



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES



JANUARY 23, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 12:16 pm, in the Strathcona Meeting Room, Sub-ground, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Danielle Bauer
Louise Blight*
Marian Brown
Matthew Carter
Canisius Chan
Caitriona Feeney*
Peter Greenwell
Michael Henderson
Am Johal
Karenn Krangle
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Rafael Aquino (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tony Tang, City of Vancouver
Trustee Mike Lombardi, Vancouver School Board
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Louise Blight
SECONDED by Commissioner Matthew Carter

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve a Leave of Absence for Commissioner Rafael Aquino for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Chair and Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Commissioner Phil Mondor
SECONDED by Commissioner Matthew Carter

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission re-elect Peter Greenwell as Chair, and elect Karenn Krangle as Vice-Chair, both by acclamation, for a one-year term (2013).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Peter Greenwell assumed the Chair.

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Karenn Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Caitriona Feeney

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission vary the agenda in order to consider Item 2 a) as the next item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Note: For clarity the Minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Presentation: City of Vancouver - Planning and Development Operations

Brian Jackson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services, presented an overview on planning and development operations and responded to questions.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- review of major initiatives currently underway:
 - i. departmental reorganization;
 - ii. review of the Permits & Licensing process; and
 - iii. consolidation of all staff in one new location;
- review of major policy issues within the work program:
 - i. four area plans to Council between October and December;
 - ii. Regional Context Statement (re. Regional Growth Strategy); and
 - iii. directives on the removal of the viaducts.
- STIR and Rental 100 Program applications are in process;
- Major rezoning applications and new office developments in 2013, include:
 - i. Oakridge;
 - ii. Oxford; and
 - iii. Bentall.

In response to a question, Mr. Jackson suggested the Commission consider involvement in the rezoning application for Oakridge and the review of the Regional Context Statement.

1. ADMINISTRATION

c) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner John Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Danielle Bauer

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the minutes of the meeting held January 9, 2013, as amended on the first page to correct the spelling of "Canisius".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Louise Blight and Caitriona Feeney absent for the vote)

d) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Regular Meetings: February 6, 20

e) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided a brief verbal report which included scheduling changes.

f) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Karenn Krangle provided a report back on the Urban Design Panel meeting held January 16, 2013, and responded to questions.

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

g) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi reviewed the Vancouver School Board's 2012/2013 Seismic and School Facilities Capital Plan (*outline on file*), and responded to questions.

Councillor Tang advised of three major projects referred to upcoming Public Hearings:

- Public Hearing - February 5, 2013:
1600 Beach/1651 Harwood (Beach Towers)
- Public Hearing - February 21, 2013 (*back-up February 27th*):
**611 Main Street (WT Leung - Westbank - w/seniors): and
633 Main Street (Chinatown - Bosa).**

h) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Phil Mondor reported on the first of five workshops in the series *Neighbourhood Planning through Dialogue* forming part of the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan process,

and noted the topic was Heritage and Character. Topics at upcoming workshops are: Arts and Culture; and Parks and Public Space.

Commissioner Canisius Chan attended an SFU talk on *Sex, Neuroscience, and Walkable Urbanism*. He will forward a video link from the event.

Commissioner Am Johal advised members of upcoming events at SFU downtown:

- February 12, 2013 (7 - 9 pm)
Matt Hern: In Defence of an Urban Future
- March 20, 2013
Gordon Price, The City Program

The Chair provided a brief update on the Engaged City Task Force, advised that a Norquay Village Open House was being held later that day and noted he will be involved with Seattle's Regional and City Homeless Counts this coming Friday.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

b) Urban Design Panel Representative - Appointment

MOVED by Commissioner John Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Karenn Krangle

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint Phil Mondor to the Urban Design Panel as the VCPC representative for a two-year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Louise Blight and Caitriona Feeney absent for the vote)

c) 2012 Commission Report

This item was referred to the next meeting.

d) Committee Reports

i. City-wide Plan Committee

Commissioner John Weldon provided a brief verbal update and responded to questions.

ii. Transportation Plan Committee

Commissioner Marian Brown provided an update (*report on file*) and responded to questions.

e) 2013 Commission Work Plan

i. Work Planning Group - report

The Chair reported on the meetings of the work planning group, reviewed the draft proposal for the work planning process (*on file*) and responded to questions.

It was agreed that comments on the draft proposal be referred to the next work planning group meeting tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2013.

ii. Existing Committees - status

City-wide Plan Committee

The Chair advised that the committee will take no further action during the work planning process.

Transportation Plan Committee

The Chair advised that the committee has requested a meeting with staff on the topic of incorporating ecological considerations into the development of greenways

iii. Work Planning - next steps

The work planning session is tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2013.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Tourism Master Plan

The Chair noted that two Commissioners have expressed an interest in participating. Further details to follow.

b) VCPC Website

The Commission agreed to review the feasibility of adding a section “upcoming events” that could be updated regularly. This matter will be considered as part of the work plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Karenn Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Michael Henderson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: February 6, 2013
TIME: Noon
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:16 pm.

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