



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 23, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 12:18 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Karenn Krangle, Chair
Danielle Bauer, Vice-Chair
Matthew Carter
Michael Henderson
Brad Jones
Robert Matas
Phil Mondor
Julia Payson
John Weldon
Andy Yan
Brandon Yan
- ABSENT:** Caitriona Feeney (Leave of Absence)
Am Johal (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tony Tang, Council Liaison
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Mike Lombardi, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Elizabeth Ballantyne, VCPC Manager
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Bauer
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair introduced Julia Payson and welcomed her to the Vancouver City Planning Commission.

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Mondor
SECONDED by Commissioner Bauer

THAT the Minutes of the March 26, 2014, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings:

May 7, 2014 - Committee Room 1, Third Floor City Hall

May 21, 2014 - Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager reported that:

- Julia Payson has joined the Commission;
- The VCPC office has moved to its temporary location on the second floor of the VanCity building.

e) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi reported that:

- The BC Teachers' Federation began low-level stage one job action, targeting administration, on April 23, 2014;
- The Vancouver School Board is facing a shortfall of \$11.65 million and is working to balance their budget by April 30, 2014;
- The Province announced that school districts with cash surpluses will be required to contribute up to half of their seismic upgrade costs.

Commissioner Loke reported that:

- The Park Board has voted to work with the City to develop a strategy to implement free public WiFi in all of Vancouver's beaches, parks and other spaces under jurisdiction of the board;
- The Trans* and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group's recommendations will be considered by the Park Board at the April 28, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Loke provided the Commission with a brief overview of the Trans* and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group's recommendations.

Councillor Tang reported that:

- Three out of four Community Plans have been approved (West End, Marpole, and Downtown Eastside);

f) **Report on Urban Design Panel**

Commissioner Mondor provided a report on the Urban Design Panel meetings held March 26 and April 9, 2014, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held April 23, 2014.

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

g) **Reports from Commissioners**

The Commission discussed the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) Symposium, "*Planning the Metropolitan Vancouver Region: A Critical Perspective*", which took place April 22 to 23, 2014, at UBC.

- Commissioner A. Yan provided an overview of Tuesday night's keynote address and panel: "*Twenty-one Suburbs in Search of a City: A View of the Vancouver Metropolitan Area*".
- Commissioner Matas provided a brief overview of session one: "*Spaces of Exclusion and Contestation*".
- Commissioner Mondor provided a brief overview of session two: "*Canada's Cosmopolis in the Coast(?): How Immigration has Shaped and Reshaped Metropolitan Vancouver*", and session three: "*Four Decades of Planning Innovation in Vancouver's Central Area*".
- Commissioner Weldon provided a brief overview of session four: "*Metropolitan Sustainability and Urban Development*".
- Commissioner Krangle provided a brief overview of session five: "*Dynamics and Governance of Risk in Metro Vancouver*".

Commissioner Bauer reported on the salon she attended "*After Vancouverism: a conversation with Larry Beasley*" at the Gesamtkunstwerk exhibition on April 15, 2014, and noted that a video of the presentation will be posted online.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) **Commission Retreat**

The Commission will continue its work planning retreat later in the day.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Weldon
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission adjourned at 1:21 pm.

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