

Present: Lynda Armstrong
Margaret Clayton
Lynn Collins, Vice-Chair
Deanna Hollister
Paul Rolland
Rick McDonnell
Mark McGowan

Also Present: Councillor Newman, Mayor's Designate
Sarah Ferencz, Library Archivist
Ed Belsey, Senior Manager, Policy and Heritage Planning
Lori Tesolin, Supervisor, Policy and Heritage and Principal Planner
Michael Tranquada, Urban Designer
Peter Henley, Staff Liaison, Planner II, Downtown Development
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Laura Bisset
Karey Anne Large
Terry Standish
Brian Winter, Honourary Member

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - September 14, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Deanna Hollister

That the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee minutes of September 14, 2021 be approved.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.2, 390 King Street, Proposed King Street Park Community Garden Project, at this time.

3. Presentations

**3.1 David Billham, Landscape Architect, Town of Whitby
Re: 41 Baldwin Street North, Proposed Grass Park Improvements Project**

David Billham provided a presentation regarding the Proposed Grass Park Improvements Project. Highlights of the presentation included:

- improving accessibility, drainage, and grading along the pathways;
- restoring the wooden shelter on the site;
- enhancing the pathway entrance;
- creating a focal point stone medallion or fountain feature;
- installing a new drinking fountain;
- adding a park entrance at the street to enhance the street-level connection; and,
- creating a small sitting area for conversation, reading, and reflection.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether feedback had been received from local residents and users of the park;
- whether feedback had been provided by the Brooklin Downtown Development Steering Committee; and,
- whether the platform design would impede the set up of booths for local events in the park.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding on the history of the Heritage Conservation District on the heritage plaque in the park.

**3.2 Jill Stanton, Landscape Architect, Town of Whitby
Re: 390 King Street, Proposed King Street Park Community Garden Project**

Jill Stanton provided a presentation regarding the Proposed King Street Park Community Garden Project. Highlights of the presentation included:

- size limitations of the park for alternative uses;
- the current use of the park as a passive greenspace;
- a proposal to plant pollinators and a food forest;
- creating a community garden as requested by a local community group;
- design elements of the proposed community garden including maintaining a public open space, preserving mature trees, allowing safe pedestrian movement through the park, and adding bench seating and shade trees;
- the timeline for the project (May 2022); and,
- the status of the proposal, which is pending heritage permit approval.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- limitations on the number of users based on the number of community garden plots available;
- community garden best practices implemented by other municipalities;
- clarification on the phases of developing the park features, such as the food forest and raised wood planters;
- continuing to use the park as an open space and maintaining the historic use of the park as a playground;
- investigating alternative Town properties that would be larger and more suitable for a community garden;
- concerns regarding drainage from the raised food forest area and parking on side roads to access the community garden;
- creating a cohesive approach and guidelines for community gardens within the Town;
- placement of the garden shed in consideration of Heritage Conservation District guidelines;
- using the land near Rotary Centennial Park as a community garden;
- the historic association of Rotary Centennial Park with Whitby's first farmers markets; and,
- consulting with stakeholders such as the Olde Whitby Neighbourhood Association.

4. Delegations

4.1 Robert Baker, Resident

Re: 390 King Street, Proposed King Street Park Community Garden

Robert Baker, 513 Byron Street, appeared before the Committee and stated that he was opposed to a community or vegetable garden. Mr. Baker stated that a vegetable garden would attract animals and would not be in keeping with the streetscape and surrounding environment. He stated that he was in favour of a passive park at this location. Mr. Baker advised that during the development of R. A. Sennett Public School, residents had requested that the building be designated as a heritage building with the greenspace preserved. He stated that residents would prefer a passageway through the park while maintaining the public greenspace with the addition of flower gardens.

4.2 Alanna Brown, Resident

Re: 390 King Street, Proposed King Street Park Community Garden

Alanna Brown, 400 King Street, appeared before the Committee and stated that she was opposed to a community garden. Ms. Brown raised several concerns with the proposed community vegetable garden such as on street parking, attracting rodents, and loss of community park space. She requested that the Town consider alternative locations for a community vegetable garden.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.1, 41 Baldwin Street North, Proposed Grass Park Improvements Project, at this time.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 There was no general business and reports.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 Councillor Newman advised that she would be sending a card and gift card to Katherine Hull in appreciation of her service to the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee.

Councillor Newman provided an update regarding:

- Council's approval to remove 625 Columbus Road West from the Municipal Heritage Register in accordance with the recommendations from the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee;
- investigating suitable municipal sites for the development of a sustainable urban agriculture centre in partnership with the

Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture;
and,

- Council's approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Terms of Reference, which authorizes Staff to issue a Request for Proposal to select a qualified consultant to develop the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

8. Other Business

8.1 Werden's Plan Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District, Proposed King Street Park Community Garden Project, 390 King Street

Margaret Clayton stated that consultations with the Olde Whitby Neighbourhood Association should have been included as part of the planning process for a community garden at 390 King Street.

8.2 Doctor's Residence

Margaret Clayton stated that she followed up with the Ontario Heritage Trust regarding the Doctor's Residence. Ms. Clayton advised that the Ontario Heritage Trust has the original proposal for designation of the psychiatric hospital buildings. She stated that the Town had not sent a notice to withdraw the heritage designation of the Doctor's Residence, raising questions about its designation given that a by-law has not been passed. Ms. Clayton stated that based on her understanding of the process, if there was no formal notice to withdraw the notice to designate by the Town, then the designation stands.

Peter Henley advised that he would review the file.

Lynn Collins requested an update at the next Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee meeting regarding the by-law and next steps.

8.3 Mayfield House, 780 Garden Street

Margaret Clayton stated that there was a proposal for several townhouses on the northwest corner of Garden Street and Manning Road. Ms. Clayton requested information regarding whether the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee would have the opportunity to provide comments on the future development at this location.

Ed Belsey advised that he would review the process for an exemption request.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding whether the land proposed for development had been severed from the house property.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Rick McDonnell

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Heritage Whitby Advisory Committee on November 9, 2021.