



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

NOVEMBER 2, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Planning and Environment was held on Thursday, November 2, 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: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, 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 October 5, 2006, were adopted.

VARY ORDER OF AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, the order of the agenda was varied to deal with items 7 and 8 first. Subsequently, during consideration of item 8, the Committee agreed to deal with items 1 through 5. For ease of reference, the items have been minuted in numerical order.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2392 East 7th Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
(VanRIMS No.: 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 2, 2006, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to this building that has been used as an illegal marijuana grow operation and to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 2392 East 7th Avenue, Lot 16 of 2, Block 150, District Lot 264A, Plan 2469, PID 013-741-667 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 absent for the vote)

2. 4477 Puget Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
(VanRIMS No.: 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 26, 2006, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 4477 Puget Drive to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations and to seek injunctive relief. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 4477 Puget Drive (Lot 8, Block L, District Lot 2027, Plan 5702) PID 009-027-289 in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are deficiencies under the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building By-laws.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the premises located at 4477 Puget Drive (Lot 8, Block L, District Lot 2027, Plan 5702) PID 009-027-289 and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this property into compliance with City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

3. 6925 Granville Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
(VanRIMS No.: 11-4400-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 6, 2006, in which the City Building Inspector sought Council approval to file a 336D Notice against the title to 6925 Granville Street to warn prospective purchasers of by-law violations and to seek injunctive relief. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Ed Neufeld, Manager of Building Branch, Building Inspection, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the City Clerk be directed to file a 336D Notice against the title to the property at 6925 Granville Street (Lot 8 of F, Block 11, District Lot 526, Plan 5614) PID 011-105-887 in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are deficiencies under the Zoning and Development and Vancouver Building/Plumbing, Electrical and Standards of Maintenance By-laws.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services is hereby authorized, in her discretion, to commence a legal action or proceeding in relation to the premises located at 6925 Granville Street (Lot 8 of F, Block 11, District Lot 526, Plan 5614) PID 011-105-887 and may, in her discretion, seek injunctive relief in that action or proceeding, in order to bring this property into compliance with City By-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

4. Unit G3 - 888 Nelson Street - Mint Palace Holdings Inc.,
Liquor Primary Liquor License Application (VanRIMS No.: 11-4600-50)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 17, 2006, in which the City License Inspector sought Council approval of an application by Mint Palace Holdings Inc. for an 85 seat Liquor Primary liquor license (Liquor Establishment Class 2) at Unit G3 - 888 Nelson Street. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Guy Gusdal, License Coordinator, reviewed the report.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered the proximity of residential developments, potential noise impacts, relevant Council policy and the opinion of area residents and business operators of the community as determined by the public consultation, as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 17, 2006, entitled "Unit G3 - 888 Nelson Street - Mint Palace Holdings Inc., Liquor Primary Liquor License Application", endorse the application by Mint Palace Holdings Inc. for an 85 seat (Person capacity) Liquor Primary liquor license (Liquor Establishment Class 2) at Unit G2 - 888 Nelson Street subject to:

- i. A Time-Limited Development Permit to review compliance and mitigation of traffic, noise, parking and other zoning issues;
- ii. Standard hours of operation limited to 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Sunday to Thursday; and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday; or Extended hours of operation limited to 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Sunday to Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday;
- iii. A signed Good Neighbour Agreement prior to business license issuance; and
- iv. Adherence to clean air practices.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

**5. RM-5A - Multiple Dwelling Development - Rate of Change
1550 Harwood Street - DE410015 (VanRIMS No.: 11-3500-10)**

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 19, 2006, in which the Director of Current Planning sought Council's advice on a conditional approval use Multiple Dwelling development application located in the RM-5A Zoning District. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

Bill Boons, Co-Manager, Processing Centre, Development Services, reviewed the report and with Cameron Gray, Director, Housing Centre, and Morau Conzatti, applicant, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council confirm a 12-month Rate of Change of 0.043 percent is acceptable for this West End neighbourhood, and that the guidelines regarding "Rate of Change" are not applicable.

- B. THAT any other unscheduled applications in the West End that result in greater than 0% "Rate of Change" be postponed pending the report from staff on "Rate of Change" policy.

carried

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT decision on this application be postponed pending the report from staff on "Rate of Change" policy.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

The postponement having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councillor Cadman absent for the vote.

