



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 1, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 12:25 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Rafael Aquino*
Danielle Bauer
Louise Blight*
Marian Brown*
Canisius Chan
Caitriona Feeney
Michael Henderson
Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Matthew Carter (Leave of Absence)
Am Johal (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Carter and Johal for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Aquino absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of April 17, 2013, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT the Minutes of the April 17, 2013, meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Aquino absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

May 15, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
May 29, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided a verbal report noting the following:

- Planning and Development Services will be moving from the East Wing to the Van City Building at 515 West 10th Avenue;
- Commissioners are to advise the Manager of any changes to their contact information.

e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Mondor provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held April 24, 2013, and gave an overview of the meeting to be held May 8, 2013.

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

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During his review, the Commission agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with 2(a), followed by 2(b)(i), and 1(f), and then return to this item, 1(e), to complete it. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Commissioner Mondor noted that members of the UDP and the Development Permit Board Advisory Panel have been invited to meet with Development Planners to discuss urban design.

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi, Vancouver School Board (VSB), reported on the following:

- VSB has completed their one month consultation on its budget containing a shortfall of nine million dollars. The VSB submitted a balanced budget and also submitted a restoration budget requesting 51 million from the Provincial government in order to provide the quality of service given in 2002;

- Review of Inner City School Program to take place to ensure all children suffering poverty in the city are provided the services they need;
- City of Vancouver has dedicated five million to advancing child care spaces and the VSB goal is to create childcare spaces in every school.

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Blight provided information on the Earth Hour City Challenge won by the City of Vancouver, noting it distinguishes the City as a world leader on green initiatives. She noted the COV also received the People's Choice Award.

Commissioner Bauer reported on the open house she attended regarding the Vancouver Tourism Master Plan.

Commissioner Henderson noted he attended the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on April 24, 2013, and saw the presentation regarding "Transportation 2040: Implementation Plan #1: False Creek Bridges".

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Presentation: Regional Context Statement (RCS)

Jim Bailey, Planner, City-Wide & Regional Planning, Policy & Projects, reviewed the recommendations contained in the Policy Report dated April 16, 2013, entitled "Regional Context Statement", and responded to questions concerning growth projections, land use decisions, and mapping. He noted the RCS is a compilation of existing plans and policies and it will be considered at a future Public Hearing, tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2013. He welcomed a formal submission from the VCPC on this matter.

b) Committee Reports

i. Transportation Planning Committee

The Committee submitted their document entitled "Developing an Ecological Overlay for all Transportation Planning" (*on file*) and asked Commissioners to review it for discussion at the next VCPC meeting. The Committee also distributed VCPC's "Transportation 2040 Draft Directions (June 2012): Comments", dated July 13, 2012, for background information.

c) 2013 Commission Work Plan and Retreat Report

The Chair requested input regarding participation of Commissioners. Commission members present all agreed that three to five hours a week and attending meetings was reasonable and all were willing to give their time for Commission work.

Commissioners were also asked to sign-up to attend Council meetings and the Public Hearing on June 11, 2013, in order to be kept current with Council matters. Commissioners will be asked to report back at the following VCPC meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) VCPC Agenda Format

It was agreed Reports from Liaison Members will be placed before Urban Design Panel Report in the VCPC agenda order for Administration items.

b) PIBC Conference Fee

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Mondor

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission agrees to sponsor the fee for a delegate to attend the Planning Institute of British Columbia/Canadian Institute of Planners 2013 Annual Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Blight and Brown absent for the vote)

c) Regional Context Statement (RCS) Submission

Commissioners Chan, Feeney, Greenwell, Henderson, Krangle, Mondor and Weldon agreed to draft a written submission on the RCS for consideration by the VCPC at their May 29, 2013, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 2:12 pm.

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