



Parks, Recreation & Culture
Memorandum

To: Chief Administrative Officer
From: Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Date: July 18, 2011

Subject: Museum Garden Proposal

Recommendation

That Council approve the proposal from Heidi Smith to establish an Edwardian Garden on the grounds of the Museum.

Background

Attached is a proposal from Heidi Smith to establish an Edwardian Garden on the grounds of the Museum. The proposal includes a cover letter, a letter of support from the Mission District Historical Society and a plan for the garden as completed by Idea Garden Design.

Volunteers plan to raise \$2,500 to put toward the project, and have raised \$2,100 thus far. The proposal includes District involvement in soil removal and grading on the east side of the Museum. Staff have estimated this cost to be \$726.75 for all labour and equipment costs to conduct this work. Further, staff are comfortable that this one-time cost can be absorbed within the 2011 departmental operating budget given the reduced requirements to support the downscaled Communities in Bloom initiatives this year.

The proposal also states that the Gorilla Gardeners will maintain the garden. As per our agreement with the Gorilla Gardeners at other sites in the community, the volunteer work will consist of weeding and general clean-up.

Given the proposed plan, tree pruning work will be required in future at an estimated cost of \$389.14 in 2011 dollars. Staff will forward a request for these additional funds as part of the 2012 budget process, as the funds would not be required in 2011.

Further, notwithstanding the proposal to have the Gorilla Gardeners weed and clean the garden area, staff have estimated the cost to conduct that work with District crews and equipment at \$1,029.42 (in 2011 dollars). Should circumstances arise that would see the Gorilla Gardeners unable to continue with their commitment, staff would request this additional funding in order to conduct the work.

Staff are supportive of the proposal as it will help to beautify the downtown area and will further engage community volunteerism.

Ray Herman

June 28, 2011

To: Kerry Bysouth
Manager Parks and Facilities

From: Heidi Smith

Re: Proposal for an Edwardian Garden at the Mission Museum

Dear Kerry:

I request your support and approval from Mayor and Council to create an Edwardian Garden at the Mission Museum. The Mission District Historical Society Board of Directors voted to support the project on April 28, 2011 (see attached letter).

There is a significant need for this project to beautify the grounds at the Museum. There has never been formal landscaping of the grounds since the building was moved to its current location in 1947. Presently, the grounds comprise a few straggly shrubs, rarely used raised vegetable beds, and bare, rocky, weed ridden soil. The new garden will provide enjoyment for all Mission residents, and it showcase one of our prominent historic buildings. The garden will also strengthen the Museum's role as an anchor for the downtown business area, which is currently undergoing revitalization.

Peggy Jessome (Idea Garden Design) has donated a design for the garden that complements the Edwardian style of the museum. I have attached the plan for review. The garden will include curved paths and incorporate woody plants, perennials, climbing plants, a small tree and ferns in keeping with the Edwardian theme. The color theme is green and white.

Volunteers will raise funds for the garden and install the garden. The approximate budget is \$2500.00 (\$2100.00 raised to date).

You have offered District machinery and labour for the project where "available and feasible". I request that District staff grade the planting area and remove the soil on the **east** side of the museum. I am not comfortable organizing and supervising excavation and soil removal near a historic building where there are power and water lines. If lack of funds prohibits this excavation, it may be possible for us to raise money to hire a machine and operator if the District could provide supervision and direction.

The Gorilla Gardeners (a group of volunteers who adopt public spaces for clean up) will maintain the garden.

We will recognize donors and volunteers in a "Recognition Book" inside the museum.

Sincerely,

Heidi Smith

MISSION DISTRICT  HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Past in Perpetuity

April 29, 2011

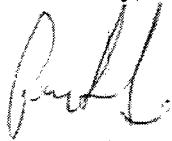
District of Mission
8645 Stave Lake Street
Mission, BC V2V 4L9

On April 28, 2011 Heidi Smith gave a presentation at our monthly board meeting on the *Mission Museum Edwardian Garden Project*. The Board of Directors unanimously passed the following motion: "That the Museum Garden plan presented by Heidi Smith be approved."

The Board also agreed to work with Heidi and assist her with getting the resources she needs to successfully complete the project. This will be accomplished through a Museum Garden Committee that the Board established on April 28, 2011.

