



**VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 11, 2012**

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 12:31 pm, in Committee Room No. 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Peter Greenwell, Chair  
Celena Benndorf  
Elizabeth Bowker  
Eileen Keenan  
Karenn Krangle  
Jennifer Natland\*, Vice-Chair  
Laura Stannard  
Jiang Zhu

**ABSENT:** Ray Lam  
Arno Matis (Leave of Absence)  
Phil Mondor (Leave of Absence)  
Jeffrey Rotin (Leave of Absence)  
John Weldon (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Park Board  
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**1. ADMINISTRATION**

**a) Attendance**

Leaves of absence were approved for Arno Matis, Phil Mondor, Jeffrey Rotin and John Weldon for this meeting.

**b) Minutes of November 30, 2011, for approval**

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 30, 2011, were approved as circulated.

**c) Notice of VCPC Meetings**

Regular Meetings: January 25, and February 8, 2012

**d) Manager's Report**

The VCPC Manager provided a verbal report which included updates on appointments, the new Council meeting schedule, Community Plans and the newly published VCPC website.

In relation to appointments, the Chair advised that there will be a Civic Agency Orientation Session held on Monday, January 16, 2012, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber.

MOVED by Commissioner Stannard  
SECONDED by Commissioner Benndorf

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission meetings be scheduled in Council meeting skip weeks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Natland absent for the vote.)

The Commission had a brief discussion on the Community Plans for the West End, Marpole, Grandview/Woodlands and the Downtown Eastside and agreed to schedule this matter on the meeting agenda for February 8, 2012, to review the Commission's role as it relates to the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative.

**e) Urban Design Panel Report**

Referred to next meeting.

**f) Reports from Liaison Members**

i) Commissioner Jasper provided a verbal overview on the following Park Board priorities and responded to questions:

- affordable childcare;
- food policy/food security;
- public consultation process;
- community/recreation facilities;
- park development; and
- off-leash dogs.

Commissioner Jasper also noted that a new Park Board Liaison should be appointed soon. The Commission thanked Commissioner Jasper for his contributions.

ii) Councillor Tang reviewed a number of City priorities including affordable housing, and sought feedback on how he can best serve the Commission as the newly appointed Council Liaison.

In discussion, members requested that he report on upcoming projects as early as possible in order to allow the Commission enough time to review.

**2. BUSINESS MEETING**

**a) Viaducts 're: CONNECT' Competition**

**i. Recommendation re: public display of submissions**

The Chair sought the Commission's approval to forward a draft letter to the Director of Planning in regard to the re:CONNECT viaducts competition (*distributed - on file*).

MOVED by Commissioner Stannard  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bowker

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the letter to the Director of Planning regarding the re:CONNECT viaducts competition, as presented at it's meeting January 11, 2012, and request the Chair forward it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Committee Updates**

**i. City-wide Plan Ad Hoc Committee**

Commissioner Bowker provided a brief verbal update, noting the city-wide physical plan commentaries will be published to the VCPC website in the next few weeks, and responded to questions.

Councillor Reimer reviewed probable next steps in the initiative, noting this year will involve scoping, suggested the Commission invite Jim Bailey, City-Wide & Regional Planning, to a meeting to provide an overview on work done to-date, and responded to questions.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Upcoming VCPC Meetings**

There was a brief discussion on topics for the upcoming meetings, pending the new appointments, and the Commission agreed that a review on lessons learned be included on the meeting agenda for January 25, 2012

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2012  
TIME: 12:15 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned 2:22 pm.

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