6. Actions to Address Homelessness (VanRIMS No.: 11-2200-21)

At the Regular Council meeting on October 17, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. Councillor Cadman called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. Subsequently, at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of October 19, 2006, Council referred the matter to a future Standing Committee Meeting in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

WHEREAS Mayor Sam Sullivan will officially declare Oct 16 - 22 as Homeless Awareness Week;

WHEREAS the number of homeless in the city has doubled to more than 1,000 since 2001 and it is projected the number of homeless in Vancouver could triple by 2010;

WHEREAS it is estimated that the average new social housing unit costs \$200,000;

WHEREAS Single Room Occupancy hotels and rooming houses provide the most affordable housing in the city, need to be kept open until they can be replaced, but are old, only marginally viable and therefore at risk of closure;

WHEREAS Council approved the Homeless Action Plan in June 2005 that identified three ways to home (housing, income and services) with supportive housing, improved access to welfare, and assertive case management as the plan's highest priorities;

WHEREAS the Province of BC recently announced Housing Matters BC setting out the Province's housing strategies, which include funding for supportive housing and which identifies vulnerable populations including those at risk of homelessness as the Province's top priority;

AND WHEREAS the Province through the Premier's Task Force on Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addictions has challenged municipalities to review their regulations and approval processes and ensure that their regulatory frameworks support the development of affordable and supportive housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff review the Vancouver Charter to identify possible amendments that would support the development of affordable and supportive housing in Vancouver including consideration of property tax relief, transferable density, and bonus zoning;
- B. As a direct means of accommodating the full range of housing needs of the homeless and at-risk; staff work with BC Housing and provide support for the immediate replacement of existing single room occupancy units with new, well-designed units of greater floor space per occupant; these units must include modern, properly staffed common areas that permit tenants to interact in a safe and healthy environment;
- C. Staff, in co-operation with BC Housing, undertake a "fast-track" process for the design and predevelopment for 3 of the City's downtown sites designated for SRO replacement housing, including the support services required and capital and operating budgets, in anticipation of future senior government funding for housing for vulnerable and at-risk populations;
- D. Staff, in co-operation with BC Housing, review the plans for cold/wet and extreme weather shelter for the 06/07 winter to ensure that shelter space is available to accommodate the homeless in need of and seeking shelter, and report back to Council by the end of November if there is a need to expand the winter shelter capacity in the city; and
- E. THAT Council request that the Province provide emergency funding for the Single Room Accommodation (SRA) designated buildings in the City to ensure they continue to be viable and properly maintained and managed, and that the City administer the funds in the context of the enforcement of the City's by-laws including entering into agreements with SRA owners to ensure they manage and maintain their buildings in accordance with City by-laws and provincial legislation.

referred

Cameron Gray, Director, Housing Centre responded to questions relating to the Standards of Maintenance By-law and options regarding room size, amenities provided, etc. that will be considered in greater detail as the project progresses.

The following spoke generally in support of providing housing for the homeless and urged Council to approve restoring existing housing, building new housing developments that are "real homes", larger than 10' x 10', and that private bathrooms and kitchens should be included:

Jean Swanson, Coordinator, Carnegie Community Action Project
Sister Elizabeth Kelliher, Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement (brief filed)
Muggs Sigurgeirson, Carnegie Community Centre Association
Kim Kerr, Executive Director, DERA
Chris Laird
Patrick Foley
Carolina De la Cajiga
Alison Emond, Broadway Youth Resource Center

Thom Armstrong, Executive Director, Co-operative Housing Federation of BC, (brief filed), spoke in support of addressing the decline of SRA housing stock but cautioned Council that there are other people at risk along the housing continuum, specifically households that spend over ½ of their income on housing and are at risk of becoming homeless. He noted the potential for expansion or redevelopment of housing co-ops to help address the problem.

Patrick Prinster, Dominion Hotel and Gastown Business Improvement Assn., spoke in support of improving housing and dealing with the homelessness crisis in Vancouver. He noted that the Dominion Hotel provides safe, habitable accommodation in spite of being old, with low functionality, and with low rents and a difficult tenant pool. Mr. Prinster suggested that efforts in addressing homelessness in the Downtown Eastside should be channeled so that organizations work collectively and proactively to bring about active and immediate change.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council's decision in regard to the Motion entitled "Actions to Address Homelessness", be referred to the Regular Council meeting on November 14, 2006, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

7. Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct (VanRIMS No.: 11-2600-01)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on October 31, 2006, referred this item to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 2, 2006, in order to hear from people wishing to speak. Due to time constraints, Council subsequently referred the matter to the afternoon Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, in which the Managing Director of Cultural Services in consultation with the Cultural Precinct Project Manager sought Council's endorsement of a planning approach for the Cultural Precinct, as outlined in the report. The City Manager recommended approval and provided additional comments regarding the proposed planning process.

