



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 6, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 12:16 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Danielle Bauer
Marian Brown
Matthew Carter
Caitriona Feeney
Michael Henderson
Am Johal*
Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Rafael Aquino (Leave of Absence)
Louise Blight
Canisius Chan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Vancouver Park Board
Trustee Mike Lombardi, Vancouver School Board

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Canisius Chan and Rafael Aquino for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Carter

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission vary the agenda in order to hear from the guest presenters for Item 2(a), as the next item of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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b) Minutes of February 20, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Feeney
SECONDED by Commissioner Weldon

THAT the Minutes of the February 20, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Vice-Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

March 20, 2013 - Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
April 3, 2013 - Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager noted the Commission's report on 2012 activities was forwarded to Council as well as senior staff, and that the Commission's operating grant for 2013 was approved at Council's February 26, 2013, meeting. She also provided an update on speakers for VCPC meetings (*reports- on file*).

e) Urban Design Panel Report

Commissioner Mondor provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel (UDP) meeting held February 26, 2013, noting it was the first meeting with three new appointees. He also described proposals being considered at the UDP meeting on March 13, 2013.

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

Subsequent discussion related to the basis for the Commission's comments to the UDP and whether a subcommittee could assist in the reviewing of proposals heading to UDP.

f) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi reported the:

- VSB school calendar was adopted for next year
- budget process status, shortfall and next steps
- problem with enrolment in the Downtown area with overflowing schools, and the need for the Ministry to recognize the area has many families, and noted VSB is discussing the issue with CoV and Park Board.

Commissioner Loke reported the Park Board approved a feasibility study for Jericho Sailing Centre. He also provided an update on the status of the consultation plan with Community Centre Associations and staff, and community gardens at Charleson and Cambie Parks, and noted the motion he will be bringing forward with regard to reforming financial campaign contributions.

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioners noted the following events:

- SFU Global Community Open House on March 7
- Panel on “Foreign Investment in Vancouver’s Real Estate Market” at SFU Woodward, March 20
- West End Community Plan “walkshops” on March 22 and 23 on laneways.

Commissioners also reported:

- Metro Vancouver has set up Transit Committee; City of Surrey Mayor, Diane Watt, is Chair
- CoV Mayor’s Engaged City Task Force report to Council expected this Spring.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

(a) Presentation: City-wide Planning Principles

Jim Bailey, Planner, City-wide & Regional Planning Policy & Projects, and Cathy Buckham, Senior Planner, Community Planning, provided an update on the City-wide planning principles, regional context statement, and the community plans timeline (*list of principles - on file*). How the planning principles evolved and background on policy objectives of community plans were also reviewed. Discussion highlighted:

- complete communities, livability, and health strategies
- sustainability and food policy, housing, and social justice lens
- financial, transit, and density framework
- prioritization and implementation
- district energy opportunities
- enhancing planning with VSB and integrating growth with school facilities
- public engagement and opportunities for feedback
- next planning process
- allocating growth projections to individual municipalities in the Region.

As follow up to questions about regional projections, staff offered to return to present an update on the Regional Context and financing growth.

b) Committee Reports

i. Transportation Planning Committee

Commissioner Brown reported that the Committee members met with Engineering Services' Active Transportation staff to review the Committee's discussion paper outlining ideas on an ecological lens for transportation corridor planning. Committee members will follow up with research into examples of this kind of planning from other cities, and will distribute the discussion paper to Commission members.

b) 2013 Commission Work Plan

i. Work Planning Group - Report on Retreat & Next Steps

Commissioner Greenwell reported on the Work Planning Group's meeting earlier in the week and Commissioner Bauer provided the agenda outline for the VCPC Planning session to be held on March 9, 2013, 12:00 - 5:00 pm in the Town Hall (*outline distributed - on file*).

3. NEW BUSINESS

The Chair invited members' comments on the presentation regarding City-wide planning principles. The Commission will re-visit the topic at the work session on March 9, 2013, and possible speaker for VCPC meeting on April 3, 2013. Copies of the *Regional Growth Strategy* are available from Metro Vancouver and online.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Carter

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Johal absent for the vote)

The Commission adjourned at 2:06 pm.

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