



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 12:16 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Peter Greenwell, Chair
Marian Brown
Canisius Chan
Catriona Feeney
Am Johal*
Karenn Krangle
Phil Mondor
Jeffrey Rotin*
John Weldon
Jiang Zhu
- ABSENT:** Rafael Aquino (Leave of Absence)
Louise Blight (Leave of Absence)
Arno Matis (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 John Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Canisius Chan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve Leaves of Absence for Commissioners Rafael Aquino, Louise Blight and Arno Matis for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Am Johal and Jeffrey Rotin absent for vote)

b) Minutes of October 24, 2012, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Phil Mondor
SECONDED by Commissioner John Weldon

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes of the meeting held October 24, 2012, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Am Johal and Jeffrey Rotin absent for vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next regular meetings of the Commission will take place on November 21 and December 5, 2012

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VARY AGENDA

*MOVED by Commissioner Marian Brown
SECONDED by Commissioner Catriona Feeney*

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission vary the agenda in order to consider Items 1 f) and 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.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided a verbal report which included the following:

- staff presentation confirmed regarding public space planning, with specific focus on downtown and Robson Square;
- the 2013 meeting schedule will be prepared once Council has approved its 2013 meeting schedule;
- a nomination committee meeting is scheduled this week to review applications; and
- Commissioners Matis and Zhu have served three-consecutive terms and will, therefore, not be returning.

e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Karenn Krangle 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>.

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tang provided a brief verbal update on the 2040 Transportation Plan, noting the most important piece is a rapid transit option along the Broadway corridor.

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Phil Mondor gave a verbal report on a lecture held Monday at the Museum of Vancouver regarding the history of urban planning in Paris.

Commissioner Canisius Chan gave a verbal report on a forum held Saturday, organized by SFU - Urban Studies, regarding regional issues.

Commissioner Am Johal noted the following upcoming talks at SFU:

- November 13 - Richard Rosenthal, Head of Independent Investigations; and
- November 20 - Michael Shapcott, Director, Affordable Housing and Social Innovation, Wellesley Institute.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Presentation: City of Vancouver Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

David Ramslic, Senior Programs Manager, and Tamsin Mills, Policy Analyst, both from the Sustainability Group, presented a climate change adaptation strategy and responded to questions.

Highlights of the presentation included:

Adaptation:

- review of guiding principles
- anticipated changes and prioritized impacts including:
 - increased surface water flooding and sewer back-ups;
 - increase in landslide risk;
 - safety and health risks, in particular, vulnerable population;
 - increased resources needed for response and recovery; and
 - flooding, erosion damage.
- summary of primary actions:
 - sea level rise flood-proofing;
 - sea level rise - coastal flood risk assessment; and
 - sewer separation (currently underway).

Mitigation:

- review of provincial legislation guiding actions on mitigation;
- goals include the elimination of dependency on fossil fuels;
- review of Greenest City Action Plan; and
- review of successes and challenges.

b) Transportation Plan Committee

The Chair requested the two committees meet jointly immediately following this meeting to discuss their work plans.

Commissioner Marian Brown gave a brief verbal update in relation to discussions on the Fraser Shoreline and greenways.

c) City-wide Plan Committee

Commissioner Catriona Feeney gave a brief verbal update on progress.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner John Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Am Johal

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, November 21, 2012
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 1:15 pm.

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