



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2021

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 3:06 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Veronika Bylicki, Co-Chair
Robyn Chan, Co-Chair
Rob Grant
Albert Huang
Alyssa Koehn*
Aliex Krahn
Karenn Krangle*
Marnie Tamaki*
Amina Yasin*
Yijin Wen

ABSENT: Omar Dominguez (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Yuri Artibise, Executive Director
Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Commissioner John Irwin, Park Board Liaison
Trustee Janet Fraser, School Board Liaison
Lisa King, Planner, Planning, Urban Design & 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

MOVED by Commissioner Huang
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve a leave of absence for Omar Dominguez for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Tamaki and Yasin absent for the vote)

b) Election of Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Tamaki
SECONDED by Commissioner Koehn

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint Commissioners Bylicki and Chan as Co-Chairs, terms to commence immediately, and end December 31, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Yasin absent for the vote)

c) Minutes of December 2, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner Huang

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting on December 2, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Yasin absent for the vote)

d) Notice of upcoming VCPC meetings

The Co-Chairs advised that the next regular meetings of the Vancouver City Planning Commission (VCPC), would take place on February 10 and March 10.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

a) PRESENTATION: Downtown Waterfront Working Group (External)

Christina DeMarco and Tom Phipps, Downtown Waterfront Working Group, provided a presentation on, "The Future of the Downtown Waterfront". The presentation included an overview of the Downtown Waterfront Working Group, Vancouver City Planning Commission's involvement and interest, the office tower proposal, planning context, including past and present, and the advocacy's timeline, and areas of focus.

The Downtown Waterfront Working Group can be found at link here
<https://vancouverwaterfront.org/>

b) UDP Representative Appointment

MOVED by Commissioner Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint Karenn Krangle as the Urban Design Panel Representative, term to commence immediately, and end December 31, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Krangle absent for the vote)

c) VCPC Commissioner Appointment Discussion

MOVED by Commissioner Wen
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission appoint Marnie Tamaki as a Commission appointee, effective immediately and until December 31, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Krangle absent for the vote)

3. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS

a) Reports form Liaison Members

Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board (VSB) Liaison, provided an update on the December 14, 2020, School Board meeting:

- The VSB 2021/22 budget timeline was finalized, with approval by the end of April;
- Policy 21, Anti-Racism and Non-Discrimination, was updated following review by an independent expert; and
- A request will be made to the Ministry of Education to reinstate the position of Chief Educator.

In addition:

- The amended 2020/21 budget will be considered in February. There is concern about loss in revenue from International students and rentals, as well as whether additional costs were incurred Sept-Dec 2020; and
- The draft 2020 Long Range Facilities Plan is being considered at committee and is targeted for approval this month.

Commissioner Irwin, Park Board Liaison, provided brief updates on the following:

- The 2021 Service Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets approved;
- Community Centre classes switched to virtual classes;
- Strathcona Park encampment transitioning to Jericho Hostel;
- Climate Emergency Response, Green Operations, and Climate Change Adaptation staff report scheduled for future board meeting;
- Shape Your City survey results, 70% want more room for cyclists, will be moving ahead in spring or fall 2021; and
- Indigenous Food Trucks re-launching.

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

- Council approved 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets;
- Strathcona Park Encampment still has significant issues that may continue over the long term if the Province does not step in with funding;
- COVID-19 pandemic is straining local businesses, but surprised interest in new office spaces;
- Oakridge Transit Centre, with mix of affordable and market rentals on site approved by Council;
- Vancouver Bird Strategy approved;
- New subcommittees and regional bodies approved; and
- Single-use Item Reduction Strategy pulled back due to COVID-19, and will proceed as a bylaw, with no enforcements and fines until 2022.

Lisa King, Planning and Development Services, provided brief updates on the following:

- Vancouver Plan update includes November kick-off survey with engagement results from public on Council provisions in the fall;
- Vancouver Plan SFU talks being developed;
- The Future We Want: Conversation Kit | The Vancouver Plan are available online and at Vancouver Public Library branches; and
- Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions, scheduled for Public Hearing, January 21, 2021.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a) Report on Urban Design Panel

Commissioner Krangle, Urban Design Panel (UDP) Liaison, advised the following projects are to be heard at the January 13, 2021, UDP meeting:

- Broadway Subway Project (BSP)

Additional projects heard since last VCPC meeting:

- 5763-5791 Oak Street & 1008 W 4th Avenue

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

b) Reports from Committees

i. Chronology

The Executive Director is planning a February 18 panel, and will be contacting potential panelists this week, with the help of the Commissioners.

ii. Housing Working Group

Commissioner Grant reported the committee held a brief meeting the week of January 4. The working group is looking for a series of housing target events, which could include city long-range targets, typology and built forms.

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

Commissioner Krahn noted that the Commission approved the JEDI motion at the meeting, with the scope to look for additional funding.

iv. Nominations

Commissioner Chan will review the job application and job description, so it reflects the Commission's values for potential new commissioners.

c) Reports from Commissioners

None.

d) Executive Directors Report

The Executive Director circulated the report via email (copy on file). He also noted the recent resignation of Commissioner Tasi Baker.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Motion: Justice, Equity, Decolonization and Inclusion (JEDI)

MOVED by Commissioner Yasin
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission allocates \$3,000 of its funds to do an internal equity and social justice audit to become a culturally safer and more inclusive environment for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) communities, and other communities that have been traditionally underrepresented and excluded;

FURTHER THAT this audit will conduct research to identify barriers for participation of BIPOC communities and to create solutions to eliminate those barriers. This budget should go towards hiring consultants with an expertise in this type of analysis and/or honorariums for current/past commissioners to undergo an interview process.

amended

AMENDED MOVED by Commissioner Yasin
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT the motion be amended to insert the words “persons with disabilities” after communities, and before “and”, so that the motion reads as follows:

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission allocates \$3,000 of its funds to an internal equity and social justice audit to become a culturally safer and more inclusive environment for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) communities, persons with disabilities, and other communities that have been traditionally underrepresented and excluded;

FURTHER THAT this audit will conduct research to identify barriers for participation of BIPOC communities and to create solutions to eliminate those barriers. This budget should go towards hiring consultants with an expertise in this type of analysis and/or honorariums for current/past commissioners to undergo an interview process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Krangle absent for the vote)

With the amendment having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Commissioner Krangle absent for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Chan
SECONDED by Commissioner Grant

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Krangle, and Koehn absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
TIME: 3:00 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Commission adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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