

Edmonton Historical Board

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtually via Google Meets

MINUTES

These minutes were approved on August 26, 2020 by the Edmonton Historical Board

Chair

Recording Secretary

Attending:

Daniel Rose David Rynning
Stephanie Bailey Anna Gibson-Hollow
Carrie-Ann Lunde Nancy MacDonald
Alison McGavigan Dominic Schamuhn

Archives Staff:

Sonia Caligiuri, EHB Support
Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist

Guests:

David Johnston, Principal Heritage Planner
Andrew Lints, U of A Student Board Intern
Fatima Fazeli, U of A Student Board Intern
Amber Paquette, Historian Laureate

Regrets:

Neil Cramer
James McTague

Agenda Item

WELCOME

Action

Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m.
Welcome everyone. Thank you all for joining this meeting remotely. Daniel would like to begin tonight's meeting by respectfully acknowledging that although today's meeting is taking place remotely, we are all on the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples. The subject matter of our work is the product of a difficult legacy, and our hope is that in our work we can strive to honour the full history,

Person(s) Responsible

Daniel

	culture, and contributions of all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to call this place home.	
Chair's Remarks	Welcome to everyone, especially the new board members and the new Historian Laureate. Introductions of all present.	
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Moved: David R Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ▪ May 27, 2020 minutes (attached)	Moved: Stephanie Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
3. Items for Discussion/Decision		
a) Motion: Committee appointments of new EHB members	Daniel has spoken with the new members and all have expressed their interests in which committee they prefer. Motion: That the EHB approve the appointment of the new EHB members to the following committees: Alison to the HRRP, Nancy to HOC, and Carrie-Ann to P&A Moved: Anna Approved (unanimously)	Daniel
b) Information: Archibald Block	-Located at 105 Street and 82 Avenue, When Pigs Fly building. Built in 1909; brick is believed to be under current cladding. Currently on Inventory but not designated -Potential redevelopment of site, but no formal application has been received. -Plan Whyte, which was approved in 2018, places limits on redevelopment of buildings directly on Whyte Avenue -This would be the first rezoning application since Plan Whyte was approved. -Heritage Planners are working with developers. -EHB supports Daniel in writing a letter to Council on behalf of the Board. Draft letter will be circulated for approval prior to being submitted	Daniel

	- Please contact Daniel if you have any information you think should be included in the letter.	
c) Discussion: Letter to Council regarding shovel ready buildings	Letter attached -Campaign being led by the National Trust -Advocating for a portion of the projected stimulus funding from the Federal Government to be used for shovel ready heritage projects. -This is speculative at this point -Other Heritage Organizations have already submitted letters to Council. -Please review the draft letter and let Daniel know of any changes so it can be submitted.	Daniel
d) Discussion: AB Culture RHR Review, EHB input	-EHB has been contacted for feedback on the cancellation of the RHR as part of the province's red-tape reduction plan -RHR is the Provincial equivalent of the City's Inventory. It's a list of buildings significant to the Municipality; of interest to the Province, but not Historically Significant to be Provincially designated. -Was introduced in the 1970s and last addition to list was in 2004 -In Edmonton, there are 15 buildings on list all of which are Designated or on the Inventory -Daniel will draft a letter to be circulated to Board prior for submission; deadline for submission is July 3 -Nancy to check if she is able to be involved with discussion as may be a conflict with her job.	Daniel
e) Follow-up & Discussion: \$15,000 donation to EHB	-Generated ideas attached -A survey with the list will be circulated to EHB for ranking of ideas. -At August meeting Board will discuss the top 3 or 4 ideas and will decide how to proceed with -Items regarding the NT Conference were removed as well as the endowment fund.	Daniel
f) Discussion: Edmonton Ward names, Naming Committee	-active campaigns for the renaming are taking place. -June 16th Council meeting- Council considering the renaming of electoral wards and has tasked the Naming	Daniel, Stephanie

