

**MINUTES OF THE  
CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**December 8, 2015**

A meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm, in the Boardroom of the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC.

**PRESENT:** Kenneth Liu (Chair)  
Matthew Halverson (Vice-Chair)  
Doris Chow  
Vincent Ho  
Bob Ip  
Kelly Ip (departed 6:32 p.m.)  
Paul Lam Ho  
Helen Lee  
Mark Silvanovich  
Brian Yu

**ABSENT:** Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Erin Shum, Parks Board Commissioner  
Sherri Han  
Ken Wong

**ALSO PRESENT:** Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner  
Karen Dearlove, Heritage BC (item 3)  
Troy Tenney, Project Facilitator (item 2)  
Henry Yu, Associate Professor, Department of History,  
University of British Columbia (item 3)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Rae Ratslef, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

With a quorum present Chair Liu called meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

**1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

MOVED by Helen Lee  
AND SECONDED by Kelly Ip

THAT the Agenda for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) meeting scheduled December 8, 2015 be adopted with amendment to add consideration of an on-table letter from the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association; and a discussion on CHAPC Members' Attendance.

**CARRIED**

Further consideration of item 1 resumed following item 4.

**Agenda Varied**

The Agenda was varied at the meeting to consider new item 4 at this point.

**4) Letter from the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association**

The Chair acknowledged receipt of a letter dated November 23, 2015 from the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association (VCMA) clarifying the VCMA's support for the Revised Rezoning Application - 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia.

**1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes Cont'd.**

MOVED by Mark Silvanovich  
AND SECONDED by Mathew Halverson

THAT the Minutes of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) meeting held November 10, 2015 be adopted with amendment to note Vincent Ho as absent and Ken Wong as present; and to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Building Community Society of Greater Vancouver indicating its non-support for the rezoning application for 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia.

CARRIED

**2) 303 E. Pender St. (Formerly 450 Gore St.) - DE 418996  
New Mural - Revised Proposal**

Troy Tenney, Project Facilitator, provided opening comments on the revised proposal for a new mural at 303 E. Pender St.

The initial proposal was presented to CHAPC on October 13, 2015 at which time the Committee supported the location and approximate size of the mural, but not its proposed content. Further design development was suggested.

David Long, Gair Williamson Architecture, advised that based on feedback two design options were developed. However, after further contemplation, the proponent was proposing to replicate the original mural on a slightly smaller scale, rather than paint new content. Although attempts to contact the original artist were not successful, the original painter had consented to paint the new mural.

The applicants received comments and responded to a variety of questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Mark Silvanovich  
AND SECONDED by Kelly Ip

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) acknowledge the improvements to the revised proposed mural for 303 E. Pender St (Formerly 450 Gore St.) - DE 418996 as compared to the previous presentation; and propose consideration of the following:

- Ensuring the legibility of the text;
- Potential to reinterpret/recompose the mural to be more suited to the space, height and size of its location;
- Potential for a modern interpretation of the mural; and
- Opportunity to showcase new artists and/or local talent.

CARRIED

**3) Vancouver Chinatown Intangible Heritage Values Workshop and Report - Draft**

Henry Yu, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of British Columbia (UBC), and Karen Dearlove, Heritage BC, jointly provided an overhead presentation on the Vancouver Chinatown Intangible Heritage Values Workshop and Report - Draft created for the Ministry of International Trade BC, which is responsible for the legacy projects.

The presenters provided an overview of responses gathered from the public at two workshops and through an online form regarding the intangible heritage values of Vancouver's Chinatown and the places and spaces in Chinatown that embody those values in the five theme areas of:

- Places and Spaces for Activities
- Entrepreneurial and Small/Family Business Support
- Heritage and Cultural Hub
- Deep Sense of History and Heritage
- A Place for Seniors.

Key recommendations arising from the process were reviewed. The presenters explained that the Report will be presented to the Ministry, and offers comments on the importance of the three levels of government working together. It was noted that the Committee's feedback and/or endorsement of the Report findings and/or recommendations would be very welcomed.

The presenters and staff received comments and responded to a variety of questions from the committee.

MOVED by Matthew Halverson  
AND SECONDED by Doris Chow

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC):

- a) Supports in principle the findings and recommendations of the Vancouver Chinatown Intangible Heritage Values Workshop and Report;
- b) Recommends that the Report be taken into consideration in the ongoing work with the City's Heritage Action Plan, including the Vancouver Heritage Register upgrade as well as review of updates to the existing Chinatown Planning Policy to more closely reflect Chinatown's intangible values;
- c) Express interest in being kept informed of the next steps and implementation of the Report's recommendations; and
- d) Acknowledge and commend Heritage BC staff for conducting such a unique and ground-breaking initiative.

CARRIED

**5) CHAPC Membership and Attendance**

Discussion ensued on the importance of CHAPC members' attendance at meetings. It was agreed that a missive would be sent to members reminding them of this commitment.

**Next meeting:**

DATE: January 12, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Chair

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Date Approved