



VANCOUVER CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 4, 2022

A meeting of the Vancouver City Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, May 04, 2022, at 3:09 pm, via electronic means.

PRESENT: Robyn Chan, Chair
Veronika Bylicki
Noel Allison
Lauren English*
Jessica Jiang
Alyssa Koehn
Ruby Langan*
Gabrielle Peters
Juan Solorzano

ABSENT: Alasdair Butcher (Leave of Absence)
Alix Krahn (Leave of Absence)
Amina Yasin (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Janet Fraser, Vancouver School Board Liaison
Commissioner John Irwin, Vancouver Park Board Liaison
Lisa King, Senior Planner, Strategic & Long-Range Planning

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Kevin Burris, Manager, Civic Agencies
Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

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

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Commissioner Bylicki
SECONDED by Commissioner Peters

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve Leaves of Absence for Commissioners Butcher, Krahn and Yasin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners English and Langan absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Allison
SECONDED by Commissioner Solorzano

THAT the Vancouver City Planning Commission approve the Minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, April 06, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners English and Langan absent for the vote)

1. Executive Director Update

The Manager, Civic Agencies provided an update on hiring for the Coordinator, Planning Committees position. The Coordinator should be hired by June to allow for overlap and onboarding with outgoing Executive Director Yuri Artibise.

2. Broadway Plan Memo Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Koehn
SECONDED by Commissioner Allison

THAT The Vancouver City Planning Commission will put forward a letter to Mayor and Council regarding the Broadway Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners English and Langan absent for the vote)

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At this point in the meeting, the Commission agreed to reorder agenda items to accommodate the Liaisons present. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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4. Liaison Reports

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

- No new major capital projects have been approved and there will be no new projects for 3 years.
- Meetings with local MLAs will take place to discuss new funding for seismic projects.
- Student enrollment has increased more than anticipated.

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

- The Parks Board has been briefed on the Broadway plan and is moving toward writing a letter.
- Despite an increase in population by 55,000 people, no new community centre has been proposed.

- Working to get design funding from the capital budget for a cultural healing centre.
- The new Mount Pleasant outdoor pool will be important for cooling during heat waves.
- Unintended costs have arisen due to the rebuilding of the Seawall and repairs in Kits Pool following the January storm.
- Priority list for community centre association renewals has been fleshed out based on criteria such as age, seismic issues and equity.
- Yaletown Park has opened.

Lisa King provided updates on the following and responded to questions and comments:

- Items coming to Council soon include the Broadway Plan, items from Sustainability, Climate Emergency Action Plan and Green Buildings.
- Encouraging EV charging at gas stations and parking lots, increasing the business license fee for those who do not offer it.

3. May/June event

Co-Chair Chan noted the event might be pushed to early September to incorporate the new Coordinator. The event may coincide with the newly elected Mayor and Council.

Commissioner Peters suggested topics of civics outreach and education on municipal government.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair shared the following updates from the Governance Subcommittee:

- Commissioner Bylicki has stepped down as Co-Chair.
- The Subcommittee met with Councillor Fry and PDS Liaison Chris Robertson for their regular monthly meeting and discussed upcoming Council agenda items including the permanent modular housing at Arbutus and 8th Ave., which will be going to public hearing.

6. New Business

Commissioner Peters provided updates on the following:

- Attending the recent Coroner's Death Review Panel.
- Meeting with Wilma Clarke, Assistant Director, Social Policy and Projects, regarding accessibility.
- BC SUPPORT Unit training videos on the topic of educating about disabilities.

Commissioners Langan and Peters decided to draft a letter of dissenting opinion regarding the topics of diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in the Broadway Plan. The Chair and Commissioner Peters agreed to coordinate with the City Clerk's office to determine whether this letter can be combined with the Broadway Plan Letter the Commission is sending to Mayor and Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner English

SECONDED by Commissioner Koehn

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, June 01, 2022
TIME: 3:00 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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