart of the Parkdale Main Street Heritage Conservation District (presently Under Study) and all have heritage merit. 1354-1360 Queen Street West were Listed on the Heritage Register as part of the big batch of West Queen West heritage listings late last year, but the developer still has not changed their plans.
 - AW will be talking to Peter Small (Church-Wellesley Neighbourhood Association) tomorrow about the history of 34 Maitland Street, Toronto. Peter is writing an article about the property. It has now had 2 fires in the past 3.5 months. Back in May 2020, AW nominated it for a Heritage Evaluation. The property dates to around 1867/1870 and has been vacant for several years. A massive 45 storey condominium building is being built immediately next door, although by a different developer than the owner of 34 Maitland Street.
 - AW has also been researching some properties in the Danforth area.
 - AW reported that the 2nd Heritage-related meeting for the Bloor - St. Helens - Perth study is tomorrow evening.
 - AW was in touch with Peter MacCallum - a Toronto-based documentary photographer - who sent him some photos of 233-235 Spadina Avenue from the 1980s. AW nominated this property for a Heritage Evaluation back in April 2020. He has said AW can use the photos for the nomination, but that they cannot be posted online without his licensing procedure.
 - AW reported on 6 Walmer Road - the Thomas Goldsmith House - is finally getting some much-needed repair work. Sandra Shaul at the TPB mentioned this work should be completed by February 2021. The house had been in a derelict state for years prior to this.

1.4.3 West – JC

- No report

1.4.4 East – PB

- PB reported via email that name 'Barbers Lane' was adopted at the January meeting under By-law 21-2021. As soon as the by-law is made available for circulation by Clerks, PB will prepare authorization emails to all stakeholders including Transportation Services.

2021-01-05: Other Reports

1.5.1 Social Media Committee

- JC asked if okay to post about upcoming HCDs on panel website. AC noted that notices about upcoming meetings are posted publicly, so okay to post. Also, anything in staff reports can be shared through social media.
- PW asked JC if ACO and TOBuilt can help leverage their outreach on panel social media channels. PW and JC to discuss.
- PW noted that ACO can also disseminate information and can also recruit potential members to the panel.

1.5.2 Secretary

- SM presented proposed meeting dates for TEYCPP for 2021. JC moved to approve. Carried.

2021-01-06: Other Business

- JC asked if panel needed to do anything to support re. workman's cottages across the city. PW noted long history on these properties, they were not designated after nomination.
- JC asked about status of first parliament site. No one has information at this time. There will be a hearing on Wednesday regarding the Foundry properties.

Meeting adjourned 8:50