Sue Harvey, Managing Director of Cultural Services, reviewed the report and with Judy Rogers, City Manager responded to questions.

The following spoke in support of the development of the Cultural Precinct and offered additional comments:

Heather Redfern, Alliance for Arts & Culture
David Pay, Coal Harbour Arts Complex Society
Duncan Low, Vancouver East Cultural Centre

Speakers' comments included:

- concern was expressed that there is not enough representation from the cultural community and cultural facilities are not being given enough priority;
- existing projects already underway should not be excluded;
- architectural consultations identified that 1800-seat and 450-seat facilities need to be given priority;
- an arts complex should be included as the cornerstone of the precinct; this is missing in the report;
- cultural facilities benefit the City as a whole;
- Council was urged to support the plan so that development of cultural precincts can begin as soon as possible.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the cultural precinct site broadly encompass the Georgia Street ceremonial spine and include existing cultural sites (Queen Elizabeth Theatre Complex, Vancouver Public Library, CBC, UBC and Vancouver Art Gallery at Robson Square); sites currently in planning (the former bus depot site, Robson Square, Georgia and Thurlow Sculpture Garden, renovation of the QE and CBC Plazas), as well as future Georgia Street site options.
- B. THAT Council endorse the planning approach for the Cultural Precinct as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct" and direct staff to report back with a long range plan.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back with a detailed proposal for the development of an initial phase to include at a minimum the redevelopment of the Vancouver Civic Theatres, an office tower and such other cultural uses as are viable on the adjacent City-owned site, as well, as an interim use, an Olympic Live Site, all as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct".
- D. THAT an Advisory Committee consisting of the Premier, Minister of Tourism, Sports and the Arts be established to meet quarterly, receive progress reports and provide advice on the program to develop and evaluate Cultural Precinct proposals.
- E. THAT a Steering Committee comprised of senior City and Provincial staff and representation from the local arts community be established to oversee the development and evaluation of Cultural Precinct proposals.
- F. THAT the City invite the Province to co-host a workshop of museum and gallery professionals with a view to developing a better understanding of roles and niche, gaps in services and programs, and potential of collaborations, as well as exploring creative scenarios and solutions.
- G. THAT the City invite the Province to join in an invitation to the federal government to discuss ongoing investment in operational support for programming to animate the proposed cultural facilities in a cultural precinct; in particular to support ongoing inter- cultural and Asia Pacific commissions, programming, festivals, education and cultural exchanges.
- H. THAT the City invite Federal and Provincial governments to join with VANOC and the City for the coordinated planning of Vancouver Olympic Live Sites including the Bus Depot site and Robson Square.
- I. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to retain and execute the necessary agreements to secure temporary staff and consultants at a cost not to exceed \$650,000 for Cultural Precinct Phase One planning as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct"; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.
- J. THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$70,000 to the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations for Phase One of the development of an Aboriginal Art Gallery concept; and a further grant in the amount of \$180,000 towards Phase Two as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct" and subject to the successful completion of Phase One; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.

- K. THAT an 1800-seat theatre and a 450-seat theatre in the arts complex be included in Phase One.

amended

Council agreed to deal with each part of the foregoing motion separately.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the cultural precinct site broadly encompass the Georgia Street ceremonial spine and include existing cultural sites (Queen Elizabeth Theatre Complex, Vancouver Public Library, CBC, UBC and Vancouver Art Gallery at Robson Square); sites currently in planning (the former bus depot site, Robson Square, Georgia and Thurlow Sculpture Garden, renovation of the QE and CBC Plazas), as well as future Georgia Street site options.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- D. THAT an Advisory Committee consisting of the Premier, Minister of Tourism, Sports and the Arts be established to meet quarterly, receive progress reports and provide advice on the program to develop and evaluate Cultural Precinct proposals.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT D be amended by inserting the words "as well as the Mayor and a City Councillor" following "Minister of Tourism, Sports and the Arts".

amended

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT discussion on D be postponed until after the Advisory Bodies Review.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the amendment to D be amended by replacing the words "an Advisory Committee" with "a Project Working Group".

