



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 25, 2016

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 12:10 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Laura Carey (by teleconference)
David Crossley
Lihua Huang
Neal LaMontagne, Co-Chair
Anthony Perl
Karenn Krangle
Melanie Matining
Nola-Kate Seymoar, Co-Chair
Brandon Yan

ABSENT: Robert Matas (Leave of Absence)
Andy Yan (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Park Board Liaison
Mike Lombardi, School Board Liaison
Elizabeth Ballantyne, Commission Manager (Recorder)

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Seymoar

THAT Commissioner Matas be granted leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2016, Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

The Chair advised that the next two Regular Meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission will take place on June 8 and 22, 2016.

d) Election of Chairs

The Commission Manager announced the nominations received for the positions of Co-Chairs of the Vancouver City Planning Commission for the balance of the year.

Subsequently, the following were elected by acclamation:

- Neal LaMontagne, Co-Chair
- Nola-Kate Seymoar, Co-Chair

2. REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Trustee Lombardi provided an update on:

- Proposals to preserve General Gordon schoolhouse;
- Budget review in light of provincial funding shortfall, including public consultations and continuing negotiations with the Minister of Education; and
- Long-range facilities plan, including seismic upgrading and consultation on school closure strategy.

Councillor Carr provided an update on Council agenda items:

- Staff report on CACs and DCLs will be on a June agenda;
- Council decision to approved one of two licences requests for the Trump tower;
- Report card on housing and homelessness, presented in two parts.

She also responded to questions on the selection of Vancouver as one of the 100 Resilient Cities in the Rockefeller program, and on how a community pursue a local neighbourhood pub.

Commissioner Crawford provided comments on the following Park Board matters:

- Approval of the love lock sculpture for Queen Elizabeth Park;
- Planned seawall upgrades;
- Synthetic turf conversions in school fields;
- Awarding of the contract to design and build five parks in East Fraser Lands.

b) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner LaMontagne reviewed the Urban Design Panel meeting held on May 18, and provided a brief overview of the meeting to be held on June 1.

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

c) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Seymoar reported on the United Nations Environment Assembly session underway this week in Nairobi.

Commissioner LaMontagne reported on a meeting of Architecture for Breakfast on the topic of new building and housing types.

d) Manager's Report

The Manager noted that no presentations are currently booked, and that her program update will be included in committee reports during the Business Meeting part of the agenda.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Chronology of Planning and Development Committee Report

Commissioner Krangle reported that the Chronology Committee is finalizing the 2015 milestones for publication, and that the Committee will convene the chronology advisory group to celebrate the completion of the first phase and plan the next phase.

b) Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee

Commissioner Krangle reported that she attended the recent meeting of the HAP Advisory Committee on behalf of the VCPC representative, Commissioner Matas. The meeting agenda included an update on the review of character home zoning in single family zones, and on the 2016 work program.

c) Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group

Commissioner Krangle reported on the submission of the application on behalf of the VCPC to participate in the Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group.

MOVED by Commissioner Seymoar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crossley

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission is in support of the application to participate in the Northeast False Creek Stewardship Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Human Resources Committee

MOVED by Commissioner Seymoar
SECONDED by Commissioner Perl

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission confirm the establishment of a Human Resources Committee to liaise with City staff to identify options for filling the VCPC staff vacancy, to make recommendations to the VCPC regarding human resources, and to follow through on recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Seymoar reported on research and meetings to coordinate the search for new VCPC staff support to take the place of the current Manager who will be leaving at the end of June, and outlined the committee's proposal to change the title of the staff position.

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Perl

THAT the title of the Vancouver City Planning Commission contract staff position be changed to Executive Director, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e) Standing Committee Update

The Commission will meet later in the day as a committee on the work plan and other business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, June 8, 2016
TIME: 12 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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