	<p>Committee with consulting Indigenous and Metis communities to provide Indigenous names for these wards. Council asked that the list of names be brought back by the end of August or beginning of September.</p> <p>-Although EHB is not directly involved in naming, the EHB does have a representative on the Naming Committee and the EHB may be asked for position on the naming/renaming from the historical context</p> <p>-EHB members: Daniel, Stephanie, Anna, Alison and Amber will work to develop a draft position to bring back for Board review and approval.</p> <p>-Stephanie will connect Amber as the Historian Laureate with the Naming Committee</p>	
4. Board Committee Reports		
a) Heritage Outreach Committee	<p>Report attached</p> <p>-The EHB had a report commissioned by one the U of A students last year which provided the Board with some recommendations on how to highlight and bring attention to Indigenous history. One of the recommendations was: <i>“commission research to locate or identify buildings or other sites that have been of significant importance to Indigenous history in Edmonton. Where appropriate, these buildings could be recognized through the existing EHB processes. In other cases, the EHB might consider sharing the research to spread awareness, through walking tours or other heritage-based events and activities.”</i></p> <p>-Stephanie has reached out to Rob Houle, who has worked with the EHB, regarding the EHB's website: Edmonton's Architectural Heritage</p> <p>-Rob has provided a proposal on how to proceed with reviewing and updating the website.</p>	Stephanie

a) Heritage Conservation Unit Report	Report attached	David J
b) Historian Laureate	-It's been a busy couple of months -There has been a lot of interest from the community -Filming has begun, and the process of obtaining interviews and other information continues for the documentary series (short films) Amber is working on as her project during the 2 year term.	Amber
c) Naming Committee	Report attached	
6. Issues/Project Updates		
7. Other Business		
a) Administrative support	Please review your contact information and provide any updates as needed.	Sonia
b) Building Agenda for Next Meeting	-Committee-community member recruitment -meeting with Council -Workplan and Planning session follow-up- continued discussion	Daniel
9. ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Anna at 7:22 p.m.	

➤ **Next Meeting:** Wednesday August 26, 2020 5:00 pm

HERITAGE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

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1) "What We Heard" strategic planning discussion:

During this discussion, we zeroed in on the following takeaway: "Focusing on EHB's unique capacity helps prioritize competing goals." We asked ourselves what can *only* EHB can do compared to other heritage organizations. We then identified two major priorities for the board and brainstormed ways that we could better support these programs through communications.

a) Plaques and Awards program:

1. **Problem:** Difficult to find out which buildings have been awarded plaques and learn more about them online
Solution: In coordination with P&A committee, add webpage on architectural heritage website to feature buildings/sites and their stories
2. **Problem:** There are many communities who are underrepresented in the plaques and awards program
Solution: In coordination with P&A committee, launch heritage education and outreach program to underrepresented communities

b) Historian Laureate program:

1. **Problem:** The Historian Laureate program is a huge success and we aren't using our communications channels to support the program as best as we could
Solution: Use our channels to better amplify the work of the historian laureate

2) **Upcoming event:** Edmonton & District Historical Society's [Historic Festival and Doors Open Edmonton](#) (July 5 - 12)

- Proposed event: Ask me Anything-style event with new Historian Laureate, Amber Paquette. Status: TBC
- Other ideas to be explored in the future: Video series highlighting buildings/sites that were awarded plaques this year.

3) **Website audit:**

Background: In 2019, Elise Sammons, PhD Student presented her report “Indigenous Heritage” to the board. The Heritage Outreach Committee spent some time considering ways in which we could put into action one of her recommendations, namely: “The EHB could commission research to locate or identify buildings or other sites that have been of significant importance to Indigenous history in Edmonton. Where appropriate, these buildings could be recognized through the existing EHB processes. In other cases, the EHB might consider sharing the research to spread awareness, through walking tours or other heritage-based events and activities.”

We identified the Edmonton Architectural Heritage website as an area that this recommendation could be put into action. So, we reached out to Rob Houle, Indigenous freelance writer and researcher, to see if we would be available to do an audit of the website to ensure that it meaningfully and respectfully represents Indigenous perspectives and histories as it pertains to architectural heritage in the city.

