



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 3, 2013

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at 12:20 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Greenwell, Chair
Rafael Aquino
Danielle Bauer
Marian Brown*
Canisius Chang
Caitriona Feeney
Michael Henderson
Karenn Krangle, Vice-Chair
Phil Mondor
John Weldon

ABSENT: Louise Blight (Leave of Absence)
Matthew Carter (Leave of Absence)
Am Johal (Leave of Absence)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Feeney
SECONDED by Commissioner Henderson

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve leaves of absence for Commissioners Blight, Carter and Johal for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Brown absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of June 19 for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Krangle
SECONDED by Commissioner Chan

THAT the minutes of the June 19, 2013, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Brown absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two regular meetings

July 17, 2013 - In Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall
July 31, 2013 - In Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Mondor
SECONDED by Commissioner Bauer

THAT the Commission deal with item 2a prior to item 1d.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Commissioner Brown absent for the vote)

Note from Meeting Coordinator: For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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d) Manager's Report

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

- Office space changes;
- Updates on staff briefings for the July 17 and July 31, 2013, meetings;
- The report on linking transportation actions and ecological planning has been sent to staff, and
- The Canadian Institute of Planners - Planning Institute of British Columbia Annual Conference is July 6 to 9, 2013; members are requested to identify any sessions they wish the Chair or the Commission Manager to attend.

e) Reports from Liaison Members

Commissioner Loke, Park Board Liaison, provided a summary of the last Park Board meeting, explained the OneCard system and responded to questions.

f) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor provided a verbal report on the Urban Design Panel meeting held June 5, 2013, and gave an overview of the meeting to be held later today.

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

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Bauer reported on the sign by-law review workshop to which the Commission had been invited as part of the consultation process.

Commissioner Mondor noted he had attended a cruise sponsored by UBC SALA with the objective of promoting a new downtown urban design centre and reinvigorating the Urbanarium Society. He also provided an overview of the history of the Society.

Commissioner Weldon noted draft Community Plans for three of the four local areas are now available for review on the City's website.

In response to a question, the Chair explained the process around the Regional Context Statement. He also noted there is a motion regarding a transit plan for the homeless who are trying to get to shelters and appointments, going to Council on July 9, 2013.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Briefing: *Healthy City Strategy Update*

Ali Grant, Social Planner, Social Policy, provided an update on the *Healthy City Strategy (chart distributed - on file)* and along with Carol Ann Young, Social Planner, Social Policy, responded to questions. They noted the update for the report has been moved to the July 9, 2013, Regular Council meeting, and the final report is expected to be delivered early in 2014.

b) Committee and Group Reports

i. Regional Context Statement

The Chair provided an update and distributed the text of his presentation to Council at the public hearing on June 11, 2013, regarding the Regional Context Statement, which had been approved in by the Commission principle at its meeting on June 5, 2013.

MOVED by Commissioner Feeney
SECONDED by Commissioner Henderson

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission adopt the Chair's presentation to Council at the Public Hearing on June 11, 2013, as its official statement on the Policy Report dated April 16, 2013, entitled "Regional Context Statement", and associated documents that formed part of the Public Hearing agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. Viaducts Planning

The Chair provided an update and distributed the text of his presentation to Council on June 26, 2013, regarding the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning.

MOVED by Commissioner Henderson
SECONDED by Commissioner Feeney

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission adopt the Chair's presentation to Council at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on June 26, 2013, as its official statement on the Policy Report dated June 18, 2013, entitled "Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair also commended staff for the quick resolution of a small disruption in the Chamber during the meeting.

iii. Heritage Amenity Density Policy Review

The Chair led a discussion about the update to the heritage density bank policy, including the extension of the receiving area to include the entire city, rather than just the Downtown area and Central Broadway corridor. Commissioner Mondor explained the history and function of the heritage density bank.

c) 2013 Commission Work Plan

The Commission agreed to have staff present on "Financing Growth" on July 31, 2013, as background for the review of community plan drafts in the fall.

The Chair noted that the next step in the work planning process will be to review the plan with the Council liaison.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Healthy City Strategy

Postponed to the next meeting.

b) Port Coal Expansion: Prohibition of Coal Handling at Marine Terminals

The Meeting Coordinator noted that the Public Hearing for this item will take place on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

DATE: July 17, 2013
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:10 pm

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