



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 19, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 12:30 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Rafael Aquino
Marian Brown*
Matthew Carter
Canisius Chan
Caitriona Feeney
Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor

ABSENT: Danielle Bauer (Leave of Absence)
Louise Blight (Leave of Absence)
Michael Henderson (Leave of Absence)
Am Johal (Leave of Absence)
John Weldon (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
Councillor Tony Tang, Council Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Feeney
SECONDED by Commissioner Chan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Bauer, Blight, Henderson, Johal and Weldon for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Brown absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of June 5, 2013, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Aquino

THAT the Minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Brown absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

July 3, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
July 17, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided her report (*on file*) noting the following:

- Attendance and Absence Guidelines (*on file*) were distributed to Commissioners;
- No staff briefings or presentations are scheduled for upcoming VCPC meetings at this time;
- The Manager, along with Commissioner Greenwell, will be meeting with Jane Pickering, Deputy Director of Planning, City-Wide and Regional Planning, to discuss the new VCPC office space.

e) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tony Tang, Council Liaison, noted the Policy Report dated June 18, 2013, entitled "Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning", will be considered at the Regular Council Meeting on June 25, 2013.

f) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held June 5, 2013, and gave an overview of the meeting to be held later today.

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

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Krangle noted on June 12, 2013, she and Commissioner Chan and the VCPC Manager attended the Metro Vancouver Sustainability Community Breakfast, where the topic 'Managing Growth: Integrating Land Use and Transportation Planning', was discussed. Commissioner Krangle also noted she attended the Regular Council meeting on June 11, 2013, to listen to the discussion and decision on the Policy Report dated May 21, 2013, entitled "Oakridge Centre Rezoning - Issues and Directions".

Councillor Tang noted that prior to a report being debated at Council or referred to Public Hearing, Commissioners are invited to convey any questions, comments or concerns to him as the Commission's liaison to Council. He emphasized that once a report is referred to Public Hearing, there is no further opportunity to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Greenwell provided an update on the Mayor's Engaged City Task Force noting their Quick Starts report has been released and they are working on a larger report, to be released late summer or early autumn 2013.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Committee Reports

i. Regional Context Statement Comment Group

Commissioner Greenwell noted he spoke on behalf of the Commission (*speaking submission on file*) at the Public Hearing on June 11, 2013, to the item entitled "TEXT AMENDMENT: Regional Context Statement", and responded to questions.

ii. Transportation Planning Committee

MOVED by Commissioner Brown
SECONDED by Commissioner Chan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission accepts the Transportation Planning Committee's report entitled "Opportunities for Linking Transportation Actions and Ecological Planning" (*on file*) for submission to the City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Implementation Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) 2013 Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Greenwell reported on the June 5, 2013, VCPC work planning meeting, noting the following:

- Commissioners selected a number of reports going to Council for possible comments, including the viaducts removal, Healthy City Strategy update, and Robson Square. Commissioner groups were organized to review the reports for possible comment on these matters;
- Commissioners agreed to test the project charter for project planning;
- A meeting with Councillors Reimer and Tang regarding the Commission's work plan will be organized.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Viaducts Removal Report

Commissioner Greenwell spoke about the upcoming meeting with the General Manager of Planning and Development Services and with the Assistant Director of Central Area Planning to discuss the Policy Report dated June 18, 2013, entitled "Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning". The Commission's statement on the report will be drafted by the

Viaducts comment group following the meeting, and will be distributed to Commissioners for comment, with the intention of presenting the statement to Council at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on June 26, 2013.

The Manager agreed to send links to Commissioners regarding previous Council presentations and reports on the viaducts.

b) Heritage Amenity Density Policy Review

Commissioner Greenwell noted a workshop is being held on Monday, June 24, 2013, to discuss the proposed amendments to the Heritage Amenity Density Policy. Commissioners Carter, Greenwell, Krangle and the Manager agreed to attend.

The Commission discussed the current problems with the Heritage Density Bank and possible solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 1:39 pm.

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