



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 12:22 pm, in Committee Room 1, 3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT: Karenn Krangle, Chair
Am Johal
Brad Jones
Robert Matas
Phil Mondor
Julia Payson*
John Weldon
Brandon Yan

ABSENT: Danielle Bauer (Leave of Absence)
Matthew Carter (Leave of Absence)
Catriona Feeney (Leave of Absence)
Michael Henderson (Leave of Absence)
Andy Yan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tony Tang, Vancouver City Council
Elizabeth Ballantyne, Commission Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

MOVED by Commissioner Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner Matas

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Payson absent for the vote)

b) Minutes of September 10, 2014, for Approval

MOVED BY Commissioner Matas
SECONDED BY Commissioner Johal

THAT the minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held September 10, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Payson absent for the vote)

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings will take place on October 8, and October 22, 2014.

d) Manager's Report

The Commission manager reported that members of the Vancouver Urbanarium Society will be attending the October 8, 2014, VCPC meeting, and that she will circulate the link to their new website. It was also noted that the Urbanarium Society is involved in the City's Doors Open event taking place on October 4, 2014.

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At this point in the meeting, the Commission agreed to hear item 2c.ii next, followed by items 2a, 2b and 3a, prior to the other items on the agenda. For ease of reference, the minutes below are recorded in numerical order.

Note from Meeting Coordinator: At 1:41 pm, after completing item 3a, the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of quorum. The following items were not dealt with at this meeting:

- 2c.ii) Planning Legacy/Vancouver Future Round Table Report
- 2c.iii) City Conversations
- 3b) Attendance

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e) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Tang reported that he attended the Urban Design Awards and that next week's Council meeting will consist mainly of Community Services reports.

f) Report on the Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Mondor reviewed the September 10, 2014, Urban Design Panel meeting, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held today, September 24, 2014.

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

At this time, Commissioner Mondor also provided his thoughts on the results of the Urban Design Awards, which took place on September 15, 2014.

g) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Johal reported on his meeting with a delegation from Australia to visit the Woodward's site re-development. The group included the Mayor of Melbourne as well as representatives from Victoria University. It was also noted that he will share the same report presented to the delegation on the Woodward's re-development at the October 8, 2014 VCPC meeting.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Heritage Action Plan

The Senior Heritage Planner provided a brief overview of the Heritage Action Plan approved by Council last year and spoke briefly about its five immediate actions:

- Clarify direction on conditional and discretionary zoning to improve protection for heritage buildings;
- Simplify/streamline rezoning, development permit and Heritage Revitalization Agreement approval processes for heritage retention applications;
- Increase demolition fees for pre-1940 houses;
- Solicit senior government support for rehabilitation tax incentives; and
- Update the Vancouver Heritage Register.

b) Vancouver Heritage Commission

The Chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission provided an overview of the Heritage Commission's current projects and overall objectives.

c) Commission Initiatives

i. Planning/Development Chronology

The Chair noted that she along with Commissioner Matas and the Commission manager, will be presenting the chronology project to the Heritage Commission, with a request for their assistance on the advisory group, on September 29, 2014.

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

Commissioner Johal and the Commission manager provided an update on the lecture/panel event co-presented by the Vancouver City Planning Commission taking place tonight.

<http://www.sfu.ca/sfuwoodwards/events/events1/2014-2015-fall/andy-yan--vancouver-in-the-21st-century.html>

iii. **Planning Legacy/Vancouver Future Round Table Report**

This item was not dealt with due to the absence of quorum.

iv. **City Conversations**

This item was not dealt with due to the absence of quorum.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Heritage Action Plan**

The Senior Heritage Planner along with the Chair of the Vancouver Heritage Commission, outlined the establishment of the Vancouver Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee to provide input and direction to the consultant team, and noted that the Vancouver City Planning Commission is one of the community groups invited to provide a representative to the Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Matas
SECONDED by Commissioner Johal

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint a member to serve on the Vancouver Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee, as requested by the General Manager, Planning and Development Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Johal
SECONDED by Commissioner Payson

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint Matthew Carter as their representative to serve on the Vancouver Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee, with Robert Matas as an alternate.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Mondor and Weldon opposed)

b) **Attendance**

This item was not dealt with due to the absence of quorum.

Next Meeting:

DATE: October 8, 2014
TIME: 12:15 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:41 pm.

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