



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 12, 2017

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC) was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 3:05 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Nola-Kate Seymoar, Chair
Janice Abbott
David Crossley
Daniella Fergusson
Tl'akwasik'ən Khelsilem*
Karenn Krangle
Jennifer Marshall, Vice-Chair
Melanie Matining
Leslie Shieh

ABSENT: Amelia Huang (Leave of Absence)
Neal LaMontagne (Leave of Absence)
Robert Matas (Leave of Absence)
Anthony Perl (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Yuri Artibise, Executive Director
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Park Board Liaison
Chris Robertson, Staff Liaison, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator
Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk (Minutes)

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

a) **Attendance**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Marshall

THAT Commissioners Huang, LaMontagne, Matas and Perl be granted Leaves of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Marshall

THAT the minutes of the March 1, 2017, Vancouver City Planning Commission meeting be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Notice of VCPC Meetings

Chair Seymoar advised that the next two Regular Meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission will take place on May 10 and June 7, 2017.

2. PRESENTATION

Northeast False Creek Emerging Directions

Holly Sovdi, Planner, Northeast False Creek Project, provided a presentation on the Northeast False Creek Area Plan and responded to questions.

3. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Commissioner Crawford provided an overview of the Vancouver Park Board meetings held March 6, 8, 9, 27, and April 10, 2017, and responded to questions.

Park Board Committee Minutes are available at:

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/park-Board-meetings-and-decisions.aspx>

Councillor Reimer provided an overview of the March 7, 8, 28, 29 and April 11, 2017, Council meetings and responded to questions.

Council Minutes are available at:

<https://covapp.vancouver.ca/councilMeetingPublic/CouncilMeetings.aspx>

Councillor Carr noted that the VCPC's 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Work Plan was approved by Council at the April 11, 2017, Regular Council meeting.

4. BUSINESS MEETING

a) Debrief of meeting with General Manager, Planning Urban Design, and Sustainability

Chair Seymoar provided a brief overview of topics discussed at the meeting with the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, which included the following:

- City Core 2050;
- Employment Lands Study;
- affordable living (including housing, childcare, and transportation);
- station/precinct area and corridor plans;
- sea level rise;
- public realm and design; and
- the future city planning process.

b) Update on Rethinking the Region 5

Commissioner Krangle provided an update on the preparations for the Rethinking the Region 5 event to be held June 17, 2017, and noted that invitations will be sent out shortly.

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a) Committee Reports

The Program and Projects Committee reported that they will be planning to meet informally with other City of Vancouver civic agencies in May to exchange ideas. The Committee also noted that they are interested in holding a PechaKucha style event later this year that will tie-in the Chronology Project to coordinate with the Canada 150 + celebrations.

The Governance Committee reported that they will be incorporating the City's Civic Agency Guidelines into VCPC's internal practices, where appropriate.

b) Report on Urban Design Panel

In Commissioner LaMontagne's absence, the Executive Director provided an update on the Urban Design Panel, noting a proposed change to the voting procedure. The next Urban Design Panel meeting will be held April 19, 2017.

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

c) Report on Heritage Action Plan Advisory Committee

None.

d) Report on Transportation Stakeholder Advisory Group

None.

e) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Marshall noted that she will be attending a meeting to discuss the public realm and community engagement in Gastown.

Commissioner Fergusson reported that she attended a moderated dialogue at the Rio Theatre entitled "The Real Estate Crisis in Vancouver: Why it's happening, who's winning, and how it can be fixed".

Commissioner Shieh noted that she will be circulating a Google Doc containing case studies regarding heritage preservation in preparation for an upcoming report to Council on Chinatown. She asked that Commissioners provide feedback prior to the next VCPC Standing Committee meeting on April 26, 2017.

f) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director noted that Chris Robertson, Acting Assistant Director, City-wide and Regional Planning, has been named Staff Liaison to the VCPC. It was also noted that the Vancouver Heritage Awards are being held on April 24, 2017, at 5 pm. Please contact Mr. Artibise if you would like tickets.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley
SECONDED by Commissioner Marshall

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Khelsilem absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2017
TIME: 3:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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