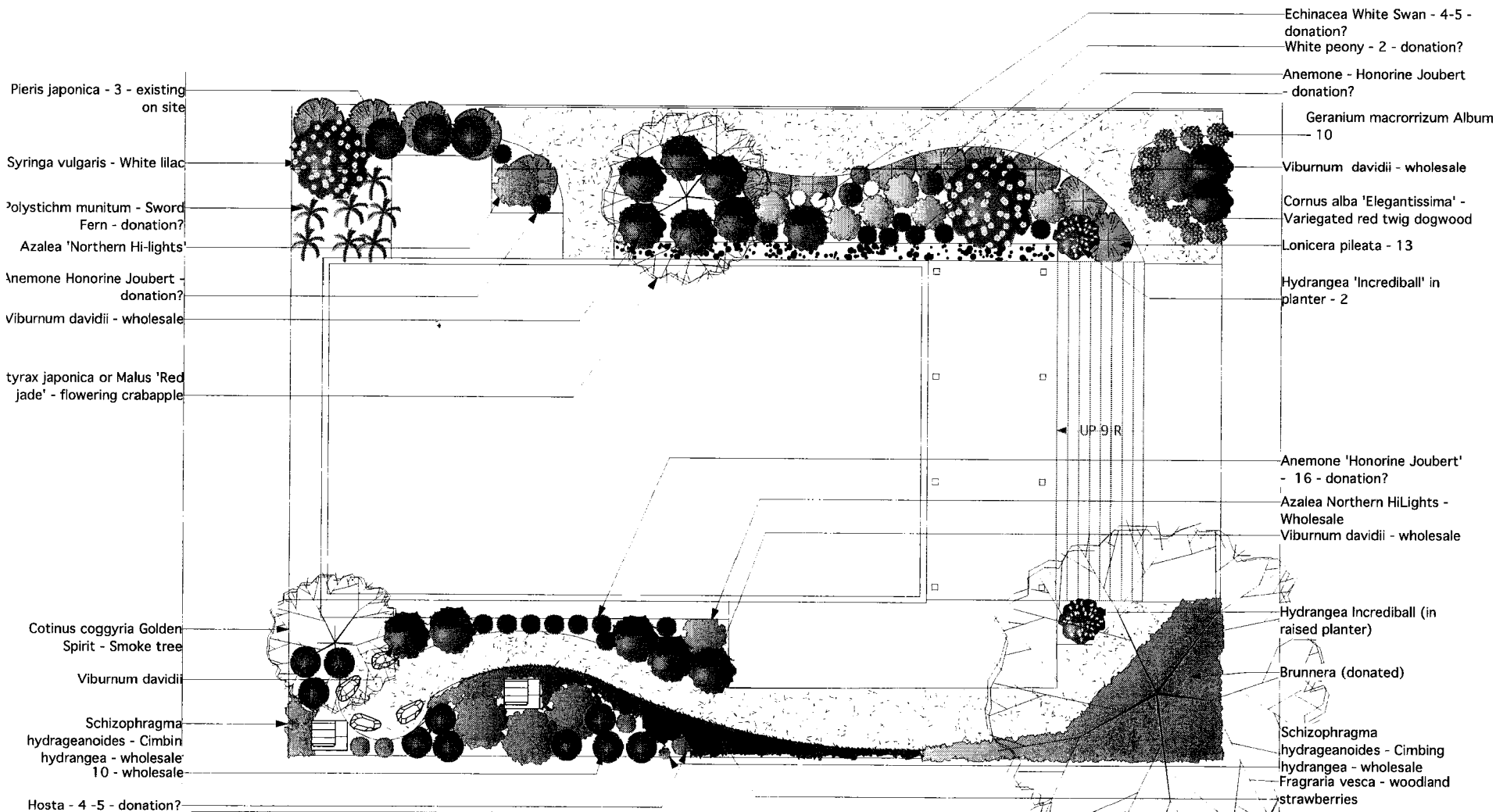
Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at paul@aplusnetworks.com

Yours truly,



Paul Hockridge
President
Mission District Historical Society

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- Pieris japonica - 3 - existing on site
- Syringa vulgaris - White lilac
- Polystichum munitum - Sword Fern - donation?
- Azalea 'Northern Hi-lights'
- Anemone Honorine Joubert - donation?
- Viburnum davidii - wholesale
- tyrax japonica or Malus 'Red jade' - flowering crabapple
- Cotinus coggyria Golden Spirit - Smoke tree
- Viburnum davidii
- Schizophragma hydrangeanoides - Cimbing hydrangea - wholesale 10 - wholesale
- Hosta - 4 -5 - donation?

