

VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 5, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 12:21 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Karenn Krangle, Chair

Matthew Carter Caitriona Feeney

Am Johal Robert Matas Phil Mondor Julia Payson John Weldon

ABSENT: Danielle Bauer, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

Michael Henderson (Leave of Absence)

Brad Jones (Leave of Absence) Brandon Yan (Leave of Absence)

Andy Yan (Medical Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Melissa Picher Kelly, Meeting Coordinator

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Johal SECONDED by Commissioner Payson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle SECONDED by Commissioner Johal

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on October 22, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Notice of VCPC Meeting

The Chair provided notice of the next meetings as follows:

- November 19, 2014 Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
- December 3, 2014 Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

2. PRESENTATION

Vancouver Urban Futures Survey 2012

Ken Cameron, Director of PlaceSpeak, provided an overview and the results of the Greater Vancouver Urban Futures Opinion Survey 2012 and responded to questions.

3. REPORTS

a) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager reported that she is exploring a new potential office location within Vancouver City Hall and outlined possible presentation topics for the remaining Commission meetings of the year. In addition, the Commission Manager described the timing of new advisory board appointments, which are delayed in an election year, and suggested that Commissioners invite colleagues to consider submitting applications for positions vacated by Commissioners who have served the maximum allowable number of terms.

b) Reports from Liaison Members

No reports.

c) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor reviewed the October 22, 2014, Urban Design Panel meeting and provided a brief overview of subsequent meetings to be held on November 19, December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2014. He noted that the meeting scheduled for November 5 has been cancelled.

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

d) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Mondor reported that the next Seniors' Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 21, 2014, and will feature Mukhtar Latif, the City's Chief Housing Officer.

Commission Weldon reported that the City's Healthy City Strategy was adopted unanimously by Council on October 29, 2014. He suggested a Strategy update as a topic for a future Commission meeting, with an emphasis on the Social Sustainability component.

Commissioner Johal announced he will be attending the Cities for People Conference, organized by the McConnell Foundation in Toronto and will report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Carter reported that Toronto-based Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. (working with Vancouver's Chernoff Thompson Architects) has been selected to design the new Emily Carr University site. Building construction will begin in Spring 2015 and the building is scheduled to open in early 2017.

4. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Commission Initiatives

i. Planning/Development Chronology

Commissioner Matas reported that the UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture has confirmed that they will offer a course in the new year that will contribute to the Planning/Development chronology project.

ii. Planning Legacy/Vancouver Future Round Table Report

The Commission Manager reported on delays in receiving permissions to publish participant comments online and that these will be resolved as soon as possible.

iii. City Conversations

Chair Krangle, Commissioner Matas and the Commission Manager are working with Michael Alexander, Director of SFU City Conversations, to co-present an event on November 20, 2014, to explore the city-wide plan concept. She invited Commissioners to attend the event.

b) Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee

Commissioner Carter reported on the Committee's introductory meeting, which was held on October 28, 2014.

5. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission Manager provided paper copies of the Museum of Vancouver's "Vancouver Project" draft outline for review and future discussion. Electronic copies will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Matas SECONDED by Commissioner Payson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 2:03 pm.

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