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VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 7, 2011

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 12:20 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT:	Peter Greenwell, Chair* Celena Benndorf* Elizabeth Bowker* Eileen Keenan Karenn Krangle Ray Lam Arno Matis Phil Mondor Jeffrey Rotin Laura Stannard John Weldon Jiang Zhu
ABSENT:	Jennifer Natland, Vice-Chair, Leave of Absence
ALSO PRESENT:	Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager Trustee Mike Lombardi, School Board Liaison
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Wendy Jao, Meeting Assistant

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

The Commission approved a Leave of Absence request for Jennifer Natland, Vice-Chair and noted Peter Greenwell, Chair will be late. It was agreed that Eileen Keenan will chair the meeting in The Chair's absence.

b) Minutes of July 27 for Approval

The Minutes of the meeting held July 27, 2011, were approved.

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Regular Meetings: September 21 and October 5, 2011

d) Correspondence received

Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager, provided a brief verbal update on correspondence received regarding 1920 South West Marine Drive, Casa Mia, and responded to questions (correspondence on file).

e) Manager's Report

Elizabeth Ballantyne provided a verbal report on information items which included the following, and responded to questions:

- Central Broadway Planning Program community feedback phase extended to early 2012;
- TransLink consultation meetings underway on 2012 meetings with a focus on the Evergreen Line;
- Guest speakers Jim Bailey and Brent Toderian are booked to make a presentation on the Cambie Corridor planning process at the next VCPC meeting on September 21, 2011;
- VCPC website development update with regard to current content, legacy material, new projects and technical aspects;
- Consideration of a plan for ongoing maintenance of the website within the Commission's budget.

The Commission thanked the Commission Manager for the appearance and the quality of the website.

The Commission agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 2(a) prior to Item 1(f). For clarity the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

f) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Matis provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held July 22, August 10, 2011 and a meeting to be held later that day, and responded to questions.

Agendas and Minutes for the Urban Design Panel are available at:

<http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/udp/Udp.html>

g) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi provided a verbal update on back-to-school activities which included information on phase 1 limited job action with public school teachers. Trustee Lombardi also spoke about the establishment of full day kindergarten, the opening of seismically upgraded

schools and the opening of Mandarin bilingual schools. There will be more details in the next meeting.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Guest Speakers:

Karis Hiebert, Planner, Central Area Planning
Steve Brown, Engineering/Strategic Transportation
Viaducts and Eastern Core Strategy

Steve Brown provided information on Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts Study Phase 1. Topics included: transportation, structures, soils, impacts and options.

Karis Hiebert discussed the next phase of the initiative and the opportunity it would provide to look at the project at various scales and come up with a comprehensive direction. Ms. Hiebert also discussed the Planning & Ideas Competition that will take place in September-October. This will allow the public and different groups to engage in this process.

Mr. Brown and Ms. Hiebert responded to questions and comments from the Commission.

b) VCPC Work Planning 2011 - topics

The Chair sought the Commission's feedback on topics to reconsider, for possible action in the fall, noting that the Council's and Commissioners' terms are ending. Commissioners discussed the two topics selected earlier for focus, Cambie Corridor and Georgia Viaducts, along with other possible topics, in particular the proposed new city-wide physical plan. The Chair and Manager reviewed key dates in the coming months that affect the timing of the Commission's final report to Council on its work and on Commissioner appointment terms. The Chair added that the VCPC website provides the vehicle for supporting the Commission's final project.

i. Cambie Corridor

MOVED by Elizabeth Bowker
SECONDED by Jeffrey Rotin

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission dissolves its Cambie Corridor Committee, and

THAT the Commission select the proposed new city-wide physical plan as the focus of its work for the fall.

CARRIED

Commissioners agreed that the Governance Committee will start the development of a work plan for this initiative as part of its meeting next week, and report back at the next Commission meeting. The Commissioner will contact the Director of Planning to request that the focus of the presentation at the next meeting be on the proposed new city-wide

physical plan rather than the Cambie Corridor planning process.

ii. Georgia Viaducts

None.

c) Committee Updates

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

The Committee adjourned at 2:17 pm

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