



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 11, 2017

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 3:10 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Nola-Kate Seymoar, Chair  
David Crossley  
Amelia Huang  
Daniella Fergusson  
Karenn Krangle  
Anthony Perl  
Robert Matas  
Leslie Shieh

**ABSENT:** Janice Abbott (Leave of Absence)  
Jennifer Marshall, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Yuri Artibise, Executive Director  
Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
Councillor Adriane Carr, Council Liaison  
Ingrid Hwang, City-wide and Regional Planning

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Denise Swanston, Committee Clerk

**1. ADMINISTRATION**

**a) Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve Leaves of Absence for Commissioners Abbott for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b) Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Perl

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**c) Notice of Upcoming VCPC Meetings**

Commissioner Seymoar advised that the next two regular meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission will take place on November 22, 2017, and January 3, 2018.

**2. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS**

**a) Reports from Liaison Members**

Ingrid Hwang, City-wide and Regional Planning, provided an update on Planning, Development, and Sustainability items, briefly discussing the following:

- City Core 2050
  - Councillor Reimer noted this will be an ongoing, broader conversation as oppose to a policy.
- Civic Health Precinct, Employment lands, Waterfront Strategy
- Approval of character home retention and False Creek Flats bylaw amendments
- Places for People Downtown
- Heather Lands

Councillor Reimer, Council Liaison, provided a brief overview of the October 3, and 4, 2017, Council meetings, and responded to questions and comments from the Commission. Councillor Reimer also reminded the Commission that its Budget season and although it may be dry; she encouraged commissioners to attend as the budget impacts all aspects of running the City.

Council minutes are available at:

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

**3. BUSINESS MEETING**

**a) Update on Fall Shaping Resilience Summit**

Commissioner Seymoar provided an update on the upcoming fall summit and touched base with those tasked to complete write ups on one of the four themes. Once all four documents are completed, they will be submitted to one individual to streamline and check for consistency.

**b) Update on Commissioner Recruitment**

Commissioner Crossley noted the commissioner survey has been finalized and will be sent out soon. The survey will provide the Commission with a profile of current commissioner's assets and help fill gaps on the Commission during recruitment, which the Executive Director reminded everyone to spread the word about the vacancies amongst colleagues. Commissioner Crossley also noted this can be used as a recruitment tool in the future.

#### 4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

##### a) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Shieh provided an update on the October 2, 2017, Urban Design Panel, noting the following projects:

- 969 Burrard Street - Recommended to resubmit
- 1668-1684 Alberni Street -Support with recommendations
- 728-796 Main Street -Recommended to resubmit
- 2715 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue -Support with recommendation

Urban Design Panel minutes are available at:

<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/urban-design-panel.aspx>

##### b) Reports from Committees

Commissioner Matas provided an update on the Chronology subcommittee noting the following:

- Invitations to Milestone mashup are coming together
- Met with Andy Yan, SFU, to discuss possible continuing education courses related to chronology

The Executive Director noted that the PDS staff recently had a brainstorming session to discuss Vancouver planning milestones, and there may be an opportunity for future collaboration.

##### c) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Matas noted it has been 75 years since the Japanese internment camps and there are upcoming events to commemorate it.

Commissioner Huang completed the IAP2 Foundations in Public Participation. Part of this training focused on how to be more intent about cultivating inclusiveness.

Commissioner Krangle commented on safety in the West End, noting that she's heard from residents about open drug use and dealing as well as lude comments.

- Councillor Carr, as the representative for the West End, noted she hasn't received any comments about personal safety concerns in the West End, but has received some correspondence in relation to senior safety (sidewalks, accessibility).

##### d) Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director summarized his report (copy on file), noting the following:

- Fall summit
- Parking issues round table
- Chronology workshop
- Recruitment still ongoing

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Krangle noted the forthcoming Mayor's motion to create a policy framework to prioritize Metro Vancouver residence for the presale of homes. Discussion arose regarding the notion of a "presale", noting that the presale of homes is relatively new. The Commission felt this would be a worthwhile dialogue for a future meeting; in particular looking at when presales came into play and how/if it affected the market.

Councillor Reimer noted that the report on the historical discrimination of Chinese people will be coming to Council soon and noted the report was quite comprehensive and eye opening.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Crossley  
SECONDED by Commissioner Perl

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Next Meeting:

DATE: November 22, 2017  
TIME: 3:00 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1  
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Commission adjourned at 4:59 pm.

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