

These Minutes will be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on April 4, 2006



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 9, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton, Chair
*Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
*Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri, Vice-Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager
Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting of February 16, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2227 East 43rd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers (VanRIMS No. 1-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 3, 2006, in which the City Building Inspector requested Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 2227 East 43rd Avenue to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations and that the property was used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Peter Sweeney, Manager, Building Inspection Branch, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 2227 East 43rd Avenue, Lot17, District Lot 719 E Ptn, Plan 3429, PID 012-892-203 in order to warn prospective purchasers that this building has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation on two occasions and there are contraventions of the Vancouver Building and Electrical By-laws related to this unapproved use.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman and Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

**2. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Options for 1285 West Pender Street
(Evergreen Building) (VanRIMS No. 11-2800-20)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 24, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning in consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services supported retention of the Evergreen Building at 1285 West Pender Street and requested Council refer to Public Hearing, a Heritage Revitalization Agreement (HRA) to provide bonus density for transfer in exchange for the designation and long-term protection of the building. An option to conclude that no viable retention options were identified was also submitted for consideration. The City Manager recommended approval of Recommendation A(i) being referred to Public Hearing, and Recommendation B.

Larry Beasley, Director of Current Planning, and Brent McGregor, Deputy City Manager, reviewed the report, and responded to questions relating to use of the building, staff recommendations, tax implications relating to residential/commercial use and zoning clarification.

The following spoke in favour of Recommendation A:

Dr. Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe
Susan Boissonneault, Vice-President, Heritage Vancouver
John Laxton, The Cathedral Development Group, Owner
Cheryl Cooper, Vancouver Heritage Commission (letter submitted - on file)
Grant Arnold, Audain Curator of BC Art, Vancouver Art Gallery
Elizabeth Whitelaw (letter submitted - on file)

Speakers' comments included:

- Evergreen is example of high quality of design aesthetic and cultural design; exemplifies modern movement indicating environmental and social components of sustainability;
- Evergreen shows effective use of site and natural topography in its orientation and sense of greenery in high density/high rise district;
- contributes to visual appeal and memory of distinguished era in post-war Vancouver;
- retention is essential for continuity in world of rapid change;

- contributes to civic identity and cultural dimension sought by Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC);
- one of major buildings of Arthur Erickson's very important work;
- the building is internationally acclaimed and draws people to Vancouver;
- must be preserved; currently on top 10 list of endangered buildings;
- should not be casualty of Vancouver's development boom;
- Council should support the owner in adapting building;
- owner advised:
 - if economically feasible, building should be saved;
 - current occupancy is 50% and maintenance/construction costs are high and increasing during this lengthy process;
 - reviewed viability of residential vs commercial conversions - office option with right amount of bonus FSR for transfer is best hope of saving the building;
 - saving with commercial option is possible now as office market is recovering;
- Recommendation A(ii) is most friendly to community - retains commercial presence in downtown core;
- concern expressed regarding loss of commercial space in downtown;
- recognizes both solutions are supportable;
- Evergreen not on heritage register nor on landmarks inventory;
- City staff, owner and Vancouver Heritage Commission commended for their diligence;
- Vancouver Art Gallery is organizing exhibition of Mr. Erickson's work in May 2006 to coincide with relevant conferences; this will generate wide media coverage; and
- although the building is young, it is of great historical importance.

Staff responded to questions relating to revenue derived based on residential/commercial use, legal aspects, and timing of public hearing.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council supports, in principle, sending to Public Hearing, the heritage conservation and designation of the Evergreen Building at 1285 West Pender Street, based on:
 - (i) Residential use conversion, 5-storey addition to the roof and 129,000 square feet of bonus density for transfer, AND/OR
 - (ii) Commercial use retention, no additions to roof and 150,000 square feet of bonus density for transfer; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services is instructed to prepare the requisite Heritage Revitalization Agreement(s) for Public Hearing; and,

FURTHER THAT this decision does not prejudge Council's decision regarding the HRA(s) at a Public Hearing; and

FURTHER THAT Council thank the owner, the Vancouver Heritage Commission and City staff for their efforts in pursuing the heritage conservation and designation of the Evergreen Building at 1285 West Pender.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan not present for the vote)

3. World Peace Forum 2006 Funding Request

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated February 21, 2006, in which the City Manager submitted options for consideration relating to the release of \$50,000 as the second portion of the one-time grant for the World Peace Forum 2006 (WPF) to the World Peace Forum Society (WPFS).

