



Vancouver City Planning Commission

MINUTES

January 29, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 12:17 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Karenn Krangle, Chair
Danielle Bauer, Vice-Chair
Matthew Carter
Caitriona Feeney
Michael Henderson
Robert Matas
Phil Mondor
John Weldon
Clara Whyte
Andy Yan*
Brandon Yan

ABSENT: Am Johal (Leave of Absence)
Brad Jones (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, 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 Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Bauer

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Chair and Vice-Chair Appointment

MOVED by Commissioner Henderson
SECONDED by Commissioner Mondor

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission elect Karenn Krangle as Chair, and elect Danielle Bauer as Vice-Chair, both by acclamation, for a one-year term (2014).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings Commissioner Krangle assumed the Chair.

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The Commission agreed to add an item to the agenda, University of Melbourne Housing Study Tour, as item 3c under New Business.

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c) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Bauer
SECONDED by Commissioner Whyte

THAT the Minutes of the January 15, 2014, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

February 12, 2014 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
February 26, 2014 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

e) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided a brief verbal report with an update on the upcoming VCPC office move. Two moves will be required. The first move is currently scheduled for February and will be to the second floor of the VanCity building. An additional move to the third floor of the VanCity building will occur once renovations are complete. It was noted there will be limited storage in the new office space.

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tang reported on the following:

- The Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement noting the report has been referred back to staff to revise the language in the report taking into account feedback from the Seniors and the Persons with Disabilities communities.
- The Motion on Notice going forward at the Regular Council meeting on February 4, 2014, regarding Building a New Killarney Seniors Centre
- The policy report going forward at the Regular Council meeting on February 4, 2014, regarding the Great Northern Way Campus Revised Structure Plan.

g) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Mondor provided a report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held January 15, 2014, and gave a brief summary of the meeting to be held January 29, 2014. Commissioner Mondor provided a handout with a summary of the Urban Design Panel By-law and other urban design background, and responded to questions.

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

h) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Carter provided a brief update on the Great Northern Way Campus as a policy report is going forward to Council at its meeting on February 4, 2014. He also discussed the Downtown Eastside plan and upcoming Urban Development Institute workshop sessions and a project he is working on in Victory Square.

Commissioner Mondor provided an update on a conversation with Frances Bula regarding a possible article on real estate development in the city.

Commissioner Krangle reported back on a presentation by David Thompson of the University of Ottawa, regarding Suburban Sprawl and its impacts.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Commission Overview: Operations

The Commission Manager provided a brief overview of the operations of the Commission including the VCPC By-law, meetings, meeting attendance and absences, time commitment, relationship to the planning department and to Council, budget and resources, infrastructure and the future.

b) Commission Work Planning and Orientation Program

i. Recent Commission Work

The Commission Manager provided a presentation on work the Commission has been involved with over the years.

ii. **Topics Survey**

Commissioner Bauer provided a summary of survey responses with a ranking of possible topics for presentations and discussions that could guide future orientation sessions, as well help inform the Commission's direction for 2014.

iii. **Retreat Planning**

Commissioner Bauer reviewed possible dates for the upcoming retreat and Commissioner availabilities. Commissioners agreed on the following dates: February 11 and March 10, 2014, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A light supper will be provided. The work planning group will develop an agenda prior to the first meeting date on February 11.

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The Commission agreed to vary the agenda to deal with items 3a and 3c next. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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c) **Eastern Core and Viaducts Consultation Process**

This item will be brought forward to the February 12, 2014, meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **SFU ACT Climate Change Research Project**

Commissioner Krangle provided an overview on the SFU ACT Climate Change Research Project, to which the Commission has been invited to contribute as an advisory panel member. Commissioner Whyte expressed interest in participating in this capacity on behalf of the Commission.

b) **Urban Design Panel Submissions**

This item will be brought forward to the February 12, 2014, meeting.

c) **University of Melbourne Housing Study Tour**

Commissioner Mondor provided a brief background on the University of Melbourne Housing Study Tour. He will be attending, as an observer, a roundtable discussion on affordability taking place on February 6, 2014. He made note that Commissioner A. Yan will be participating. Commissioner Mondor will obtain more information from UBC School of Community and Regional Planning for other Commissioners who may wish to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Bauer
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner A. Yan absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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