



## VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

**MAY 5, 2020**

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 05, 2021, at 3:06 pm, via electronic means.

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

**ABSENT:** Veronika Bylicki, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Yuri Artibise, Executive Director  
Commissioner John Irwin, Vancouver Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Kevin Burris, Committee Clerk

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### 1. WELCOME

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

The Chair acknowledged that May is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATION

##### a) Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Huang  
SECONDED by Commissioner Koehn

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve a leave of absence for this meeting for Commissioner Bylicki.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioners Yasin and Tamaki absent for the vote)

MOVED by Commissioner Krahn  
SECONDED by Commissioner Huang

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve a leave of absence for Commissioner Chan from May 10, 2021 to June 14, 2021.

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

#### **b) Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Commissioner Grant  
SECONDED by Commissioner Krangle

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, April 07, 2021, as circulated.

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

#### **c) Notice of Upcoming VCPC meetings**

Regular meetings will be held June 3, June 30, July 14, 2021; Standing Committee meetings will be held May 19, June 16, 2021.

### **3. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS**

Trustee Fraser gave updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- VSB Superintendent Suzanne Hoffman is moving to a new role as CEO of BC Schools Trustee Association
- Adoption of preferred school size guidelines
- Discontinuation of the School Liaison Officer program
- Public consultation for considering repurposing of south portion of Fleming Elementary site

### **4. BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **a) Broadway Plan Memorandum**

MOVED by Commissioner Grant  
SECONDED by Commissioner Koehn

THAT the Commission approve in principle a draft memorandum on the Broadway Plan, circulated by the Executive Director, and subject to the addition of a clause on equity and procurement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Tamaki absent for the vote)

*\*Draft memorandum attached to minutes as Appendix A*

**b) Representative Principles and Goals for VCPC Representative on the Urban Design Panel**

Commissioners discussed objectives and continuity for VCPC representative on the Urban Design Panel.

**c) 2020-21 Term-in-Review & Advice for Incoming Commissioners Roundtable**

Commissioners and Liaisons engaged in a roundtable discussion, answering the following questions:

- What is one thing you have learned during your time on the VCPC?
- What is one thing you have contributed during your time on the VCPC?
- What is one piece of advice for new Commissioners?

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*At this point in the meeting, the Commission decided to vary the agenda to hear a Liaison Report from Commissioner Irwin. Agenda numbering is maintained for clarity.*

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**3. LIAISON MEMBER REPORTS**

Commissioner Irwin gave updates on the following, and responded to questions and comments:

- New temporary public art mural in Cathedral Square
- Ongoing low-intensity turf maintenance
- Providing housing for Strathcona Park encampment residents
- Stanley Park bike path initiation plan
- Kerrisdale Community Centre and other Community Centre sites have been running Seniors' Covid vaccination centres
- Installation of new direction signage in Stanley Park

**5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**a) Report on Urban Design Panel**

Commissioner Krangle provided updates on the following sites, and responded to questions and comments:

- 750 SW Marine Drive
- 622 SW Marine Drive
- 720 Beatty Street

**b) Reports from Committees**

- i) *JEDDI Committee*

Commissioner Krahn spoke about moving forward with internal equity audit and contacting consultants, and also discussed onboarding process for new Commissioners.

ii) *Nominations Committee*

Commissioner Koehn informed the Commission that there will be a meeting at 5:00 pm, May 6, to discuss current nominations.

**c) Reports from Commissioners**

None.

**d) Executive Director's Report**

None.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Grant  
SECONDED by Commissioner Krahn

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Huang absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, June 02, 2021  
TIME: 3:00 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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VanRIMS No.: 8-3000-11

**MEMORANDUM**

May 20, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
Theresa O'Donnell, General Manager of Planning, Urban Design, & Sustainability  
Lon LaClaire, General Manager of Engineering Services  
Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services  
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk

FROM: Vancouver City Planning Commission

SUBJECT: 2020 Report of Activities

At the Vancouver City Planning Commission's (VCPC) March 10, 2021 regular meeting, Commissioners received a report from staff on Phase 2 of the Broadway Plan, including its [Emerging Directions](#).

The VCPC was generally supportive of the Emerging Directions, and we appreciate the time that staff have taken to engage the public in refining the Directions. We do, however, have suggestions that we would like City Council and staff to consider when reviewing the directions and future phases of the Plan.

**1. Importance of the Broadway Corridor to Youth**

The Broadway Corridor and subway will connect youth from across the region to multiple educational institutions, including UBC, Vancouver Community College, SFU Burnaby, and the city's major job centre. This area has the potential to be a major urban hub for younger generations to form new communities for work, study, and living.

When considering potential housing types and land uses for the Broadway Corridor, City Council and staff should consider zoning for a higher proportion of single-occupancy apartments, shared accommodations, and more amenity spaces with commercial and recreation facilities catering to youth.

**2. Parking Maximums**

The construction of new parking has a negative impact on the city's ecological footprint, causes congestion, increases the likelihood of pedestrian injuries and fatalities, and adds to the price of new housing. The extension of the Millennium Line will also minimize private

vehicle needs as more residents in Vancouver and across the Metro Vancouver region are connected to rapid transit; this is particularly true for young people, as noted above. As the Broadway Plan is developed, City Council and staff should consider:

- a. that all new developments have parking maximums for private automobiles, in keeping with the [Transportation 2040 Plan](#) and the [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#),
- b. that new developments be required to provide loading, short term parking, and parking for those with disabilities directly off the lane, while also providing gaps for landscaping treatment, including rain gardens,
- c. that new developments provide space for car-share (such as Evo and Modo) parking, bike share (such as Mobi) docks, ample secure bicycling parking (including space for cargo bikes and outlets for electric bikes, and
- d. that below ground parking be kept to a minimum to reduce CO2 emissions - both through the reduction of embodied carbon in concrete and the CO2 produced by motor vehicles.

### **3. Retaining Existing Affordable Housing**

The City's [Co-op Lease Renewal Framework](#), released in January 2020, will affect a significant number of non-profit housing co-operatives on leased land within, and immediately adjacent to, the Broadway Corridor. This Framework has the potential to displace hundreds of low-income seniors and families from the area. City Council and staff should ensure that co-op lease renewal discussions and the Broadway Plan work in tandem to reduce displacement and ensure security of tenure for vulnerable residents.

We are thankful to have received the staff presentation, and for the opportunity to offer the Planning Commission's support and suggestions on the development of the Broadway Plan. We look forward to future updates and opportunities for input as the Emerging Directions are refined and the Plan is finalized. Should you have any questions, or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.