



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 12:15 pm, in Committee Room 1, 3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

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

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Payson
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

THAT Commissioners Bauer, Feeney and Henderson be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Johal and A. Yan absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of July 30, 2014, for Approval

MOVED BY Commissioner Mondor
SECONDED BY Commissioner Carter

THAT the minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held July 30, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Johal and A. Yan absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings will take place on September 24, and October 8, 2014.

The Commission Manager noted the October 8, 2014, meeting will take place in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall, and that this alternate location will on the agenda.

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At this point in the meeting, the Commission agreed to hear item 2a prior to other items. 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, noting the Commission office has now moved to the Third Floor, West Annex (VanCity Building), the Vancouver Urbanarium Society will come to October 8 meeting, and gave an overview of the Commission Twitter account.

e) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi provided an update on the education labour dispute, and noted that the School Board has put forward a request to the province to create a Vancouver Project Office to coordinate seismic upgrades to meet the 2020 upgrade deadline.

Councillor Tang noted Council will receive an update on the capital plan shortly and information is on the website, provided an overview of smaller projects that occurred over the summer, and provided notice of an upcoming motion regarding streetlights he will introduce at the September 16, 2014, Regular Council meeting.

f) Report on the Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor reviewed the July 30 and August 27, 2014, Urban Design Panel meetings, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held today, September 10, 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

Commissioner B. Yan invited Commissioners to an SFU Urban Studies graduate program event on "Democracy and the City", taking place on October 5, 2014.

Commissioner Jones noted the Urban Development Institute (UDI) will be hosting a panel on housing on October 16, 2014, to examine why recent practices in providing housing at various levels have not worked as well as expected.

The Chair provided an update on the September 8, 2014, Development Permit Board examination of the Broadway/Commercial SkyTrain Station design.

Agendas and minutes for the Development Permit Board are available at: <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/development-permit-board.aspx>.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) SFU City Conversations

Michael Alexander, Director, SFU City Conversations, outlined his experience with the San Francisco Planning and Research Association (SPUR). He also provided an overview of the SFU City Conversations program and commented on the possibility of collaborating with the Commission in future, and concluded with a description of the City Conversation on September 18, 2014 on the topic of linking a housing speculation tax with transportation funding.

Mr. Alexander also responded to questions, and invited members to send ideas for City Conversation topics to him through the Commission Manager, including, if possible, names of speakers to introduce the topic and frame the issue in a five to seven minute presentation.

b) Commission Initiatives

i. City Conversations

Dealt with under 2(a)

ii. Planning Legacy/Vancouver Future Round Table Report

The Commission Manager noted that the draft report will be sent to round table participants tomorrow, along with an invitation to submit commentaries on the topic for the website.

iii. September Lecture/Panel: Vancouver in the 21st Century

Commissioner Johal, along with the Commission Manager, outlined the Commission's role at the lecture and described how they plan for inviting audience feedback.

iv. Granville Island

The Commission Manager reported on efforts to contact past Commissioners who have been involved with the Granville Island Trust. She will also find out when the staff report requested by Council in regard to options for Granville Island's governance will be presented.

Note: Council's motion regarding Granville Island is available in the minutes of the July 22, 2014, Regular Council meeting. The minutes are available on the City's webpage at: <http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20140722/documents/regu20140722min.pdf>.

v. Planning/Development Chronology

Commissioner Matas provided an update on the project and noted that an example of an excellent visual chronology of high-rises can be found at <http://highrise.nfb.ca>.

3. NEW BUSINESS

i. UBC SALA Forum

Commissioner A. Yan reported that, given the advanced stage of preparation for the upcoming SALA Urban Design Forum, the best opportunity for the Commission is to consider options for participation in future SALA forums. He also noted that the Forum in November is a public event, so Commissioners are welcome to attend. The Manager will provide the link by email.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner Payson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 24, 2014
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 2:03 pm.

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