



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 2, 2017

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 3:21 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Nola-Kate Seymoar, Chair
Janice Abbott*
David Crossley
Daniella Fergusson
Amelia Huang
Karenn Krangle
Robert Matas
Leslie Shieh
- ABSENT:** Tl'akwasik'ən Khelsilem (Leave of Absence)
Neal LaMontagne
Melanie Matining
Jennifer Marshall, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Anthony Perl (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Yuri Artibise, Executive Director
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Park Board Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

* Denotes absence for portion of the meeting.

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The Commission agreed to vary the agenda to start with Item No. 2 as the first order of business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Matas

THAT Commissioners Marshall, Perl, and Khelsilem be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Abbott absent for the vote)

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Huang

THAT the Minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting of July 5, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Abbott absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Commissioner Seymoar advised that the next two regular meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission will take place on August 30, and September 27, 2017.

2. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Carr provided an overview of the July Council meetings and responded to questions from the Commission. Topics of discussion included:

- Reduction of Development Cost Levy's (DCL) to Park Board from the City.
- Waterfront initiative
- Public Hearing Process
- Pearson Dogwood
- Resilient neighbourhood pilot project

Council minutes are available at:

<https://covapp.vancouver.ca/councilMeetingPublic/CouncilMeetings.aspx>

Commissioner Crawford provided an overview of the July Park Board Committee meetings and responded to questions. Topics of discussion included:

- Reduction of DCL's to the Park Board from the City
- Park space required per person (Commissioner Crawford to confirm ratio)
- Strathcona Park
- VanSplash
- VanPlay
- Age-friendly parks and equipment
- Stanley Park Brewery's new home in the old Fish House restaurant in Stanley Park

Park Board Committee minutes are available at:

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/park-board-meetings-and-decisions.aspx>

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Governance Committee Update

Commissioner Crossley noted that as Commissioner LaMontagne indicated his resignation would be forthcoming; an email was sent out to Commissioners to gauge interest for filling the resulting vacancy on the Urban Design Panel (UDP). Following discussion it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley

SECONDED by Commissioner Fergusson

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC), recommend Leslie Shieh to fill the vacancy as the Urban Design Panel VCPC representative, contingent on the resignation of the current Urban Design Panel VCPC representative, Neil LaMontagne.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With the anticipated resignation of Commissioner LaMontagne, discussion ensued as to how to best fill the vacancy and ensure it's widely broadcasted in an open and inclusive manner. The Commission deemed it valuable to create an asset map of the Commission's skill sets in order to determine which sectors/applicants would best round out the Commission. It was also noted that terms of some commissioners would be up this year and are eligible for re-appointment.

b) Joint Advisory Committee Meeting on Housing Issues, August 10, 2017

Commissioner Seymour noted that as most committees have a housing subcommittee, and there is appetite to coordinate efforts; a joint housing meeting is being co-hosted by Commissioner Seymour/VCPC and the Renters Advisory Committee. Commissioners Seymour, Abbot, and Matas will attend the meeting; Commissioner Seymour will extend the invite to Commissioners not present at this meeting.

c) Update on Fall Summit planning and preparations

Commissioner Seymour provided an update on the progress of the Fall Summit, noting that they've been in contact with SFU Public Square; Katie McPherson, Chief Resilience Officer; and a keynote speaker. Potential dates, locations, titles, invitees, and structure of the meeting were also discussed.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a) Report on Urban Design Panel

None.

b) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Huang summarized her trip to Toronto and noted similarities in areas of frustration experienced here.

Commissioner Fergusson attended The Drum is Calling Festival and was both impressed and moved by the community's celebration of its indigenous roots and noted good examples of public space use.

Commissioner Matas was following the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) Report that went to Council in July, and felt the City should be pursuing areas of CAC's in connection to assessing the cost of development, where the funds actually go, and how the contributions reflect on future planning.

Commissioner Krangle informed the Commission that the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) would be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2019, and to commemorate the milestone, CIP plans to create a document relating to the history of planning in Vancouver; Commissioner Krangle felt there may be a role for VCPC to participate in that.

c) Executive Director's Reports

The Executive Director's report which was circulated earlier in the day (copy on file), included the following:

- Website updates
- Organization of the Fall Summit
- Anticipated resignation of Commissioner LaMontagne; the Executive Director encouraged all to inform interested parties of the upcoming vacancy.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Huang

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Abbot absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, August 30, 2017
TIME: 3:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 5:03 pm.

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