



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 8, 2015

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 12:21 pm, in Committee Room 1, 3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Danielle Bauer, Chair
Matthew Carter
Rebecca Chaster
Catriona Feeney
Brad Jones
Am Johal
Robert Matas
Nola-Kate Seymoar
Andy Yan

ABSENT: Neal La Montagne (Leave of Absence)
Brandon Yan (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Carr, Vancouver City Council
Commissioner Crawford, Vancouver Park Board
Trustee Lombardi, Vancouver School Board
Elizabeth Ballantyne, Commission Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

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The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.

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1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Jones
SECONDED by Commissioner Carter

THAT Commissioners LaMontagne and B. Yan be granted leaves of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Chair and Vice-Chair appointments

The Meeting Coordinator called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Vancouver City Planning Commission for a one year term.

Subsequently, the following were elected by acclamation:

- Danielle Bauer, Chair
- Am Johal, Vice-Chair

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At this point in the proceedings Commissioner Bauer assumed the Chair.

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c) Minutes of March 25, 2015, for Approval

MOVED by Commissioner Carter
SECONDED by Commissioner Chaster

THAT the minutes of the Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting held March 25, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair noted the next two Regular Meetings will take place on April 22 and May 6, 2015.

e) Welcome to new Commissioners

The Chair welcomed new Commission members and roundtable introductions followed.

2. REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi reported the following:

- Tenders have been received from contractors for the International Village School;
- A director for the Vancouver Seismic Project Office has been hired;
- A long range facilities plan is underway;
- Provisional budget is to be approved by the end of April;
- Misleading statements are circulating regarding a financial surplus.

Councillor Carr provided an overview of the discussion that took place surrounding the Downtown Official Development Plan amendments at the March 24 Public Hearing and noted that 508 Helmcken will be discussed at the April 14 Public Hearing.

b) Report on Urban Design Panel

None.

c) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Johal reported that the next Heritage Vancouver Talk will take place on April 17, 2015 at SFU Woodwards. He will forward the event link to all Commissioners.

Commissioner B. Yan asked that the VCPC Manager share the following event information with the Commission in his absence:

HOUSE Symposium: Rethinking the Housing Affordability Crisis
Keynote Speaker: Ken Greenberg
Saturday, May 2, 2015
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
1700 Harbour Centre

d) Manager's Report

The Commission Manager reported the following:

- The Commission has two vacancies to fill; the successful candidate for the Council-appointed position will be known by April 14;
- A sign-up sheet is being circulated for Commissioners to attend Council meetings;
- An alternate VCPC meeting schedule will be brought forward at the April 22, 2015 meeting for the Commission to discuss.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee

Commissioner Carter provided an update on his experience as a member and an overview of the discussion that took place at the last meeting. It was also noted that a presentation from staff would be valuable to the VCPC.

b) Urban Design Panel Committee

None.

c) Planning/Development Chronology Milestones

Commissioner Matas reported that the 13-week class at the UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture is coming to an end today and noted that the University would be interested in continuing a working relationship with the VCPC. Those interested in hearing the student's presentations are welcome to attend the class from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm today. He also noted that the chronology should be online by the Fall, with a public event at the end of the year.

d) **Transit Plebiscite**

The Chair advised that the draft statement will be circulated to the Commission next week.

e) **Work Plan 2015**

The Commission will discuss the 2015 work plan later in the day.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Matas
SECONDED by Commissioner Jones

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 1:54 pm.

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