



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2020

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on October 14, 2020, at 3:03 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT:

- Omar Dominguez, Chair
- Veronika Bylicki, Co-Chair
- Robyn Chan
- Rob Grant
- Albert Huang*
- Alyssa Koehn
- Alix Krahn*
- Karenn Krangle*
- Marnie Tamaki
- Sierra Tasi Baker
- Amina Yasin*
- Yijin Wen

ABSENT: Danielle Dhaliwal

ALSO PRESENT:

- Yuri Artibise, Executive Director
- Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
- Commissioner John Irwin, Park Board Liaison
- Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison
- Chris Robertson, Staff Liaison, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kathy Bengston, Committee Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

1. Administration

a) Attendance

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

b) Minutes of September 23, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Huang
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, September 23, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Amina Yasin absent for the vote)

c) Notice of Upcoming VCPC Meetings

Regular meetings of November 18 and December 2, 2020.

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner Bylicki

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission vary the agenda in order to consider item 5, followed by 4(a)(i), as the next order of business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Amina Yasin absent for the vote)

Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Motion – Ensuring Equity for Speakers Using Translation

MOVED by Commissioner Huang

SECONDED by Commissioner Krahn

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver City Planning Commission is committed to embedding and reflecting justice, equity, decolonization and inclusion in all of our work and in our recommendations to City Council;
2. Vancouver is a linguistically diverse city; 45% of residents speak a first language other than English or French;
3. The City of Vancouver, as a City of Reconciliation and through its Vancouver Plan Goals, aims to decolonize and “create an equitable, diverse and inclusive city”;
4. All speakers at Council meetings are limited to five minutes. This includes non-English speakers who require translation services, and therefore end up with less speaking time. This disproportionately and inequitably impacts non-English speakers, including seniors, migrants, low-income communities who do not speak English and many Indigenous peoples, from fully participating in civic matters;
5. Allowing equal time for Indigenous people to speak in their own language would be one (small) step towards decolonization; and
6. The Vancouver City Planning Commission is pleased that Council is seeking to adjust its practices and procedures to improve the public’s engagement with, and respect for, local government. We hope that our input will contribute to making the Vancouver City Council a recognized leader in public engagement on municipal governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission recommend that Council approve the motion entitled “Ensuring Equity for Speakers Using Translation”, to be considered at the Council meeting reconvening on October 15, 2020, which will amend the *Procedure By-law* No. 12577, including sections 7.5, 13.18 and 13.20 and elsewhere as necessary, to provide speakers using translation or interpretation services with up to ten minutes to speak to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a) Reports from Committees

(i) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Krangle, Urban Design Panel (UDP) Liaison, advised the following projects are to be heard at the October 14, 2020, UDP meeting:

- 325 – 341 West 42nd Avenue;
- 602 – 644 Kingsway Avenue.

Urban Design Panel meeting minutes are available at: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/urban-design-panel.aspx>

2. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS

a) Reports from Liaison Members

Councillor Fry, Council Liaison, provided updates on the following:

- Capital Plan Recalibrated to not spend \$250 million;
- Granville Bridge Connector and Drake St. Improvements approved by Council;
- Motion entitled “Enabling Creative and Easily Replicated Missing Middle Housing Pilots” has been referred to staff for report back in Q2 2021;
- Temporary winter patios for businesses approved by Council;
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy includes parking minimums and maximums;
- Emergency COVID-19 relief for unsheltered Vancouver residents approved by Council;
- Prohibition of “No Pets” clauses in rental contracts and rental forgiveness is being requested from the Province;
- Motion entitled “Ensuring Equity for Speakers Using Translation” has been referred to staff for consideration at a future Council meeting; and
- Motion entitled “A Closer Look at Tiny Homes and Shelters” was approved and directed staff to report back at a future Council meeting.

Commissioner Irwin, Park Board Liaison, provided brief updates on the Capital Plan recalibration, English Bay parking spaces re-imagined, and Stanley Park traffic management plan to be reviewed using surveys.

Park Board Meetings available at: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/park-board-meetings-and-decisions.aspx>

Trustee Fraser, School Board Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- New school trustee sworn in at September 28 School Board meeting;
- The timeline and process for the next Long Range Facilities Plan was approved, with final plan to be reviewed by board in January 2021;
- Implementation of written standards for accessibility was approved;
- Childcare facility approved for 3rd floor of Henry Hudson elementary school;
- A proposal for a pilot project to consider renaming two rebuilt seismically safe schools will come to the October 14 Policy Government Committee meeting;
- The Vancouver School Board proposed new Olympic Village elementary school received support during the election period; and
- School students happy to be back in classrooms.

Chris Robertson, Staff Liaison, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, provided brief updates on the following:

- Vancouver Plan Phase 1 report: Public Engagement Summary, Provisional goals and Update on COVID-19 Community Recovery Actions approved by Council;
- *Zoning and Development By-law* amendment approved to allow temporary patios for businesses on private property;
- Employment Lands and Economy Review– update on phase 1 and next steps scheduled for City Finance and Services meeting, October 22, 2020; and
- Staff report back on cannabis scheduled for upcoming Council meeting.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

a) 2020 Roundtable and Panel Planning Follow up Discussion

The Commission discussed the overall structure of upcoming projects, and agreed that teams or committees are needed to move tasks forward.

The Chair shared upcoming events and asked for commissioners' help with these events.

b) VCPC Communications Discussion

The Commission discussed the website and its improvement, with the Chair to seek advice from the Executive Director on creating poll survey for members.

The Chair asked the Committee Clerk to book WebEx meetings for November 18, and December 2, 2020, and circulate the meeting invitation links to the Commissioners.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a) Reports from Committees

ii. Chronology

Virtual Event October 27, 2020.

iii. Justice, Equity, Decolonization and Inclusion (JEDI)

Commissioner Chan provided an update.

iv. Executive

The Chair asked the Commission to consider new commissioners with their strengths for the Spring 2021 nominations. Also, asked commissioners to reassess their roles and how they may contribute in the future to the Commission.

b) Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Grant requested a housing presentation for the regular meeting on November 18, 2020.

Commissioner Koehn will circulate member survey to commissioners, with governance meeting planned for December 2020.

c) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director circulated the report via email (copy on file).

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Bylicki
SECONDED by Commissioner Wen

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Huang, Krahn, Krangle absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
TIME: 3:00 pm
PLACE: Webex Online

The Commission adjourned at 4:57 pm.

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