Wendy Au, Manager, Special Projects, reviewed the report and along with Sven Buemann, Chief, External Relations and Protocol, and Lindsey Richardson, Corporate Policy Analyst, responded to questions relating to:

- cash revenues, "in kind" donations, matching funding;
- discussion/grant applications with other levels of government by WPFS and by the City; Staff noted that applications for funding must come from the Society and not the City;
- assessment of policing/security requirements and risk management/assessment process;
- status of WPF workshops/venue bookings;
- level of City involvement in the event organization and language used to acknowledge City involvement;
- attendance by dignitaries;
- WPFS fund raising efforts;
- registration (who will attend/numbers) and impact on assessing security costs;
- traffic and crowd management;
- overlap of attendance at World Urban Forum; and
- costs and process related to past Peace Marches;
- expectations relating to WPFS making application for the event with in-depth details, as do other organizations (including past Peace Marches);
- allocation of costs to be paid by organizers;
- general responsibility of staff to raise issues of concern regarding applications and to make decision on whether to deal directly with organizers or bring concerns to Council; staff noted that, in this particular case and consistent with normal procedure, Council did request full details;
- criteria relating to grant approvals and use of funds by organizations once approved;
- status of WPFS formal application to FEST;
- cost recovery from past events.

The following spoke in favour of Recommendation A:

Jef Keighley, Executive Director, World Peace Forum Society (material submitted - on file)
Her Holiness, Hehpsehboah A., Prelate for Zarathustrians
Rosy Deol, Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS
Jane Turner, BC Teachers Federation (material submitted - on file)
Sister Elizabeth Kelliher, Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA) and Franciscan Sisters
Patsy George, President, United Nations Association in Canada
Marion Hartley, Burnaby Teachers Association
Arthur Howie, Personal Electronic Accountable Controllable Computer Exchange
Mable Elmore, Vancouver District Labour Council, (material submitted - on file)
Gary Cristall
Grace Eiko Thomson, National Association of Japanese Canadians
Jennifer Simons, President, Simons Foundation (material submitted - on file)
Emma Banks
Jan Eastman
Irene McInness, Co-Chair, World Peace Forum Society
Ellen Woodsworth
Arunima Sharma
Peter Prontzos
John Price, Peace & Justice Committee
Joseph Hynes

Speakers' comments included:

- Vancouver is a Peace Messenger city and should show international community that it is not just a tourist destination, but a world-leading City willing to engage in important dialogue;
- past Council made commitment and criteria has been met through cash and in-kind donations which should be considered as equivalent to cash donations;
- reviewed status of delegates and projected cash revenues based on registration fees;
- other international events have had similar organizational timelines and been successful;
- grant should be released which will enable the WPF to align with the International Peace Education Conference being held in June 2006; a strand of the WPF, this program is well underway with many specifics confirmed;
- many students came to Canada to escape war/repression and need role models;
- students/youth groups world-wide support the Peace Forum and are preparing for it;
- \$50,000 would be investment in peace and individuals' well-being; participants will be in Vancouver to promote peace and will not riot;
- partnership between civil society and local governments is key to peaceful development of democratic pluralist society and, in globalized world, everyone must be meaningfully involved in a partnership for change;
- Labour Peace Forum, a WPF component, expects 500 delegates and is endorsed by BC Federation of Labour;

