



**CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, via videoconference.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bailey, Chinatown Property Owner (Acting Chair)
Julien Leger, Architectural Institute of British Columbia
Fang Liu, Architectural Institute of British Columbia
Lorraine Lowe, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society
Leslie Shieh, Planning Institute of British Columbia (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Ling, Member-at-Large, Co-Chair
Eric Siu, Chinatown Property Owner, Co-Chair
Albert Lam, Heritage Vancouver
Grace Wong, Chinatown Merchants Association
Michael Yu, Chinatown Merchants Association

GUESTS: Catherine Neil, Vancouver Plan Team
Beverly White, Vancouver Plan Team

STAFF: James Boldt, Heritage Planner (Staff Liaison)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Debbie Reimer, Mosaic Writing Group

Call to Order

James Boldt, Heritage Planner, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

In the absence of the Co-Chairs, Stephen Bailey was appointed Acting Chair.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next CHAPC meeting.

2. Vancouver Plan

Catherine Neill and Beverly White, Vancouver Plan Team, jointly led the review of a presentation titled "Vancouver Plan Emerging Directions Engagement" and highlighted:

- The Vancouver Plan (Plan) is a long-range plan to guide growth and change for the next 30 years
- Expectation that the draft Plan will be ready by June, 2022
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on life in the city
- The Plan is designed to respond to challenges regarding:
 - Housing
 - Location
 - Climate change
 - Isolation
- The Plan is based on three foundation principles:
 - Reconciliation

- Equity
- Resilience
- The three priorities for the Plan are:
 - Equitable housing and complete neighbourhoods
 - Economy that works for all
 - Climate protection and restored ecosystems

Member Arrived

Leslie Shieh joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

- The Plan includes opportunities to provide for essential needs
- Policies will be aligned in lower density areas to the three big ideas of the Plan
- The Plan will focus on advancing the priorities and required decisions with respect to:
 - Rapid transit
 - Neighbourhood shopping
 - Residential
- Higher buildings are necessary to provide affordable housing.

Discussion ensued on:

- Greenspace:
 - Climate events have exposed a lack of greenspace in the community
 - Density is prioritized over parks and green spaces
 - Greenspace encourages cultural activities and connections
 - Suggestion that a green roof or terrace amenity space can increase greenspace and public areas while also increasing density
- Graffiti:
 - Penalties for the presence of graffiti are onerous for business owners
 - Excessive graffiti is one example of inequities that exist in Chinatown
- The Vancouver Plan Team is working in tandem with the Chinatown Transformation Team
- Reconciliation goals include working with urban Indigenous communities on:
 - Visibility
 - Naming
 - Cultural visibility in parks
 - Land opportunities
- Affordable housing:
 - An increase in housing density does not equate to affordability
 - Dispersing rentals and affordable housing is beneficial for city growth
- Zoning:
 - Zoning regulations can impact shopping areas or daycare facilities
 - Zoning amendments are part of the implementation phase of the Plan
- Suggestions to increase park security
- The Vancouver School Board is working on a curriculum program for youth planners.

3. Staff Update

Mr. Boldt advised that CHAPC meetings will be via videoconference until further notice.

4. Adjournment

The Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee meeting held November 18, 2021 adjourned at 6.34 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: TBD

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Videoconference (WebEx Events)

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Certified correct:

Sarah Ling, Co-Chair

Date Approved