



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 20, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 12:19 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Rafael Aquino
Danielle Bauer
Matthew Carter
Canisius Chan
Caitriona Feeney*
Am Johal
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Louise Blight (Leave of Absence)
Marian Brown (Leave of Absence)
Peter Greenwell, Chair (Leave of Absence)
Michael Henderson (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Vancouver Park Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner Chan

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Blight, Brown, Greenwell and Henderson for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Feeney absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of February 6, 2013, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT the Minutes of the February 6, 2013, meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Feeney absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Vice-Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

March 6, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
March 20, 2013 - in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager provided her report (*on file*) noting the following:

- The VCPC 2012 Report to Council has been submitted and she will be notified when Mayor and Council receive it;
- The VCPC 2013 Operating Grant is on the Regular Council agenda of February 26, 2013;
- Planning staff will be at the March 6th meeting to discuss city-wide principles that shape city-wide and community planning.

Following subsequent discussion, Commissioners requested the VCPC Manager also invite additional planning staff to the March 6th meeting to provide an update on the community plans currently underway. The VCPC Manager agreed to follow-up.

e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Mondor provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held February 6, 2013, and gave a brief overview of the meeting to be held later this day.

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

Commissioner Loke reported on the Parks Board direction for a new partnership agreement with Community Centre Associations, and responded to questions.

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Mondor reported that he attended an evening lecture by Matt Hern entitled "In Defense of an Urban Future". Am Johal noted that he also attended.

Commissioners Bauer and Johal reported that on January 17, 2013, they attended, along with the VCPC Manager, a meeting regarding phase one of the Vancouver Tourism Master Plan. It was noted that general information and news on the Master Plan can be viewed at the following link: www.vancouvertourismplan.org

Commissioners also noted the following events:

- Information session on housing in the West End will take place on February 26, 2013, in the Denman Room, Coast Plaza Hotel, 1763 Comox Street.
- Carbon Talks Public Dialogue will host a dialogue with North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton, Chair of TransLink's Mayor's Council, on his vision of how to fund regional public transit; to take place on March 1, 2013, at SFU Harbour Centre, Room 1700, 515 West Hastings.
- A lecture entitled "Is Public Space a Public Good" will be given by Mark Kingwell on February 21, 2013, at Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, SFU at Woodward's, 149 West Hastings.
- The topic at SFU's City Conversations on February 21, 2013, at SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings, Room 2270, will be Planning for Queer Communities.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Committee Reports

i. Transportation Planning Committee

Commissioner Chan reported that a draft discussion paper outlining ideas on an ecological lens for transportation corridor planning is being prepared and that the VCPC Manager is organizing a meeting with the Manager of Active Transportation to get his input on the discussion paper. The Committee agreed to distribute the paper to Commissioners when it is finalized.

b) 2013 Commission Work Plan

i. Work Planning Group - Report

Commissioner Krangle reported on the Work Planning Group meeting of February 18, 2013, and responded to questions.

ii. VCPC Project Review

The VCPC Manager provided a presentation on the history of the Commission including: project initiatives, by-law changes, and mandate evolution. She also responded to questions. A discussion on the Commission's role and purpose followed the presentation.

iii. Work Planning & Retreat - Next Steps

The Commission discussed work planning and the retreat currently scheduled for March 9, 2013. The VCPC Manager noted that some Commissioners could not attend the March 9th date. It was agreed she would send Commissioners alternate dates for a possible evening session prior to March 9th.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 2:14 pm.

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