

**MINUTES OF THE  
CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**July 12, 2018**

A meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) was held on Thursday, July 12, 2018, in the Boardroom of the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC.

**PRESENT:** Helen Lee, Planning Institute of BC, Chair  
Marianne Amodio, Architectural Institute of BC  
Edmund Ma, Chinatown Property Owner  
Inge Roecker, Heritage Vancouver (entered at 5:40)  
Mark Shieh, Chinatown Property Owner  
Raymond Tam, Chinese Benevolent Association  
May So, Member at Large

**ABSENT:** John Atkin, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society  
Andrew Larigakis, Architectural Institute of BC  
Joseph Lau, SUCCESS  
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants' Association  
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants' Association  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Commissioner Erin Shum, Parks Board  
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board

**ALSO PRESENT:** Helen Cain, A/Senior Heritage Planner, COV

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Maxine Schleger, Planning Assistant, COV

With a quorum present, Chair Helen Lee called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Helen Lee announced that she will resign from CHAPC effective Sunday, July 15, because she has accepted a staff position on the Chinatown Transformation Team in the City of Vancouver Planning Department. She thanked the Committee for her time working with them and for their support. Edmund Ma, Vice Chair then chaired the rest of the July 12 meeting.

Inge Roecker entered at 5:40.

**1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

MOVED by Mark Shieh

AND SECONDED Marianne Amodio

That the Agenda for the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting scheduled July 12, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

MOVED by Marianne Amodio

AND SECONDED by Edmund Ma

That the Minutes of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held June 14, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

Due to lack of quorum at the June 14 meeting, CHAPC ratified the following motions from that meeting: the amendment to and adoption of the Minutes from May 10 meeting, general support of the draft Heritage Incentive Program, and general support for proposed Park Board initiatives to improve the Chinese Cultural Centre plaza.

## 2) Heritage Action Plan

Helen Cain, A/Senior Heritage Planner, COV provided an update on the Heritage Program Review, in particular the Heritage Strategy, Heritage Register Update and a Heritage Toolkit. A report on this is scheduled to go before Council on September 18, at which time it is proposed that Council instruct staff to reorient the Heritage Strategy to become the essential groundwork for heritage policy and action in the citywide plan, and to examine the role of a Heritage Program in community planning.

A handout on this was distributed to the Committee. After the Committee read the handout, Staff responded to questions on topics such as the definition of Historic Urban Landscape; how intangible values impact development; and how communities might be engaged in identification of heritage values.

Discussion ensued on the ways in which the development review process across different City departments, e.g. Planning, Development & Building, and Engineering pose extra challenges to developments involving heritage resources.

MOVED by Helen Lee

AND SECONDED Mark Shieh

That CHAPC is generally supportive of the direction of the Heritage Strategy and will contact Helen Cain should they have further questions.

## 3) Other Business

Helen Lee let the Committee know about activities happening in Chinatown throughout the summer, e.g. Mah Jong socials and movie nights, and encouraged the Committee to attend as much as possible. The Committee thanked Helen Lee for her leadership and time served on the Committee.

## 4) Adjournment

MOVED by Mark Shieh

AND SECONDED May So

The Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held July 12, 2018 be adjourned (time: 7:00 PM).

### Next meeting:

DATE: September 13, 2018

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street

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Chair Helen Lee

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Date Approved