



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 22, 2015

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 12:20 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Danielle Bauer, Chair
Matthew Carter
Rebecca Chaster
Lihua Huang
Am Johal
Brad Jones
Neal LaMontagne
Robert Matas
Nola-Kate Seymoar
Andy Yan

ABSENT: Caitriona Feeney (Leave of Absence)
Brandon Yan

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Mike Lombardi, School Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

THAT Commissioner Feeney be granted a leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner A. Yan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Commission recessed at 12:22 pm and reconvened at 12:25 pm.

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c) Minutes of April 8, 2015, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

THAT the Minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held April 8, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings will take place on May 6 and 20, 2015.

e) Welcome to New Commissioner

The Chair welcomed Lihua Huang to the Commission.

2. REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Carr provided some information in regard to a question surrounding the transit plebiscite that arose at the last VCPC meeting.

Commissioner Crawford reported the following:

- Strathcona and Norquay are joining the Healthy Local Food Fieldhouse Residency Program;
- Barclay Manor and Kensington Community Centre will begin collaborative gardens on-site;
- Staff is investigating a plan to increase water filling stations and possibly ban bottled water in Park Board facilities;
- The Park Board will discuss skate parks at Jonathan Rogers and Mt. Pleasant park at their next meeting;
- A zip line at Queen Elizabeth Park will also be discussed at the next Park Board meeting.

Trustee Lombardi reported that the School Board passed a motion asking the Province to honour their commitment to complete seismic upgrades by 2020 and provided a brief update on the current seismic work being done.

b) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner LaMontagne reviewed the April 8, 2015, Urban Design Panel meeting, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held later today, April 22, 2015.

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

c) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Seymoar noted that this year is the United Nations seventieth anniversary and the federation will be meeting in Vancouver in November. Food security and climate change are two of the themes which may be of interest to the Commission.

d) Manager's Report

The VCPC Manager reported the following:

- There Commission orientation session is scheduled for May 11, 2015;
- An alternate schedule for the fall that shifts meetings into weeks without Council sessions was circulated to the Commission members and agreed to;
- Invitations to the City of Vancouver Heritage Awards being held on May 4, 2015 are available from the VCPC Manager; and
- Staff from the Heritage Action Plan team will be presenting at the May 6, 2015 VCPC meeting.

3. Business Meeting

a) Heritage Action Plan

Commissioner Carter provided an overview of the most recent Heritage Action Plan meeting.

b) Planning/Development Milestones Chronology

Commissioner Matas provided an update on the chronology project and noted that some of the students who completed the course at the UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture expressed interest in remaining involved.

c) Transit Plebiscite

The Chair noted that a draft has been prepared for the Commission to discuss during their working session later in the day.

d) Work Plan 2015

The Commission will discuss its work plan later in the day.

4. New Business

Commissioner LaMontagne noted the Central Waterfront Hub Framework as a possible topic of interest to the Commission. Commissioners agreed to form a committee to consider possible directions and report back.

Commissioner Johal suggested having a speaker who specializes in family housing provide a presentation to the Commission. The VCPC Manager will look into coordinating a date.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner LaMontagne

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 1:59 pm.

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