



## VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

September 27, 2017

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 3:06 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Nola-Kate Seymoar, Chair  
David Crossley  
Amelia Huang\*  
Daniella Fergusson\*  
Karenn Krangle  
Anthony Perl\*  
Jennifer Marshall, Vice-Chair\*  
Robert Matas  
Leslie Shieh

**ABSENT:** Janice Abbott

**ALSO PRESENT:** Yuri Artibise, Executive Director  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Board of Parks and Recreation Liaison  
Ingrid Hwang, City-wide and Regional Planning

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### 1. ADMINISTRATION

##### a) Leave of Absence Requests

None.

##### b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Perl  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crossley

THAT the Minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting of August 30, 2017, be approved with one amendment to item 2a) on page 3 - replace "Municipal Town Centre" with "Oakridge Centre".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioners Fergusson, Huang, and Marshall absent for vote.)

**c) Addition to Agenda**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shieh

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission agrees to add a debrief on the DTES, Historic Areas, and Chinatown Update to today's agenda, as Item No. 4, before Commissioner Reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioners Ferguson, Huang, and Marshall absent for vote.)

**d) Notice of Upcoming VCPC Meetings**

Commissioner Seymoar advised that the next two regular meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission will take place on October 11, and November 22, 2017.

**2. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS**

**a) Reports from Liaison Members**

Commissioner Crawford, Parks Liaison, provided an overview of the September 18, 2017, Park Board Committee meeting and noted some upcoming items on the next agenda.

Park Board Committee minutes are available at:  
<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/regular-park-board-meetings.aspx>

Ingrid Hwang, City-wide and Regional Planning, provided an update (on behalf of Chris Robertson, Staff Liaison), on items from Planning, Urban Development and Sustainability, noting the following:

- Housing Vancouver Strategy
- City Core 2050
- Vancouver Regional Context Statement and Regional Growth Strategy
- Regulatory review
- Sustainability and Sea level rise
- Heritage Action Plan, Heritage Density Bank and Heritage Program review

Councillor Reimer provided an overview of the September 19, 20 and 21, 2017, Council meetings and responded to questions.

Council minutes are available at:  
<https://covapp.vancouver.ca/councilMeetingPublic/CouncilMeetings.aspx>

### **3. BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **a) Update on Fall Shaping Resilience Summit**

Commissioner Seymoar provided an update on the fall Shaping Resilience Summit noting that the website is up and invites have gone out. Commission agreed to prepare backgrounder summaries on the following: Engagement for real, Inclusion, Financing, and Communities and Corridors.

#### **b) Update on Chronology Committee and Year in Review Planning**

Commissioner Matas provided an update on the Chronology Subcommittee and Year in Review planning, noting that they reached out to the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee for feedback.

It was decided to focus on the upcoming events and discuss Terms of Reference for a potential subcommittee at a future date.

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Marshall

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the draft letter (copy on file) to the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee, as reviewed at this meeting, thanking them for their contributions to the Chronology Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **c) Council of Councils: Advisory Committee Poster**

The Executive Director discussed the upcoming Council of Councils on October 12, 2017, meeting and sought feedback from the group regarding content for the posters and presentation, noting that this is separate and less formal from the yearly report to Council.

### **4. DTES, HISTORIC AREAS, AND CHINATOWN**

Commissioner Crossley provided an update from the Commission's last Standing Committee and debriefed the Commission on Planning's approach to the DTES, historic areas, and Chinatown, noting that he felt issues identified by the City, aligned with issues the Commission had raised; commissioners were encouraged to read through the presentation (copy on file). Councillor Reimer noted that a more articulated set of values in relation to development could help support the current community as well as the broad spectrum of people it supports.

Railtown and Gastown were also discussed at the meeting, and commissioners in attendance found it to be a helpful overview.

## 5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

### a) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Shieh provided an update on the September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, Urban Design Panel, noting the following projects:

- 400 West Georgia; support w/recommendations
- 1619 - 1651 East Broadway; support w/recommendations
- 3281 E 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave; support
- 8795 - 8803 Granville; not supported

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

### b) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Fergusson commented on the following:

- The Transportation 2040 stakeholder advisory group has undergone a slight restructuring and has helped to make the experience more rewarding.
- Cambie Corridor Phase 3 workshop hosted a number of different advisory committees who were able to see some of the design and density plans in advance.

Commissioner Shieh attended a bike tour with Strathcona Business Improvement Association (BIA) and discussed how development of surrounding areas (e.g. False Creek Flats and Gastown) will impact Strathcona's transit systems (for both people and goods).

- The Chair noted that perhaps BIAs should be included in more VCPC conversations.

### c) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director summarized his Report (copy on file), noting that the Commission will be hosting another roundtable, with the topic of parking.

The Executive Director noted that online applications for vacant commission spots will be available online on Monday; commissioners encouraged to spread the word to their contacts.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Fergusson

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission enthusiastically thank past Commissioners: Khelsilem, LaMontagne, and Matining, for their time and contributions to the Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Perl absent for vote)

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Marshall

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Perl absent for vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: October 11, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 5:08 pm.

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