



**CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, via videoconference.

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Siu, Chinatown Property Owner, Chair
Stephen Bailey, Chinatown Property Owner
Sarah Ling, Member-at-Large (arrived at 6:42 p.m.)
Lorraine Lowe, Perkins Will
Bonnie Ma,
Leslie Shieh, Planning Institute of British Columbia
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants Association
Rufina Wu, Architectural Institute of British Columbia
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants Association
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Julien Leger, Architectural Institute of British Columbia
- GUESTS:** Ash Bivadi, Downtown Radiology (departed at 6:38 p.m.)
Yun-Jou Chang, Cinevolution
Belle Cheung, Senior Cultural Planner, Chinatown Transformation Team
Helen Lee, Chinatown Transformation Team
Orville Lim
Bonnie Ma, Planner, Downtown Eastside Planning Team
Helen Ma, Senior Planner, Chinatown Transformation Team
Lucio Picciano, Architect, DLP Architecture Inc. (departed at 6:38 p.m.)
Nima Rezaee, Director, MNG Builders Inc. (departed at 6:38 p.m.)
Janet Wang, Artist Team (departed at 7:03 p.m.)
Elisa Yon, Artist (departed at 7:03 p.m.)
- STAFF:** James Boldt, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)
Hamid Shayan, Development Planner
Niall Coffey, Project Facilitator
- RECORDING SECRETARY:** Debbie Reimer, Mosaic Writing Group

Call to Order

James Boldt, Heritage Planner, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Boldt reviewed the responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Eric Siu consented to continuing his role as Co-Chair.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Grace Wong

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the agenda for the April 14, 2022 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

Change in Chair

Eric Siu assumed the Chair.

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 4 prior to Item 3.

4. 275 East Pender Street – New Building

Lucio Picciano, DLP Architecture Inc., led the review of a presentation titled “Downtown Radiology 275 East Pender St.” and highlighted:

- The proposed building site will contain a medical/radiology clinic
- The building design aligns with the character of Chinatown
- A traffic management plan will be created
- An extensive bike facility is planned
- Planned materials include standard brick on the main floor and high performing windows
- Solid timbers will provide a canvas for the office and/or café sign
- No shadow effect is expected from the six-story building
- The design includes roof top deck with landscaping.

Discussion ensued on:

- The street alcove area is adaptable to either an open or closed concept
- Signage is customizable and will be bilingual
- The clinic will be operating during standard business hours
- The two entrances allow for the leased area to establish its own operating hours, without being restricted to the clinic’s operating hours
- The building can contain an outer electrical supply for potential night market use
- The design has adequate space to accommodate pandemic social distancing
- The new building could attract new physicians to Chinatown.

MOVED by Grace Wong

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee support the radiology building at 275 E Pender Street, as presented on April 14, 2022 with the following recommendations:

- Appropriate signage denoting the cultural context of Chinatown;
- Provision for access to outdoor outlets for a potential night market;
- Design development to encourage after hours use;
- Design development for the canopy to maintain the street character of Chinatown; and,
- Design development to plan for daytime and nighttime use.

CARRIED

Hamid Shayan, Development Planner, assured the CHAPC that the City will ensure the recommendations will be implemented.

Guests Departed

Messrs. Bivadi, Picciano, and Rezaee departed the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Member Arrived

Sarah Ling joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was resumed.

3. Suzhou Alley Women’s Mural Project

Elisa Yon led the review of a presentation titled "Suzhou Alley Women’s Mural: A Community Engaged Storytelling Project" and highlighted:

- The Suzhou Alley Women’s Mural project will be located at 525 Carrall Street
- The Mural Project Advisory Committee launched a community engagement campaign which was completed by fall 2021
- The Mural dimensions are approximately 120 feet by 12 feet
- Final mural design rendering
- The Installation is expected to commence in August 2022
- Maintenance plan and security measures being considered
- The mural will include an anti-graffiti coating
- Additional grants are required for a dedicated maintenance budget.

Discussion ensued on:

- The 120-foot length covers the entire length of the building
- Graffiti an ongoing issue in the neighbourhood and a concern for the mural.

Guests Departed

Mses. Yon and Janet Wang departed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

5. Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan

Helen Ma, Senior Planner, and Bell Cheung, Senior Cultural Planner, Chinatown Transformation Team, jointly led the review of a presentation titled “Draft Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan (Champ): Strategic Framework” and highlighted:

- The CHAMP plan will serve as the foundation for a future United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site application for Chinatown
- CHAMP finds new ways to protect and promote both tangible and intangible cultural heritage
- Thirty community-led projects have been completed in the last four years
- The CHAMP strategic framework uses a cultural redress approach
- Recommendations:
 - Adopt the CHAMP Strategic Framework co-developed with the Legacy Stewardship Group
 - Direct staff to develop an implementation action plan
 - Direct staff to initiate the process to place Chinatown on Canada’s National Tentative List
- The cultural approach makes visible what was erased
- Chinatown’s cultural assets were not documented nor protected
- Council is committed to working with the community on redress
- Significant input was received through community outreach to create a map of tangible and intangible assets
- CHAMP emphasizes a partnership and multi-jurisdictional approach to revitalization
- CHAMP sees cultural heritage as a collective goal and the framework includes:
 - A diverse health and inclusive living community
 - Cultural heritage as the foundation and future
 - A cultural heritage economy
 - Partnerships and coordination
- Upon approval from Council, the Chinatown Transformation Team will work to advance reconciliation and cultural redress
- Next steps
- Vancouver Chinatown is the first Chinatown to apply for UNESCO designation.

MOVED by Eric Siu

SECONDED by Rufina Wu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee supports the Chinatown Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan, as presented on April 14, 2022.

CARRIED

Action Item (01): James Boldt to distribute a copy of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee guidebook to new Committee members.

6. Staff Update

Mr. Boldt advised that CHAPC meetings can return to in-person meetings and more information will be provided via email.

7. Adjournment

The Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held April 14, 2022 adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: TBD
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: TBD

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