The proposal: Houles outlines three stages of work: 1. Review of the content and structure 2. Recommendations for how the website may be revised 3. Research and write revised content to update website.

Motion: I move that we accept Rob Houle's proposal to audit the Edmonton Architectural Heritage website content for the estimated total of \$7,050. The goal of this audit is to determine how the Edmonton Historical Board's website can be improved to better represent Indigenous perspectives and histories.

4) **HOC membership:**

Stephanie Bailey will be transitioning out of her position at Chair of the Heritage Outreach Committee to her role as EHB representative on the naming committee starting next month. She will ensure that the incoming chair is onboarded properly.

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Bailey, HOC Chair

PLAQUES & AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT
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The Plaques and Awards Committee met on Monday June 16, 2020

Items discussed are as follows

1. Recommendations for the 2020 plaques and awards:

-7 Plaques for designated buildings in 2019:

-Delton Grocery

-Ellen Elliot Residence

-Richards Block

-Walton Smith Residence

-Douglas Manor

-Marshall Hopkins Residence

-Stovel Block

-1 redo: -Borden Park (2007, missing but all information is available)

-4 rewrites: -Edmonton Incline Railway (1976, missing)

-Al Rashid Mosque (1978, updating)

-Alberta Hotel (1978, updating)

-Corbett Hall (1988, missing)

-2 Awards for nominations received

-Cindy Davis

-FEP 50th Anniversary Committee (book, video, & celebration event)

-3 Awards from the 2020 event will be brought back as the event was cancelled this year.

Motion: That the Board approve the 12 plaques to be presented.

Motion: That the Board approve the 2 new awards and the 3 from 2019 to be presented.

2. As part of the Committee's review of the "What We Heard" report from the March Planning session, the Committee has decided to reach out to past recipients (last 2 years) for feedback on the event, before deciding on how to proceed with future recognition.

A draft survey has been circulated to the P&A members for feedback before sending to past recipients. The draft can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M1yYlttJCXy-UE0uaun1t1En8wi4OJk735MfmQJjlzA/edit>

3. Translation of 2 plaques

- Two of the EHB's plaques were translated into Chinese this past year. A member of the Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta was contracted to translate.

- Recently, the Nominator of the Harbin Gate plaque requested the use of the plaque for an exhibit with the AGA. When provided with the translated text, the nominator expressed some concerns regarding the translation.

- The City's Multicultural Office was contacted for guidance and it was suggested that a working group be created with members of the Chinese Community to review the translation and discuss how best to proceed. A few names were provided by the Office of individuals the Board could connect with.

- The nominator was contacted and has expressed an interest in participating in this group.

- Neil will reach out to the nominator and the other individuals to start this conversation; Anna will participate to support.

Respectfully submitted by: Neil Cramer, P&A Chair

HERITAGE CONSERVATION UNIT REPORT

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UPCOMING DESIGNATIONS FOR 2020:

Abram Residence (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate issued
Munroe Residence (Westmount) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Strathcona Garage (Strathcona) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared
Edmonton Cenotaph (Downtown) - Notice of Intention to Designate being prepared

APPROVED DESIGNATIONS IN 2020:

Kenneth T. Henderson Residence (Strathcona) - Bylaw passed on January 20, 2020
McLear Residence (Westmount) - Bylaw passed on March 9, 2020

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED: \$150,000

Potential Designations:

Nye Residence (Highlands)	Matas Residence (Garneau)
Judge Downes Residence (Strathcona)	Armstrong Residence (Garneau)
Stone House (Whitemud Equine Centre)	Frank Duguid Residence (Strathcona)

Proposed Demolitions:

1913 Ritchie School (Ritchie)	El Tovar Apartments (Oliver)
Hore Residence (Britannia Youngstown)	Burrell Residence (Glenora)

Ongoing Discussions:

