

Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel Meeting Minutes

2021 Report No. 8

Date of meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video/Telephone conference

Present: Paul Farrelly, Jane Clark, Susana Miranda, Pancheta Barnett, Adam Wynne (guest)

2021-08-01: Approval of Agenda

- PF moved to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

2021-08-02: Minutes

- JC moved to approve August 30, 2021 minutes. Carried.

2021-08-03: Reports

8.3.1 Chair's Report:

- Chair reviewed TPB meeting September 1, in particular the discussion on updates to the Ontario Heritage Act (as of July 1 2021). The Act introduces a 'prescribed event' where Council must state its intention to designate within 90 days of a complete planning application, or else can't. This is a big concern, discussion will continue at the October 6 TPB meeting.
- Chair reviewed each item in the upcoming October 6 TPB meeting.
- Chair reported that interviews for panel membership will occur in October.
- Chair noted resignation via e-mail of Meghan Albinger from the panel.

8.3.2. Social Media Committee:

- No report

2021-08-04: Section Reviews/Vice-Chair Reports

8.4.1 Midtown

- No report

8.4.2 Downtown – PF

- PF reported on the Bloor/Yorkville CHRA. PF is part of the heritage focus group. The consultant is receiving input until October 13. 70-80 properties have been identified.
- AW reported on his recent heritage nominations, including:

26 Alexander Street, Toronto (Church-Wellesley Village) – the house was built 1863/64. It is one of the last surviving houses from that time period on the street.

316 Bathurst Street, Toronto (Alexandra Park) – the house is from circa 1880/81. The Dundas/Bathurst area is likely a site of redevelopment.

481-483A Church Street, Toronto (Church-Wellesley Village) – these are houses from 1870. They were some of the first properties on this block. They are part of a land assembly by KingSett Capital.

583 Church Street, Toronto (Church-Wellesley Village) – this is a 1884 second empire house.

19-25 Denison Avenue, Toronto (Alexandra Park) – these houses date from 1856-58 and are the earliest houses in Alexandra Park and West Queen West neighbourhoods.

1113 Dundas Street West, Toronto (Trinity-Bellwoods) – this house is from 1884. The area is being redeveloped for affordable housing.

127-129A Yonge Street, Toronto (Financial District / St. Lawrence) – These properties are from 1840s/1850s. May be the site of the first Jewish congregation in Toronto.

- AW reported on a fire at 55-71 Elm Street on 25 September 2021. These are heritage listed properties that were added to the register in February 2021. The owners' representative deputed at Toronto Preservation Board and appealed that the heritage listing be delayed, as they have redevelopment related interests in the block. There is no public statement yet on the cause of the recent fire.
- AW reported on 160-162 St. George Street. The University of Toronto has expressed interest in redeveloping both 160 and 162 St. George Street, even though they do not presently own 160 St. George Street. As such, the University of Toronto is attempting to expropriate 160 St. George Street, which was built in 1899 and has been home to the Toronto chapter of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity since 1932. 162 St. George Street was home to the University Women's Club of Toronto from 1929 until the sale of the property to the University of Toronto in 2010.
- AW reported on 356-358 Huron Street. This is a c. 1884 / 1885 semi-detached house on the University of Toronto St. George Campus. 356 Huron Street was privately owned, whereas 358 Huron Street was owned by the University of Toronto. The house had been undergoing structural shifting for years. The owner of 356 Huron Street recently demolished their half, which resulted in 358 Huron Street becoming even more unstable. While not a Heritage Property, these houses are within the boundary of the Huron-Sussex Area of Special Identity within the official City of Toronto Plan, a subset of which prioritizes heritage.

8.4.3. West – JC

- AW reported on OLT / LPAT 200629. AW and Jack Gibney attended OLT / LPAT Case Management Conference 200629 on behalf of the Sunnyside Historical Society / Parkdale Village Historical Society on 23 September 2021. This is the big OLT / LPAT Case that involves ~16 appellants who are appealing the City of Toronto's Queen Street West (Bathurst to Roncesvalles) Plan (OPA 445). The CMC has been adjourned until February 2022 to allow the City Solicitor time to negotiate with individual appellants and hopefully come to agreements.
- AW reported on OLT / LPAT 210165. AW and Jack Gibney will be attending this OLT / LPAT Case Management Conference on 18 October 2021. This pertains to the redevelopment at the northwest corner of Brock Avenue and Queen Street West in Parkdale. There is significant concern over the developer's proposal to demolish the historic corner building.

- AW reported on 1354-1360 Queen Street West Petition. BlogTO recently reported on the [SHS/PVHS petition](#) to save 1354-1360 Queen Street West. The petition presently has 2738 signatures.
- AW reported on Parkdale Main Street and West Queen West Properties. He has put together research on various Parkdale and West Queen West properties which are within the boundaries of those 2 HCDs. AW has sent these to HPS and SHS/PVHS for review.

8.4.4. East – PB

- AW will try to attend the Danforth Planning Study meeting on October 28.
- PB reported that a plaque regarding Billy McKay Jr. has been replaced at Coxwell/ Mortimer. The original plaque went missing.

2021-08-05: Other Business

- **National Trust Conference:** JC reported that she attended this conference which ran virtually. The theme was 'global re-set'. The conference dealt with how to incorporate heritage into themes of sustainability, social justice and inclusion. JC will share main points. PF suggested a story for on panel website, JC agreed.
- **Mary Ann Shadd mural:** AW reported on the new mural at 82 Bond St (Mackenzie House)

Meeting adjourned 9:00