



Vancouver City Planning Commission

MINUTES

June 15, 2011

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 12:19 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
Jennifer Natland, Vice-Chair*
Jeffrey Rotin
Laura Stannard*
John Weldon
Jiang Zhu

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Mike Lombardi, School Board Liaison
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Leave of Absence Requests

There were no Leave of Absence requests for this meeting.

b) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held June 1, 2011, were approved.

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Regular Meetings: June 29 and July 13, 2011

d) **Manager's Report**

The VCPC Manager provided a brief verbal report, noting the Commission's Sustainable Neighbourhoods Project report is awaiting approval to present at the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on July 28, 2011, and also provided information on an upcoming open house on the Public Bicycle System (PBS) taking place on Monday, June 20, 2011.

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At this point in the meeting, the Commission agreed to vary the order of the agenda to hear Reports from Liaison Members prior to the Urban Design Panel Report. For clarity the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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e) **Urban Design Panel Report**

Commissioner Matis provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held June 1, 2011. He also provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held June 16, 2011, and circulated related plans and responded to questions.

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

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

f) **Reports from Liaison Members**

- i. Trustee Mike Lombardi provided a verbal report on the following Vancouver School Board (VSB) matters and responded to questions:
- Seismic upgrading and the challenges the VSB is facing regarding the placement of students during the renovations and the possibility of creating swing spaces at other school sites and the set up of portables.
 - The Ministry of Education study on bringing school facilities up to standard. It is estimated \$90 million will be required over the next 10 years to complete the needed maintenance and upgrades.
- ii. Commissioner Aaron Jasper provided a verbal report on the following Park Board matters and responded to questions:
- Stakeholder agenda - discussed a 5 year strategic plan that focused on engagement and meetings with over 200 staff. There are plans to expand the discussion and seek input from other stakeholder groups and residents.
 - Capital planning, including the need to upgrade aquatic facilities.
 - The Capital Plan process will be changing. The Park Board website will be updated with more information in coming weeks.
 - Off-Leash Dog Policy is being reviewed.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Sustainable City Committee

Commissioner Keenan provided a verbal update and responded to questions on the submission of a report to Council based on findings from the "A City of Sustainable Neighbourhoods" symposium held on April 8 and 9, 2011, and from the follow-up session on June 1, 2011. The report will highlight the three major themes from the symposium, sustainability goals for the City and neighbourhoods, neighbourhood capacity and consultation processes. The report will include a context, methodology, lessons learned and next steps.

b) VCPC Work Planning 2011

The Commission discussed the work plan for the remainder of 2011. The topics of focus selected include:

- Plan for a sustainable city
- Vancouver's place in the region / overarching vision
- Public spaces
- Pedestrianization

The Commission agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Vancouver Park Board Strategic Planning Forum Invitation to VCPC, June 21, 2011

Information was circulated with regards to the upcoming Vancouver Park Board Strategic Planning Forum being held on June 21, 2011. It was decided Commissioners Greenwell and Keenan will attend the Forum on behalf of the Commission.

Next Meeting:

DATE: June 29, 2011
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Committee Room #1

The Committee adjourned at 1:53 pm

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