Dr. Leslie McIntyre Residence (Westmount)	Stewart Residence (Glenora)
Wilkin Residence (Glenora)	Kennedale Building (Belvedere)
Ritchie Triplex (Ritchie)	Frost Residence (Westmount)
Henry J. Wells Residence (McCauley)	Hartley Residence (Westmount)
Emerson Residence (Inglewood)	Henry Weitzel Residence (Strathcona)
Beaver House (Downtown)	St. Teresa School and the Dawson/O'Connell
Buildings (Forest Heights)	Bellevue Community League (Bellevue)
Brokenshar Building (Westmount)	A. Minchau Blacksmith Shop (Ritchie)

CURRENT UNIT INITIATIVES:

1. The first Notice of Intention (NOI) to Designate memo to City Council has been sent (for the Abram Residence), and the legal Notice issued to the owner. As a reminder, we are now advising the City Council of NOIs through a memo process, versus taking formal reports to the Urban Planning Committee. The same legislative process required in the Historical Resources Act will continue to be followed. The framework seems to be working well, and we are hopeful this will allow us to be more efficient in getting the process underway for each application.

2. The October 15, 2019, report to Urban Planning Committee addressing the request for additional heritage funding for the Brighton Block and Strathcona Hotel was received for information, and Committee passed a motion directing Administration to continue to work with the property owners to develop a funding plan using the Quarters CRL (Community Revitalization Levy) for the Brighton Block and the Heritage Resources Reserve for the Strathcona Hotel. Follow-up reports seeking Council approval of the funding plans were scheduled for the May 4, 2020, UPC and May 10, 2020, Council meetings. However, given the current circumstances with COVID-19, those meetings have been cancelled and the reports deferred to a later date that has yet to be determined.

3. The Advanced Assessment and Documentation component of the Hangar 11 work is complete, and a draft report has been provided. David is working with the City's Partnership Centre for Excellence to develop a program to determine adaptive re-use and funding partners for the City. The report back to Executive Committee is on hold due to the COVID-19 circumstances. We are working with the City Clerk to determine an available future Committee date.

4. The Implementation Program for City-Owned Historic Resources was unanimously endorsed at the December 2, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. The presentation and support by Board Chair, Dan Rose, on behalf of the EHB was greatly appreciated. David will be engaging with the internal working committee to determine the necessary staffing and funding support for the program, as well as some prioritization of current City assets in terms of rehabilitation. Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, this report will likely be delayed until late 2020 or early 2021.

5. The Glenora Heritage Character Area Rezoning project has been partially delayed by COVID-19. A planned public engagement session was cancelled in March, and ongoing engagement is on hold during the

response. The consultant is using this time to complete a neighbourhood character analysis and policy best practices review. The project team is exploring options for online public engagement and planning for a resumption of stakeholder and public consultation when it is appropriate.

6. The 2020 season of This Old Edmonton House has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. David will be working with the instructor team later in the summer to develop the 2021 season offerings.

7. We are actively participating with the National Trust regarding the preparations for the upcoming Hindsight 2020 national conference in October. We will be looking to submit presentations on a few topics. Scott is participating on the Field Sessions subcommittee, while David is participating on the APT Workshops and Symposiums subcommittee. As the conference has shifted to a largely virtual platform, we are working on how our proposed sessions can be adjusted.

8. David has been working with Integrated Infrastructure Services (IIS) to prepare the Request for Proposals for the Rosedale Power Plant Advanced Assessment and Priority Rehabilitation, which was released on June 22. This will build on past assessment work, and will provide an updated building condition assessment, conservation plan and an historic building record (targeted completion March 2021). It will then shift into schematic and detailed design of key rehabilitation work (targeted completion December 2021), then leading into construction. A key initiative in 2020 will be to undertake much-needed roof repairs to the Turbine Hall and Switch House, both of which have been experiencing water penetration issues for some time.

9. David is working with the team at IIS on the rehabilitation of the Stone House at the Whitemud Equine Centre. The consultant team has been selected and the team is underway with the preparation of the required schematic design report, which will then inform the detailed design report. The project will involve full rehabilitation of the building, and will include its designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. Rehabilitation work on the building is expected to start in late 2020 and continue through 2021.

