

MEETING NOTES

POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday December 18, 2019

3:00 pm

Hamilton City Hall, Room 222

Attendees: W. Rosart, C. Dimitry, A. Denham Robinson, L. Lunsted, R. McKee, B. Janssen,

Regrets: C. Priamo K.Stacey

Also Present: M. Brunton, J. Van Rooi

THE POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP NOTES FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) REVIEW OF PAST MEETING NOTES

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Notes approved. (McKee / Dimitry)

(d) Review of the Development Planning Process: staff presentation by J. Van Rooi

Applications under the Planning Act :

Pre application Formal Consultations – consultations that happen before the application is submitted. These can include traffic studies, stormwater, CHIA, archeological studies etc.

- Studies are submitted with the application. Staff has 30 days to deem the application and studies complete.
- A decision is required within 120 days if it is an Official Plan Application, 90 days if the application is for a Zoning By-law change.

- Applications are circulated for discussion, comments. Revisions may be required.
- Most applications are for zoning by-law or Official Plan amendments. If all of the studies have been done and submitted, most likely staff is able to recommend approval or not without further information.

Site Plan applications - a set of conditions that a developer or builder must follow to get occupancy or dwelling permits

Demolition permits – go directly to the building department, not Planning.

Council Planning Committee - makes a decision based on recommendations from the Planning Dept.

A Development Process flow chart will be forwarded by J. Van Rooi to M. Brunton for distribution to the Policy & Design Working Group.

(e) Revised Addendum: Golder Response Re: 323 Rymal Road East

Golder responded to the points raised by the P & D Working group by providing Google aerial maps of the houses in question and reiterating their view that there is little potential for adaptive reuse and the property is not directly connected to historical figures.

- i) C. Dimity review of inventoried properties. He took photographs of the house at 311 Rymal Road E. and researched the other houses noted in the Golder Report as being examples of the same style of architecture. His report indicated:
 - 4 of the buildings no longer exist
 - 6 of the buildings had Google aerial maps and it was not possible to see the façade
 - Two of the houses have been significantly changed (Twenty Road and Dickinson Rd)
 - All of the buildings are on the inventory but none are on the register. It was suggested that 311 Rymal Road and 2081 Upper James be added to the register.
- ii) R. McKee had confirmation that Golder did not reach out to the Hamilton Mountain Historical Society for assistance

The P & D Working Group agreed to accept the Golder Report although we do not agree with the conclusions.

Action Items:

1. Motion to send the Golder Report and the Dimitry Report to the Inventory & Research Group with a request to add 311 Rymal Road and 2081 Upper James to the Register. (Denham Robinson / Dimitry)
2. Reply to the Golder Report with comments and include a copy of the Dimitry report.

Comments:

- We agree with the overall conclusions but do not agree with their comments that there are a lot of similar houses
- Their report should have included the house at 311 Rymal Road
- The information on the houses lacked content
- The initial photos in the report were out of date and as much as 30 years old. Google aerial shots did not provide enough information to make any decisions.
- They should have reached out to local Historical Societies for assistance.

(f) NEW BUSINESS

None

(g) ADJOURNMENT

The Policy & Design Working Group Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting date: Monday January 20th, 2020 3:00 pm
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