

Toronto and East York Community Preservation Panel Meeting Minutes

2022 Report No. 1

Date of meeting: Monday, November 30, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Video/Telephone conference

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

Regrets: Pancheta Barnett

2021-10-01: Approval of Agenda

- PF moved to approve agenda. Carried.

2021-10-02: Minutes

- PF moved to approve November 15, 2021 minutes. Carried.

2021-10-03: Reports

10.3.1 Chair's Report:

- Chair discussed upcoming TPB meeting of December 3. AW noted that in 1973, 545 Lakeshore Blvd was one of the first buildings identified as having heritage value.
- PF noted that the chairs of all panels will be meeting with HPS on December 9 to get an update on the heritage survey.
- PF noted that there has been no update on the panel refresh.

10.3.2 Social Media Committee:

- JC reported that the panel website is down due to a problem with the security certificate. JC hopes to resolve this week.

2021-10-04: Section Reviews/Vice-Chair Reports

10.4.1 Midtown

- 26 Millwood Rd: AW noted that SERRA brought this property to the panel's attention as being at risk. It is not listed, and there is a development application. The mayor of north Toronto lived here, Joseph S. Davis of Davisville family. It is an 1880s bay and gable house. SERRA is working on a heritage nomination.

10.4.2 Downtown – PF

- AW reported on his recent heritage nominations, including:
 - 457 Church St.: This property has significant cultural and historical value through being the site of the first gay bar on Church Street: *The Melody Room*, which was in operation from 1964 to 1966; and through also being the home of *TWO*— one of Canada's earliest gay interest publications— during the same period. 457 Church Street has also been associated with numerous other LGBTQ venues since, including *Tanks*, *Sappho's*, *Together*, *The Bulldog*, and *The Black Eagle*. The building itself was originally

an Italianate townhouse built in 1871/1872 and first home to builder Edward Y. Parker. The original townhouse is [partially] extant, though heavily modified with more modern additions and renovations.

- o 417 Bloor St. West: This Edwardian home was constructed in 1907/1908 and was designed by Robert Balmer McGiffin. McGiffin trained under Edward James Lennox, David Roberts, and Frederick Henry Herbert. 417 Bloor Street West was first home to Col. Dr. Frederick William Marlow and his family who lived here until 1938/1939. Col. Dr. Marlow served as the Chief Medical Inspector of the Canadian Army Medical Corps during World War I. 417 Bloor Street West is the only surviving houseform building in the block bounded by Bloor Street West - Robert Street - Spadina Avenue - Sussex Avenue.
- o 16 Willison Square (the Albert Apartments): This is an Edwardian and Georgian Revival apartment building that was built in 1908/1909. 16 Willison Square is one of Toronto's oldest surviving purpose-built apartment buildings. 16 Willison Square is one of only two buildings on Willison Square to pre-date the Alexandra Park slum clearances of the 1960s.
- 357 Euclid Ave: AW flagged as an interest piece. Constructed in 1885/86 it was the first home to David Augustus Giles – a steamboat captain on the Great Lakes. Since 1953/54 it has been owned by the same family. It was just listed for 1.79 million, first time on market in 67 years. A lot of the original details of the house are intact – tin kitchen ceiling, ornate plaster workings, fireplace, etched glass, decorative woodworking etc.
- Close/Springhurst Ave: AW flagged properties at the northeast corner of Close Ave. and Springhurst that are currently owned by the UHN and that Parkdale residents are advocating to preserve. It is possible that UHN will demolish for future development.
- 619-637 Yonge St/1-9 Isabella St: AW provided feedback opposing demolition as part of the redevelopment proposal for these properties. These are important properties within the Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District. The existing Heritage Impact Assessment omits all references to the properties' connections to the LGBTQ communities and the adjacent Church-Wellesley Village.
- 139-149 Church St: AW provided feedback to HPS supporting the heritage designation of these properties.
- Sandhill First Nations burial site: AW has been asked by Church-Wellesley Neighbourhood Association and Greater Yorkville Residents' Association to assist in locating information about the First Nations burial site near Dundonald Street and Yonge St.
- 295 Jarvis St: AW had submitted a heritage nomination for this property, and the developer has withdrawn their application for development. AW followed up with HPS on the nomination.
- 69 Yonge St: ERA reached out to panel about a cultural heritage evaluation for this property, which is designated. JC reported that she reached out to the St. Lawrence Association about the property.

10.4.3 West – JC

- JC reported that she is looking for an accredited heritage researcher for a property near Oshawa, 310 Columbus Rd. East

10.4.4 East – PB

- Barbers Lane: From PB email report, she has received the mini commemorative sign for Barbers Lane (erected July 11, 2021) and will be donating the sign to Leaside Heritage Preservation Society virtually tonight at East York Historical Society meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00