10. The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Strathcona Hotel is ongoing, and Scott continues to work closely with the owners and the Province to review progress. The hoarding was recently removed exposing the new colour scheme, the fire-damaged roof trusses and shingles have been replaced, and extensive upgrades to the interior structure continue. The first tenant is scheduled to take possession of the main floor in the spring.

11. David is working with the River Crossing team on the development of Edmonton's first designated Municipal Historic Area. The area will cover the River Crossing area, as well as extend south of the river to include lands in

and around the John Walter Museum, Kinsmen Sports Centre and the Indigenous Art Park. We are hoping to bring the Designation Bylaw to City Council in the fall of 2020.

12. David is working with the Windsor Park Community League and the Open Space Strategy team on the potential designation of a portion of Windsor Park as a Municipal Historic Resource as a cultural landscape. The park will need to be brought forward to the EHB first as an Application to Amend the Inventory. The Community League is working to put some background history of the park together. We will be meeting with them sometime soon to discuss next steps and the intention for rehabilitation of the site, if designated.

13. Scott is representing the Unit in recent discussions on the Centre LRT concept, and how this would potentially impact the High Level Bridge. We are reiterating to the consultant team and internal stakeholders that the bridge is a designated Municipal Historic Resource, and must be preserved.

14. A consultant has been awarded the contract for the rehabilitation of the pavilions in Hawrelak Park, and David will be part of the project team moving forward. While not on the Inventory, we are encouraging the rehabilitation work to treat the buildings as if they were already designated. The intention will hopefully be to have them added to the Inventory and potentially designated in the future.

15. David is also part of the project team for the rehabilitation of the Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre. While not on the Inventory, the approach being taken will be to consider the building as an historic resource. The entire glazing system on the building needs replacement. The project team is reviewing options on how this can be achieved while respecting the original design intent.

16. Despite the COVID-19 circumstances, interest in the program continues to be high. Scott is processing a number of maintenance grant applications for designated buildings, and David is processing two grant applications for the Lighting Heritage Buildings Pilot Program. We are also in active discussions related to possible applications to designate and applications to amend the Inventory.

Submitted by the Heritage Conservation Unit: David Johnston, Scott Ashe and James Haney

NAMING COMMITTEE REPORT
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MEMBERS

Ms. Alyssa Lefebvre, Chair
Ms. Stephanie Bailey, Edmonton Historical Board
Ms. Ailwin Boulet
Ms. Maryanne Wiebe
Ms. Erin McDonald, Vice-Chair
Ms. Debra Ayling
Ms. Marla Miller

REGRETS

none

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Cory Sousa, City Planning

June 2, 2020 (4:15 pm)

Google Hangouts

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request to name a Natural Area Wetland located within the Decoteau Area.

On November 26, 2019, Administration received a naming application from Administration's Biodiversity and Open Space Planning requesting to name the wetland (pond) feature within the Environmentally Sensitive Area SE5007 located within the Decoteau Area as "W Grant Pearsell Natural Area."

Decision: The committee decided that it is too early to name the natural area after W. Grant Pearsell. The application and letters of support will be reviewed once an overarching naming approach for the area is in development.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Request to name the proposed new Municipal Wards.

At the May 25, 2020, City Council meeting, the Ward Boundary Commission presented its final report with recommendations to amend the existing ward boundary structure. The Commission used a lettering nomenclature to label the wards presented in their report. While the Commission does not have an official position on whether a letter or number system is preferable, they did recommend that Council consider a more intuitive system. In response to the discussion at Council, the following motion was passed:

1. That Administration prepare amendments to Bylaw 17138, The City of Edmonton Naming Committee Bylaw, expanding its mandate to include names of wards;

2. That, subject to Council approving the necessary amendments Bylaw 17138 The City of Edmonton Naming Committee Bylaw, the Naming Committee and the Returning Officer provide recommendations to name each of the new City's twelve wards based on but not limited to lettering, numbering and/or geographical location.

3. That Administration prepare further amendments to Bylaw 15142, Ward Boundary and Council Composition Bylaw, to reflect the names of the wards given by the Naming Committee.