- National Association of Japanese Canadians are organizing Asia Regional Conference to be held simultaneously with WPF; there is an overlap of attendees;
- Peace Messenger cities recognize that in order to build a sustainable, peaceful world, we need to begin in our own communities;
- original report adopted by Council was clear that community/City would work together; Simons Foundation joined because of this and WPFS was created as an independent body to be a labour-sharing entity;
- in contradiction to a supportive e-mail sent to Simon Foundation by the Mayor in November 2005, subsequent City actions make it appear the City wants to disown the WPF; this withdrawal of support/endorsement is an embarrassment to both the Foundation and the City;
- past Peace Marches have not been a security problem; relevant police comments have not been reflected in the staff report;
- City was very involved in the 1980s peace movement and in 2003 approved a motion to oppose the war in Iraq and support the February 15, 2003 Peace March; Council should not slip backwards;
- Sunset Beach would be suitable venue as it has accommodated crowds of 30,000+;
- delegates from World Urban Forum will tie into World Peace Forum;
- City must not hesitate, but as a Peace Messenger City act for peace and welcome world-wide delegates from diverse communities;
- many dignitaries world-wide support the WPF; many projects/forums already in place and there have been 30 million hits on the WPF website;
- with globalization, effects of war will impact Vancouver locally;
- while concerns raised by Council are valid, original commitment must be honoured; and
- City will benefit as revenue will be generated by delegates during and after the WPF.

In response to Council questions, the WPFS stated that City staff had requested the WPFS use the City logo/crest on WPF promotional materials and provided WPFS with a copy of the crest. The City Clerk clarified the process for use of the City crest/logo and advised there was no official request from WPFS for its use and official permission was not granted.

MOVED BY Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council determine that the World Peace Forum Society has not met the conditions established in the Council motion of March 31, 2005 for the release of further funding.
- B. THAT Council instruct the City Manager to take the appropriate action to ensure that the organizers and others respect and confirm City Council's decision on March 31, 2005 regarding the City of Vancouver's relationship to the World Peace Forum 2006 as welcoming the World Peace Forum to Vancouver and providing a one time grant to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event and that Council is not "endorsing", "co-hosting", "co-sponsoring", or "co-organizing" the event or any of its components.

- C. THAT Council request the City Manager undertake the necessary actions to ensure that the City's role and responsibilities in relation to the World Peace Forum are publicly clarified.
- D. THAT Council direct the Peace and Justice Committee to cease any involvement in the planning, organization and delivery of the World Peace Forum.
- E. THAT City Council urge the World Peace Forum Society to quickly address issues of concern, such as security, emergency preparedness and transportation, and as part of the general preparation and public program for the event follow the regulations of the City of Vancouver through the Special Events Office and the Vancouver Police Department.
- F. THAT given the international nature and topical significance of the World Peace Forum 2006 that City Council provide a one time special grant of \$50,000 to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event.
- G. THAT in the spirit of the March 31, 2005 Motion, a further \$50,000 is available to the World Peace Forum Society subject raising \$700,000 in cash donations, and meeting all the conditions in items B to E.

AMENDMENT MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT A be replaced with:

"THAT Council authorize the release of the second portion of the grant in the amount of \$50,000 to the World Peace Forum Society for the World Peace Forum 2006."

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and Mayor Sullivan opposed).

Council recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT in G the words "subject to raising \$700,000 in cash donations" be changed to "subject to raising \$500,000" and the words "and meeting all the conditions in items B to E" be deleted, so that G would read:

"THAT in the spirit of the March 31, 2005 motion, a further \$50,000 is available to the World Peace Forum Society subject to raising \$500,000."

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED BY Councillor Louie

THAT G be amended to read:

"THAT in the spirit of the March 31, 2005 motion, a further \$50,000 is available to the World Peace Forum Society subject to raising \$584,000 in cash donations."

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

The City Manager and staff clarified use of registration fees as part of the cash contribution.

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the residual amendment dealt with the deletion of the words "and meeting all the conditions in items B to E". Accordingly, the amendment was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee, and Mayor Sullivan opposed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT A be amended to insert the word "substantially" between the words "has" and "met", so A would read:

"THAT Council determine that the World Peace Forum Society has substantially met the conditions established in the Council motion of March 31, 2005 for the release of further funding."

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Lee, Ladner and Mayor Sullivan opposed)

Council requested to separate the components of the motion for the vote.

