



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 24, 2012

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 12:18 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Peter Greenwell, Chair
Louise Blight
Canisius Chan
Catriona Feeney
Am Johal
Karenn Krangle
Arno Matis
Phil Mondor
Jeffrey Rotin*
John Weldon
- ABSENT:** Rafael Aquino (Leave of Absence)
Marian Brown (Leave of Absence)
Jiang Zhu (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council
Elizabeth Ballantyne, Commission Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Am Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner John Weldon

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve Leaves of Absence for Commissioners Rafael Aquino, Marian Brown and Jiang Zhu for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Jeffrey Rotin absent for vote)

b) Items arising from the "In Camera" Meeting of October 10, 2012

The Commission re-appointed Phil Mondor as a VCPC Appointee for a two-year term commencing December 3, 2012.

c) Minutes of October 10, 2012, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Canisius Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner John Weldon

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes of the meeting held October 10, 2012, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Jeffrey Rotin absent for vote)

d) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next regular meetings of the Commission will take place on November 7 and 21, 2012

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner John Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Karenn Krangle

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission vary the agenda in order to consider Item 2 a) as the next order of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Commissioner Jeffrey Rotin absent for vote)

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Note: The minutes are recorded in numerical order.

e) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided a verbal report, noting that arrangements are underway for presentations on the following topics:

- Public Space - Robson Square;
- Climate Change Mitigation; and
- Parks overview, with a focus on shorelines.

In response to an earlier request to receive updates on work unfolding under the report from the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability, she noted there is no formal mechanism for receiving updates; however, Abi Bond, Assistant Director of Housing Policy, offered to provide an update to the Commission in the new year, and the Commission Manager will provide VCPC with information as it becomes available.

In addition, the Commission Manager proposed that the Committees update or finalize their terms of reference prior to the meeting with Brian Jackson, General Manager, Planning and Development, and she will provide a template.

There was a brief discussion on the earlier proposal for a presentation on regional transit funding issues, and the Commission agreed to consider further ideas under New Business.

f) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Matis provided a report back on the Urban Design Panel meeting held October 10, 2012, reviewed the agenda for the meeting to be held later that day and responded to questions.

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

g) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council, provided a brief verbal update on the following motions considered by Council on October 16, 2012:

- *Urban Forest Action Plan and Protection for Mature Trees*
Referred to the PT&E Committee on October 17, 2012, to hear from speakers. Subsequently, the speakers withdrew and the motion was approved.
- *Family Bowling Centre on Vancouver's West Side*
Referred to the Vancouver Park Board for their information.

h) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Canisius Chan provided a verbal update on a recent PIBC panel discussion he attended related to industrial lands.

Commissioner Phil Mondor provided a verbal update on a recent planning symposium held at UBC related to CityPlan.

Commissioner Caitriona Feeney reported on the Robson Square workshops, noting Bing Thom and Stanley King spoke about a vision for Robson Square.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Presentation - Community Plans Update

Cathy Buckham, Senior Planner, Community Planning, and Holly Sovdi, West End Planner, Central Area Planning, presented an update on a new Community Planning process, and responded to questions.

Highlights included:

- new approach centred around four key drivers:
 - addressing global, regional and city-wide challenges;
 - shaping development and setting public amenity priorities;
 - enhancing and diversifying public engagement;
 - quicker, more flexible processes; and

- review of key areas of focus in Mount Pleasant, Grandview/Woodlands, Marpole and the West End.

In response to questions, Ms. Buckham advised that staff could return with an update on the Thin Streets concept if the Commission wishes.

Further information is available at:

- <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/neighbourhood-planning-projects.aspx>;
- <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/policy-backgrounder-west-end-community-plan.pdf>

b) Transportation Plan Committee

No updates.

c) City-wide Plan Committee

Commissioner Caitriona Feeney provided a brief update on the Committee's discussions

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Transit Funding Issues

Commissioner Karenn Krangle sought the Commission's advice on whether there could be a focus on looking at other jurisdictions with transit funding issues for possible solutions.

In discussion, the Commission agreed to identify a potential speaker on this matter for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Am Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner John Weldon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, November 7, 2012
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 2:13 pm

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