



**CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) held on Thursday, September 10, 2020, via videoconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Larigakis, Architectural Institute of BC, Chair
Sarah Ling, Member-at-Large, Vice Chair
Albert Lam, Heritage Vancouver
Fang Liu, Architectural Institute of BC
Edmund Ma, Chinatown Property Owner
Inge Roecker, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society
Leslie Shieh, Planning Institute of British Columbia
Eric Siu, Chinatown Property Owner
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants Association
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants Association (departed at 6:35 p.m.)

LIAISONS PRESENT: Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board

GUEST: Helen Ma, Senior Planner, Chinatown Transformation Team
(Item 2)

STAFF: Zlatan Jankovic, Senior Heritage Planner
Amber Knowles, Staff Liaison
Nancy Lee, Telecommunications Systems Analyst

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol Lee, Mosaic Writing Group

Call to Order

Andrew Larigakis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and conducted the roll call.

The Chair recognized the unceded ancestral territories of the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations who have stewarded these lands for millennia and thanked them for their care of the lands.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

MOVED by Edmund Ma
SECONDED by Sarah Ling

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the agenda for the September 10, 2020 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Inge Roecker
SECONDED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee adopts the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Chinatown Transformation Team Update

Helen Ma, Senior Planner, Chinatown Transformation Team, provided an update on the Chinatown Transformation project:

- Challenges experienced in Chinatown due to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Closure of restaurants and businesses
 - Street disorder
 - Increased racism
- City's pandemic response plan:
 - Initiatives to assist the Chinatown and Downtown Eastside (DTES) communities
 - There have also been community-led actions during the pandemic
- Legacy Stewardship Group (LSG) pilot projects:
 - Creation of five working groups to recommend short, medium and long-term projects to support Chinatown's cultural heritage:
 - Additional focus of assisting with Chinatown's recovery from the pandemic
 - Funding has been approved for seven pilot projects:
 - Five projects recommended by the LSG
 - Two projects advanced by community-led organizations
- Chinese Canadian Museum Society of BC (CCM Society):
 - Goal to establish a permanent museum in Chinatown
 - A temporary exhibition, curated by the Museum of Vancouver, opened in August 2020 in the Hon Hsing Building at 27 East Pender Street
 - The Chinatown Transformation Team is assisting the CCM Society in identifying a permanent site in Chinatown
- Cultural Heritage Asset Management Plan (CHAMP):
 - The plan is will be developed in accordance with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) guidelines
 - Key actions:
 - Identify values for Chinatown
 - Develop plan principles
 - Identify actions
- Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Plan:
 - The creation of a new NEFC Working Group to renew engagement with the Chinatown community on key issues
 - Access to Chinatown
 - Andy Livingstone Park design
 - Gateways to Chinatown
 - Georgia Viaducts
 - The first meeting will be held before the end of September 2020
- Special Enterprise Program:
 - Intention to provide support to small enterprises in Chinatown

- The Special Enterprise Program will be piloted in Chinatown:
 - A report will be submitted to Council for approval by the end of 2020
- If the Special Enterprise Program pilot is successful in Chinatown, it may be used in other areas of the City
- Continuation of supplementary funding being provided for the Business Improvement Area's (BIA's) security patrol:
 - The community continues to advocate for federal funding support for Chinatown.

Member Departed

Michael Yu departed the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Discussion ensued on:

- LSG pilot projects:
 - Request for information regarding the total funding to be provided from the Chinatown Programs budget for the seven projects
 - Whether there is an ability within the projects to include initiatives to combat the rise in Asian racism resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
 - The podcast by Heritage Vancouver will focus on heritage businesses
 - The sponsors of the Fire Dragon and Noodle festivals will be required to consider how to adapt the projects if COVID-19 restrictions continue
- Chinese Canadian Museum exhibition:
 - Criteria for the selection of a permanent site in Chinatown
 - Whether the Chinese Canadian Museum's temporary exhibition could be adapted to a mobile exhibit to tour Vancouver schools
- The Chinatown Transformation Team's approach to engaging the Indigenous community
- Request that CHAPC be engaged in the development of the Special Enterprise Program:
 - The role of CHAPC and the Heritage Commission to provide input into the Special Enterprise Program before it is presented to Council
- Opportunities:
 - Promotion of Chinatown as a tourism destination by Tourism BC
 - Encourage residents to support Chinatown businesses as part of the buying local campaign
- Suggestion to establish a collection of intangible heritage, combined with contemporary design, modeled on the Forbidden Palace Museum in Beijing, China
- Suggestion to provide a presentation on the principles and concepts of CHAMP to CHAPC and the Heritage Commission.

MOVED by Leslie Shieh
SECONDED by Eric Siu

THAT the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee:

1. Supports the efforts of the Chinatown Transformation Team, as presented at the September 10, 2020 meeting; and
2. Requests the Chinatown Transformation Team to provide a report back on the development of the Special Enterprise Program and the Cultural Heritage Asset Management Plan.

CARRIED

3. Adjournment

MOVED by Inge Roecker
SECONDED by Leslie Shieh

THAT the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held September 10, 2020 be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Date: October 8, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Videoconference (WebEx Events)

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Certified correct:

Andrew Larigakis, Chair

Date Approved