

MEETING NOTES
POLICY AND DESIGN WORKING GROUP

Monday December 7, 2020

10:00 am

City of Hamilton Web Ex Virtual Meeting

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

Regrets: C. Priamo , K.Stacey, A. Denham- Robinson

Also Present: D. Addington

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

Notes of November 19, 2020:

Notes approved.

(d) C.H.I.A. – 1 property: 101 King Street East, Hamilton

An overview of the proposed changes was given by David Addington, (City of Hamilton). The subject property is listed on the Municipal Heritage Register and is located within the Gore Park Cultural Landscape.

- Proposed development:
 - o Adding 3 storeys to the existing 3 storey building. This building is structurally sound.
 - o Remove an existing 1-storey addition at the rear to allow for a 7 storey addition
 - o Integrate the existing interior to the new addition
 - o Remove existing cladding and repair existing brick exterior using original brick where possible
 - o Remove existing windows which are not original

Working Group Members noted the following regarding the CHIA in general:

- In general, the working group liked the concept and was happy to see that existing brick would be used. The integration of the existing building into the design is very well done.
- Review of the proposed changes:
 - The group was unanimous in their dislike of the proposed cube structures on the front of the 4th and 5th storey. Although the CHIA indicates that the cubes are intentionally designed to contrast with the heritage aspects of the 2nd and 3rd storeys, the group felt they were too drastic a contrast.
 - C. Dimitry suggested that perhaps the cantilever on the 5th storey could be set back. He also wondered if there were any plans to leave some of the interior joists exposed as they are the only interior heritage feature left.
 - B. Janssen liked the proposed use of the brick and the work on the heritage features
 - L. Lunsted wondered if they could frame the cube in brick, similar to the building at 185 King St. E., to soften the look of the cube.
 - The group also suggested that the window glazing could be simplified
 - The cube shape is evident in several surrounding buildings but the impact of those is not as jarring. Some are set back so they are not as visible from the street.

Recommendations regarding the CHIA for 101 King Street East, Hamilton

- That the applicant provide alternative designs more in keeping with the heritage design of the building.

(e) OTHER BUSINESS

- R. McKee asked what the status was concerning the designation of Gore Park. D. Addington replied that it is still being worked on. There is also no change to the status of the Auchmar Gate House.
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(f) ADJOURNMENT

The Policy & Design Working Group Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Next meeting date: To be determined