



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 26, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 12:26 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Karenn Krangle, Chair  
Caitriona Feeney  
Am Johal  
Robert Matas  
Phil Mondor  
John Weldon  
Andy Yan
- ABSENT:** Danielle Bauer, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)  
Matthew Carter (Leave of Absence)  
Michael Henderson (Leave of Absence)  
Brad Jones (Leave of Absence)  
Brandon Yan (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Mike Lombardi, Vancouver School Board  
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Matas  
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Bauer, Carter, Henderson, Jones and B. Yan, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon  
SECONDED by Commissioner A. Yan

THAT the Minutes of the March 12, 2014, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **Notice of VCPC Meetings**

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

April 9, 2014 - in, Committee Room 1, Third Floor City Hall  
April 23, 2014 - in, Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

**d) Manager's Report**

The Commission Manager reported that:

- The 2013 Annual Report will be on the next agenda for formal adoption, a draft has been handed out today for Commissioners to review;
- An invitation from UBC inviting Commissioners to a symposium on "Vancouver, 'Vancouverism' and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urbanism" has been emailed to Commissioners, please reply to the VCPC manager if you are interested in attending;
- The VCPC Office move has been delayed until further notice.

**e) Reports from Liaison Members**

Trustee Lombardi reported that:

- The VSB sustainability audit is underway, the goal is to become the greenest school district in North America;
- The Ministry of Education has been slow in approving proposed school sites in the downtown core, where there currently is a shortage. International Village Elementary has been the only new site approved and the School Board is now looking at possible short term options;
- The official budget consultation will start Monday, the School Board is facing a \$15,000,000 shortfall.

**f) Report on Urban Design Panel**

Commissioner Mondor provided a report on the Urban Design Panel meetings held March 12, 2014, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held March 26, 2014.

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 reported on:

- The SFU City Conversation entitled *A New Future of Granville Island?* held on March 20, 2014; and
- The model of the "spinning chandelier" designed for under the Granville Bridge, which is now on display at the Gesamtkunstwerk exhibition.

Commissioner A. Yan reported that:

- BTAworks was able to map and model the effects of another possible flood event in New York City. More information can be found on their website:  
<http://www.btaworks.com/2014/03/25/all-hands-on-deck-building-a-resilience-constituency-a-btaworksmanyc-essay/>.

## 2. BUSINESS MEETING

### a) Commission Retreat

The Commission will continue its work planning retreat later in the day.

### b) SFU ACT Climate Change Research Project

Commissioner A. Yan volunteered to participate in the SFU ACT Climate Change Research Project on behalf of the commission and will report back.

### c) Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group Request (Park Board)

The Commission discussed the Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group's request for feedback on the recommendations they will be bringing forward to the Park Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mondor  
SECONDED by Commissioner Yan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission believes that the request of the Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group falls outside its mandate, but that the Commission wishes the group success in its endeavors.

LOST

(Commissioners Feeney, Johal, Krangle, Matas and Weldon opposed)

MOVED by Commissioner Johal  
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission supports the efforts of the Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group to seek greater inclusivity for the Trans and Gender Variant communities.

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*Prior to voting on this item, Commissioner Mondor indicated his intent to abstain from the vote. The Chair advised that under section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter it states where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, that member is deemed to have voted in the affirmative.*

*At 1:12 pm, prior to voting on this item, Commissioner Mondor left the room and quorum was lost. As a result, the item was not put.*

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*At 1:15 pm, Commissioner Mondor returned and quorum was restored.*

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Commissioner Johal suggested that this item remain on the agenda for discussion with Trevor Loke, the Commission's Park Board liaison.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Johal  
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 1:19 pm.

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