- A. That Council determine that the World Peace Forum Society has not met the conditions established in the Council motion of March 31, 2005 for the release of further funding.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

- B. THAT Council instruct the City Manager to take the appropriate action to ensure that the organizers and others respect and confirm City Council's decision on March 31, 2005 regarding the City of Vancouver's relationship to the World Peace Forum 2006 as welcoming the World Peace Forum to Vancouver and providing a one time grant to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event and that Council is not "endorsing", "co-hosting", "co-sponsoring", or "co-organizing" the event or any of its components.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

- C. THAT Council request the City Manager undertake the necessary actions to ensure that the City's role and responsibilities in relation to the World Peace Forum are publicly clarified.

CARRIED
(Councillor Cadman opposed)

- D. THAT Council direct the Peace and Justice Committee to cease any involvement in the planning, organization and delivery of the World Peace Forum.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

- E. THAT City Council urge the World Peace Forum Society to quickly address issues of concern, such as security, emergency preparedness and transportation, and as part of the general preparation and public program for the event follow the regulations of the City of Vancouver through the Special Events Office and the Vancouver Police Department.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

- F. THAT given the international nature and topical significance of the World Peace Forum 2006 that City Council provide a one time special grant of \$50,000 to the World Peace Forum Society in support of the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- G. THAT in the spirit of the March 31, 2005 Motion, a further \$50,000 is available to the World Peace Forum Society subject raising \$584,000 in cash donations, and meeting all the conditions in items B to E.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

MOTION AS AMENDED AND APPROVED

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The Committee adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 9, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 7:56 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Diane Clairmont, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
March 9, 2006

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment. Its items of business included:

1. 2227 East 43rd Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
2. Heritage Revitalization Agreement Options for 1285 West Pender Street (Evergreen Building)
3. World Peace Forum 2006 Funding Request

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of March 9, 2006, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of March 9, 2006, as contained in item 3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND F & G
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. 2006 Community Services Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

At the Regular Council meeting on March 7, 2006, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Louie. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

The Mayor noted a request to speak had been received, and Council agreed to refer this matter to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear speakers.

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS Community Services Grants provide core financial support to non-profit organizations which work with each other, various levels of government that include the City and residents to address social problems to bring about positive social change;

AND WHEREAS over 100 groups received Community Services Grants totaling approximately \$3.9 million in 2005 to provide essential community based services and resources such as at-risk youth outreach, anti-violence programs, tenants rights legal information, support to people with disabilities, seniors, women's groups, recent immigrants and neighbourhood groups;

AND WHEREAS the community-based groups who receive these grants rely on a consistent and transparent grant decision making process;

AND WHEREAS the proposed 8% cuts in funding and the reduction from a 12 month to a 6 month grant for the 2006 Community Services Grants are not consistent with past practice;

AND WHEREAS a reduction in the amount and stability of Community Services Grants not only puts at-risk critical community based services but also severely hinders the ability of community based groups to structurally and organizationally plan, retain staff and leverage additional funds;

AND WHEREAS the services and resources provided by community-based groups are essential to the well-being of Vancouver's residents and should be a priority for City funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver maintain the past practice of providing one-year Community Service Grants and re-commit Council support for community-based social services and resources as a spending priority.

2. City-wide International Women's Day Celebration in 2007 (VanRIMS No. 01-2700-10)

At the Regular Council meeting on March 7, 2006, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

Due to time constraints, Council agreed to refer this matter to a future Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Deal
Seconded by Councillor Stevenson

Whereas International Women's Day has been celebrated annually on March 8 since 1909 to recognize women as makers of history and is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world, commemorated at the United Nations, and designated by many countries as a national holiday;

Whereas cities in Canada also recognize the important contributions of women to their communities and society as a whole;

Whereas the City of Vancouver is a city of celebration that honours the diversity of its citizenry through arts & cultural and recreational activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver City Council and Mayor request staff to work with city partners including the School Board, Park Board, Library Board and Community Associations to recognize and celebrate women throughout the city on International Women's Day for the year 2007.

The Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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