Timelines

May 25, 2020 - Council meeting, presentation from Ward Boundary Commission

June 2, 2020 - Naming Committee meeting

June 5, 2020 - Finalization of the Council Report / Bylaw

June 9, 2020 - Agenda Review Committee of Council

June 11, 2020 - Agenda release for the June 16, Council meeting

June 16, 2020 - Council Meeting (Non-Statutory Public Hearing) on New Ward Boundary Bylaw for first reading

June 20 - July 4, 2020 - Advertising

July 5 to September 5, 2020 - 60 day petition period

September, 2020 - Ward Boundary Bylaw presented for second/third reading

Discussion:

With a tight turn-around time, the Naming Committee had to come up with recommendations at one meeting. Given these limitations, these are the recommendations we put forward to council, according to these guidelines:

- Must be easy to remember
- Must avoid confusion: Easy to distinguish from old wards and other electoral districts (federal, provincial, public school)
- Must evoke a sense of place and history

Names
Jasper Place
Northwest
North
Northeast
Central
East
West
Scona
Whitemud
South
Gateway
Southeast

Note: Along with the recommendations, the committee indicated that we would need more time for these types of decisions to conduct necessary research and consultation work.

Update from June 16 City Council meeting:

City Council made a motion directing the Naming Committee to consult with the Indigenous Community to recommend 12 Indigenous names for the 12 Wards. They also made a motion providing the Administration more resources and funds to support this initiative.

During the discussion, it was understood that there is a very small window due to the Provincial requirements that a Municipal Ward Boundary Bylaw be approved by the end of 2020. The first reading of that Bylaw must be approved in late September. Therefore, it is the goal to have a recommendation of 12 names by the end of August or early September.

The various Indigenous leaders and stakeholders shared confidence that their community can work together to develop a list of 12 names within that time frame.

Most likely, the Indigenous Relations Office will assemble a team of people from different groups (Treaty 6, Metis Nation of Alberta, Enoch, Elders, MacEwan University, etc.) and that working group will attend the July 7th Naming Committee meeting. The naming committee will most likely strike a sub-committee which will work with this group during the course of the summer between July and the end of August. These additional meetings will occur outside the regular Naming Meetings and may include participation in traditional ceremonies and events.

3. Request to name a municipal facility located within the Woodcroft Neighbourhood.

On May 13, 2020, Administration received a naming application from Administration's Community and Recreation Facilities, Citizen Services Department requesting to name a municipal facility located in Coronation Park within the Woodcroft Neighbourhood as "Coronation Community Sport Centre "

Coronation Park is located at 13831 - 114 Avenue NW. The park was initially named Westmount Park, or West End City Park, until 1953 to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. A coronation is the act of placement or bestowal of a crown upon a monarch's head. The term also refers to the whole ceremony wherein the act of crowning occurs, along with the presentation of other items of regalia, marking the formal investiture of a monarch with regal power.

Decision: Asked department to consider Coronation Park Sports Centre for the following reasons:

- To avoid confusion as Coronation is not a community/neighbourhood
- To align with other local sports centre names e.g. Kinsmen Sports Centre

4. Request to apply an honorary road name located within the Virginia Park Neighbourhood.

On May 5, 2020, Administration received a naming application from Concordia University of Edmonton requesting to apply the honorary road name of "Concordia Way" onto portions of 71 Street NW and 73 Street NW within the Virginia Park Neighbourhood. The request proposes to apply "Concordia Way" to 71 Street NW, north of Ada

Boulevard, through Concordia University's property, and along 73 Street NW between 110 Avenue and 112 Avenue NW. The naming proposal is part of the upcoming 2021 University celebration to mark the 100 year anniversary of the school.

Decision: That the application to apply the honorary road name of Concordia Way onto portions of 71 Street NW and 73 Street NW within the Virginia Park Neighbourhood be granted.

5. Naming Policy C509B Review

Naming Policy C509B was revised and adopted on May 12, 2015. Civic Committee Policies and Bylaws are to be reviewed every five (5) years with recommended changes presented to City Council.

Committee Members will individually review the Policy for future discussion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Respectfully submitted: Stephanie Bailey, HOC Chair