



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 25, 2012

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 12:20 pm in the Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Celena Benndorf
Eileen Keenan
Karenn Krangle
Arno Matis
Phil Mondor
Jennifer Natland, Vice-Chair
Laura Stannard
John Weldon

ABSENT: Elizabeth Bowker (Leave of Absence)
Ray Lam
Jeffrey Rotin (Leave of Absence)
Jiang Zhu (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Mike Lombardi, Vancouver School Board
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

Leave of absence requests for Elizabeth Bowker, Jeffrey Rotin, and Jiang Zhu were approved.

b) Minutes of January 11, 2012, for approval

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2012, were approved.

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Regular Meetings: February 8 and 22, 2012.

d) Manager's Report

The VCPC Manager provided an update on:

- Community Plans for four communities and work underway on local terms of reference
- Commission's correspondence to Director of Planning regarding the re:CONNECT Viaducts Competition
- Upcoming events: UBC SCARP symposium, VEC Cities Summit
- Website development work, recently focused on technical issues with old videos and cross-browser issues.

The Chair reported that the Civic Agency Information Session held on January 16, 2012, at City Hall was well attended.

e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Matis outlined three projects for discussion at the UDP meeting to be held later this day and gave an update on Planning Department staffing levels dealing with the volume of projects in 2012.

Urban Design Panel agendas and minutes are available online at:
<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/udp/udp.html>

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi, Vice-Chair, VSB, provided a verbal update regarding:

- Seismic upgrading/replacement school projects underway: Lord Kitchener Elementary, Sexsmith Elementary, University Hill Secondary
- Capital projects approved by the Ministry of Education: Kitsilano Secondary seismic upgrade, University Hill Elementary School upgrade, and new International Village Elementary School
- VSB re-affirmation of its anti-homophobia policy
- Community consultation with aboriginal community on the proposed aboriginal focused choice school.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Committee Update - City-wide Plan Ad Hoc Committee

The VCPC Manager reported on the city-wide plan website created on a sub-domain of the main VCPC website, outlining the five subsections and next steps, and requested feedback.

During discussion, the Commission agreed to add a brief reference to VCPC's involvement in the Bartholomew Plan, and to list Commentators alphabetically. Commentators will be invited to confirm article titles.

Commissioner Krangle will send Commissioners a revised draft of the media briefing note incorporating suggestions. Notice of the public release of the website will be sent first to Mayor and Council, subsequently to the *Sustainable Neighbourhoods* Symposium participants and former VCPC members. Public release date is planned for January 31, 2012.

b) Retiring Commissioners

The Commission had a roundtable discussion and de-brief of the past term(s) to share lessons learned and assist incoming Commissioners in the development of their 2012 work plan. The VCPC Manager will summarize and circulate points raised for current members' review.

c) Canadian Association of Planning Students Conference

Commissioner Krangle noted speakers at the Canadian Association of Planning Students conference to be held at the SFU Downtown campus February 2 - 4, 2012.

Next Meeting:

Agenda will include an update on Community Plans and the VCPC city-wide plan website launch.

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2012
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:09 pm

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