CARRIED

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

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the motion be postponed for two weeks.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the amendment to D be amended by adding the words "and report back to Council" at the end.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendments to the amendment having CARRIED, the amendment to D was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

The amendment to D having CARRIED, motion D was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- E. THAT a Steering Committee comprised of senior City and Provincial staff and representation from the local arts community be established to oversee the development and evaluation of Cultural Precinct proposals.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

THAT E be amended by striking the words "and representation from the local arts community".

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal and Louie opposed)

(Councillor Stevenson absent for the vote)

The amendment to E having CARRIED, motion E was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- F. THAT the City invite the Province to co-host a workshop of museum and gallery professionals with a view to developing a better understanding of roles and niche, gaps in services and programs, and potential of collaborations, as well as exploring creative scenarios and solutions.
- G. THAT the City invite the Province to join in an invitation to the federal government to discuss ongoing investment in operational support for programming to animate the proposed cultural facilities in a cultural precinct; in particular to support ongoing inter- cultural and Asia Pacific commissions, programming, festivals, education and cultural exchanges.
- H. THAT the City invite Federal and Provincial governments to join with VANOC and the City for the coordinated planning of Vancouver Olympic Live Sites including the Bus Depot site and Robson Square.
- I. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to retain and execute the necessary agreements to secure temporary staff and consultants at a cost not to exceed \$650,000 for Cultural Precinct Phase One planning as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct"; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.
- J. THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$70,000 to the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations for Phase One of the development of an Aboriginal Art Gallery concept; and a further grant in the amount of \$180,000 towards Phase Two as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct" and subject to the successful completion of Phase One; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT an 1800-seat theatre and a 450-seat theatre in the arts complex be included in Phase One.

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

MOVED by Councillor Capri

K. THAT Councillor Elizabeth Ball be appointed as the City Councillor in D.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT K be amended to replace "Councillor Elizabeth Ball" with "Councillor Heather Deal".

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

The amendment to K having LOST, motion K was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

L. THAT Council direct staff to consult extensively with the cultural community throughout this process.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT L be amended by adding the words "and that staff bring forward a consultation plan".

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

The amendment having LOST, motion L was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the cultural precinct site broadly encompass the Georgia Street ceremonial spine and include existing cultural sites (Queen Elizabeth Theatre Complex, Vancouver Public Library, CBC, UBC and Vancouver Art Gallery at Robson Square); sites currently in planning (the former bus depot site, Robson Square, Georgia and Thurlow Sculpture Garden, renovation of the QE and CBC Plazas), as well as future Georgia Street site options.
- B. THAT Council endorse the planning approach for the Cultural Precinct as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct" and direct staff to report back with a long range plan.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back with a detailed proposal for the development of an initial phase to include at a minimum the redevelopment of the Vancouver Civic Theatres, an office tower and such other cultural uses as are viable on the adjacent City-owned site, as well, as an interim use, an Olympic Live Site, all as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct".
- D. THAT a Project Working Group consisting of the Premier, Minister of Tourism, Sports and the Arts as well as the Mayor and a City Councillor be established to meet quarterly, receive progress reports and provide advice on the program to develop and evaluate Cultural Precinct proposals and report back to Council.
- E. THAT a Steering Committee comprised of senior City and Provincial staff be established to oversee the development and evaluation of Cultural Precinct proposals.
- F. THAT the City invite the Province to co-host a workshop of museum and gallery professionals with a view to developing a better understanding of roles and niche, gaps in services and programs, and potential of collaborations, as well as exploring creative scenarios and solutions.
- G. THAT the City invite the Province to join in an invitation to the federal government to discuss ongoing investment in operational support for programming to animate the proposed cultural facilities in a cultural precinct; in particular to support ongoing inter- cultural and Asia Pacific commissions, programming, festivals, education and cultural exchanges.
- H. THAT the City invite Federal and Provincial governments to join with VANOC and the City for the coordinated planning of Vancouver Olympic Live Sites including the Bus Depot site and Robson Square.
- I. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to retain and execute the necessary agreements to secure temporary staff and consultants at a cost not to exceed \$650,000 for Cultural Precinct Phase One planning as outlined in the

Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct"; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.

- J. THAT Council approve a grant of up to \$70,000 to the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations for Phase One of the development of an Aboriginal Art Gallery concept; and a further grant in the amount of \$180,000 towards Phase Two as outlined in the Administrative Report dated October 21, 2006, entitled "Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precinct" and subject to the successful completion of Phase One; source of funds to be the Provincial contribution to the Cultural Precinct planning process held in the Cultural Precinct Reserve Fund.
- K. THAT Councillor Elizabeth Ball be appointed as the City Councillor in D.
- L. THAT Council direct staff to consult extensively with the cultural community throughout this process.

