



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 27, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 12:17 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Louise Blight
Canisius Chan
Michael Henderson
Am Johal*
Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Rafael Aquino (Leave of Absence)
Danielle Bauer (Leave of Absence)
Marian Brown (Leave of Absence)
Matthew Carter (Leave of Absence)
Caitriona Feeney (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tony Tang, Council Liaison
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Park Board Liaison
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Chan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Aquino, Bauer, Brown, Carter and Feeney for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the Minutes of the November 13, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

December 11, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
January 15, 2014 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

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The Commission agreed to vary the agenda to deal with item 2b next. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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d) Manager's Report

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

- One meeting left in 2013;
- There will be a special lunch menu for the last meeting of the year and recognition of departing Commissioners;
- Work planning group will meet to propose next steps for 2014;
- Waiting to hear from staff regarding eastern core/viaducts meeting date.

e) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tang reported that the 2014 budget has been released with a proposed increase of 1.9 percent to property taxes. A Budget Dialogue Session will be held for the public on December 2, 2013, from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Town Hall Meeting Room and Council will vote on the 2014 Budget at the December 17, 2013 Regular Council meeting.

Commissioner Loke provided an update on matters related to Community Centre Associations, the partnership agreement, and Park Board revenue. He also noted that a new Chair will be elected at the Park Board meeting on December 2, 2013.

f) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor provided a brief verbal report on the November 20, 2013 Urban Design Panel meeting.

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 Mondor reported that he attended "Availability, Utilization & Intensification of Industrial Lands" at SFU Harbour Centre. Panelists included Greg Yeomans, Richard Wozny and Richard Ellis.

Commissioner Greenwell reported that he attended a panel discussion on the area plan for 29th Avenue Skytrain Station.

Commissioner Krangle reported that she attended the Urban Development Institute of BC's U40 panel on Community Engagement moderated by Bob Ransford. The VCPC manager has a recording of the discussion for those interested in hearing it.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Commission Directions & Work Plan - Update

A follow up meeting with Councillors Tang and Reimer as well as a meeting with staff regarding the Commissions involvement with the eastern core will be scheduled as soon as practical.

b) Speaker: Frances Bula - Social Media and Public Engagement

Journalist and blogger, Frances Bula, spoke to the Commission about how social media is changing the way citizens interact with the City as well as each other and responded to questions.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Hendersen
SECONDED by Commissioner Blight

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

The Commission adjourned at 2:03 pm.

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