



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 9, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 12:15 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Rafael Aquino
Danielle Bauer
Louise Blight
Marian Brown
Matthew Carter
Catriona Feeney*
Michael Henderson
Karenn Krangle*
Am Johal*
John Weldon, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor

ABSENT: Cansius Chan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Vancouver Park Board
Elizabeth Ballantyne, Commission Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

Leave of Absence - Commissioner Canisius Chan

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the Commission grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Chan for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of November 21 for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Mondor

THAT the Minutes of the November 21, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Feeney and Krangle absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

- January 23, 2013 in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall
- February 6, 2013 in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager noted a work plan discussion might include possible speakers for the next few Commission meetings.

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At this point in the meeting, the Commission agreed to vary the order of the agenda to hear item 1f before 1e. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioners Krangle and Mondor provided a review of the last Urban Design Panel Meeting.

Agendas and Minutes for the Urban Design Panel are available at: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/urban-design-panel.aspx>.

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tang noted upcoming major projects include the viaduct report and the Broadway Corridor, and responded to questions regarding a response to the Regional Growth Strategy.

Commissioner Loke reported on Park Board Budget, and in response to a question, provided a status update on the Community Centre Operating Agreements.

g) Reports from Commissioners

The Chair reported that the Mayor's Engaged Citizens Task Force had an introductory meeting and will continue to meet throughout the year.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Introductions and Welcome

Members and liaisons introduced themselves.

b) VCPC Overview - Operations

The Commission Manager provided an overview of VCPC operations, including the relationship of the Commission to the City.

c) Commission 2013 Meeting Schedule

In discussion, concerns regarding coordination with Urban Design Panel meeting dates were expressed.

MOVED by Commissioner Am Johal
SECONDED by Karenn Krangle

A. THAT the following Regular Meeting dates be approved for 2013:

- January 23
- February 6 and 20
- March 6 and 20
- April 3 and 17
- May 1, 15 and 29
- June 19
- July 3, 17 and 31
- September 4 and 18
- October 2, 16 and 30
- November 13 and 28
- December 11

CARRIED

(Commissioners Brown and Mondor opposed)

d) Notice of Chair and Vice-chair Election

The Chair noted elections for chair and vice-chair will occur at the January 23, 2013, meeting and the Commission Manager agreed to send out a reminder along with instructions on how to nominate someone for a position.

The current Vice-Chair noted he will not be standing for either position and recommended nomination of Commissioners Greenwell and Krangle.

e) Urban Design Panel Representative

The Chair noted the appointment of the Urban Design Panel Representative will occur at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mondor explained the Urban Design Panel meeting process and Commissioner Krangle explained that although the Panel is advisory, their opinions are included in staff reports to Council.

f) 2012 Commission Report

The Chair noted the 2012 report has been circulated to Commissioners and will be circulated shortly to Council.

g) Meeting with General Manager of Planning and Development - Report

The Chair provided an update on the meeting with the City's new General Manager of Planning Development, Brian Jackson. In the discussion, some areas where Commission input or assistance could be useful were noted, among them: a review of the regional context statement, the current draft community plans or their implementation, and issues relating to growth.

h) 2013 Commission Work Plan

The Chair requested volunteers to coordinate a work planning session to establish the framework for the 2013 work plan. Commissioners Brown, Feeney, Krangle, Mondor, Henderson, and the Chair and Vice-Chair agreed to work on this.

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At this point, the Commission agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with a leave of absence for Commissioner Chan, which had been overlooked earlier in the meeting. For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2013
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Strathcona Room
Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:16 pm

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