- Echinacea White Swan - 4-5 - donation?
- White peony - 2 - donation?
- Anemone - Honorine Joubert - donation?
- Geranium macrorrizum Album - 10
- Viburnum davidii - wholesale
- Cornus alba 'Elegantissima' - Variegated red twig dogwood
- Lonicera pileata - 13
- Hydrangea 'Incrediball' in planter - 2
- Anemone 'Honorine Joubert' - 16 - donation?
- Azalea Northern HiLights - Wholesale
- Viburnum davidii - wholesale
- Hydrangea Incrediball (in raised planter)
- Brunnera (donated)
- Schizophragma hydrangeanoides - Cimbing hydrangea - wholesale
- Fragaria vesca - woodland strawberries

NOTE:
Do not scale drawings
All measurements are approximate.
Contractor to verify before installation.

1/8" = 1'

Scale

Date

Drawing Title

P. Jessome

Designer

Project



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LATE ITEM: Regular Council Meeting – July 4, 2011 – Planning Item 4(g)

Subject: FW: Unreasonable Fees City of Mission

From:
To: James Atebe
Sent: Fri Jul 01 10:57:29 2011
Subject: Fw: Unreasonable Fees City of Mission

Hello Mayor and Council

My name is Dick Hellofs and I am contacting you on behalf of my Mother in Law, Margo Gillespie. Margo has owned and paid taxes on a piece of land in Mission for over 30 yrs and recently, in the last few years, has applied to subdivide the 10 acre parcel into 2, 5 acre lots. The file number is S04-030. Through reasons beyond her control she has had to put the subdivision of this property on hold. She continues to pay the taxes and the regular extension fees on time but has recently been faced with an extra bill for the latest 6 month extension. It is an Engineering Administration fee that increases her regular extension fee of \$1565 for 6 months by 170%. Her new total that the city is asking for every six months is \$4109.64.

I have checked with the Planning and Engineering Department to see if the city would wave this fee and they have told me that it is from a bylaw and the only people that can wave it are the Mayor and Council. It is bylaw number 1500-1985 sched "D". We have unfortunately had to pay the regular 6 month extension fee since before 2008 and have accepted this but can't afford to pay this new extension fee every six months as well. I have reviewed our options with the Planning Department and found out that we can just end the extensions but then there are approximately \$6000 in fees to restart the subdivision when we are able to. this therefore is not an option.

We don't believe this extra fee is fair. When we originally asked the city what we could do to get the extension prior to 2008 the city representative explained we just had to pay the extension fee every 6 months. Back then it was \$1432. Margo agreed to pay and unfortunately had to continue every six months ever since. That is approximately \$13000 in fees the City has made to just extend her dates, not to mention the taxes on the property as well. Now she has put this \$13000 into the extensions and the city is changing the agreement. This is not right. I was told that this bylaw was just never enforced but will be now. It makes me worry that land owners in Mission will have to review the hundreds of pages of city bylaws just in case they are surprised by other bylaws that have "not been enforced".

Hopefully you too see that this is not fair. Please let me know if the city will honour the agreement and only charge the regular extension fees.

I relies there is a meeting on July 4th so hopefully someone can get back to me after the meeting to let me know what the City of Mission can do. Please do not hesitate to call or email any time if you need clarification on anything.

Please also know that Dayle Reti in Planning and the rest of her team are extreemly proffesional, friendly and helpful to deal with. It is great that there are people like her that we can speak to.

thank you
Dick Hellofs



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Better health.
Best in health care.

June 21, 2011

Mr. George F. Evens
The Elder Citizens Action Coalition
32739 McRae Avenue
Mission, BC V2V 2L8

Dear Mr. Evens:

I am writing in response to your email of June 6, 2011 and the concern expressed regarding Fraser Health's planned redevelopment on the Mission Memorial Hospital grounds. This multi-million dollar redevelopment will result in 200 bed long term care facility specifically designed to meet the needs of frail, elderly individuals, and an additional 49 new long term care beds in Mission.

Fraser Health recognizes the challenges that families and residents face when they move into and out of care facilities and we make every effort to minimize their stress and anxiety. A dedicated transition team is currently working with every resident and family currently in the Dr. Stuart Pavilion to develop an individual transition plan that takes into consideration their individual needs.

I am assured by our Facilities Planning department that the best, most efficient design for the new long term care facility and Community Health Centre will require the Dr. Stuart Pavilion to be demolished so a new building can be erected. Again, we recognize the challenges this may create for residents and families of the Dr. Stuart Pavilion, and we are committed to working with them throughout the summer and fall to ensure, as much as we are able, that each resident and family member has their specific needs met.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nigel Murray
President and Chief Executive Officer

NJM/tls

Cc: Heather Cook, Executive Director, Residential and Assisted Living