8. Advisory Bodies Review (VanRIMS No.: 08-2200-20)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on October 31, 2006, referred this item to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 2, 2006, in order to hear from people wishing to speak. Due to time constraints, Council subsequently referred the matter to the afternoon Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 2, 2006, in which the City Clerk provided basic factual information about those advisory bodies that are under review and recommended that Council act on its decision made July 20, 2006, to undertake an analysis of the advisory bodies based on the assessment criteria put forward by the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee. The City Manager recommended approval.

Janice MacKenzie, Director of Public Access Services and Deputy City Clerk, and Syd Baxter, City Clerk, responded to questions.

Loretta Woodcock and Caryn Duncan, Vancouver Women's Health Collective, spoke in favour of reinstating the Women's Advisory Committee, noting that women need a voice and a central body at City Hall to report to.

The following spoke in opposition to discharging the Peace and Justice Committee:

Sam Phillipoff, Peace & Justice Committee
Irene MacInnis, Co-Chair, World Peace Forum (brief filed)
Gail Davidson, Co-Chair, Peace and Justice Committee
David Askew, Peace & Justice Committee

Speakers' comments included:

- the committee is needed to lobby against war and for abolition of nuclear weapons;
- the City needs to develop an emergency plan since nuclear weapons are being tested near Vancouver;
- the committee contributes to educating children with regard to peace and justice.

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

Therefore be it resolved that:

A. The committees advising council and staff are categorized as follows:

Type A committees are advisory to Council, and include the following and that their mandates remain unchanged:

1. Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
2. Bicycle Advisory Committee
3. Public Art Committee
4. Vancouver City Planning Commission
5. Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
6. Vancouver Heritage Commission
7. Creative City Task Force
8. Food Policy Council

Type B committees are advisory to staff and include the following and that their mandate remain unchanged:

1. Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
2. Fire and Rescue Services Citizens' Advisory Committee
3. First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel
4. Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
5. Vancouver Prevention Task Force
6. Urban Design Panel

Type C committees perform statutory functions and include the following:

1. Board of Variance
2. Building Board of Appeal
2. Development Permit Board and Panel
4. Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
5. Vancouver Athletic Commission

Type D committees perform the duties of providing policy advice and recommendations to the Mayor in his/her capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the City and include the following:

1. Mayor's Task Force on Immigration (formerly Mayor's Working Group on Immigration with the mandate and purpose to remain unchanged).

and the City Manager is authorized to provide input and/or staff support to Type D committees as is necessary.

B. THAT Council establish the following committee as a Type A committee:

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee; (a consolidation of the former Seniors and Disabilities issues committees) The mandate of the committee is to work to enhance access to city services for senior and people who use wheelchairs, people with visual and hearing impairments, and people with all types of disabilities.

C. THAT Council discharge the following committees:

1. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
2. Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
3. Peace and Justice Committee
4. Women's Advisory Committee (no current members)
5. Neighbourhoods Engagement Task Force (no current members)
6. Pedestrian Safety Task Force (no current members)
7. Sustainable Purchasing Task Force (no current members)

D. THAT Council request all committees to Council to consider the following priorities when developing their respective 2006-2008 workplans:

1. Support for economic development as means of keeping our city competitive into the future
2. Protect our local, regional and global ecology through a commitment to sustainability
3. Reduce the city's ecological footprint and increase housing affordability and choice through the support and implementation of EcoDensity principles
4. Reduce the incidents of street disorder and the impacts of crime
5. Enhance our vibrant arts and cultural community
6. Secure additional housing for our homeless or those at risk of homelessness
7. Increase the level of accountability of our city government
8. Improve the movement of goods and people throughout our City
9. Play host to the most inclusive and sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games celebration in 2010

E. THAT Council assign a non-voting Councillor Liaison to each Type A and Type D committee and that no Council liaisons are appointed to other committees.

- F. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each Type A and Type D committee for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- G. THAT Council approve \$10,000 in the Operating Budget to establish a new Advisory Committee Outreach Fund, for use by all Type A and Type D committees that do not currently have a specifically assigned budget, for community outreach events. Source of funding will be \$6,000 previously approved for the exclusive use of three existing committees, with the remaining \$4,000 subject to approval in the 2007 Budget process.
- H. That where appointments are currently on a staggered two year basis they be amended to two years and one year, with the option that a new Council may reappoint the one year appointments for a further one year in the new term, at its discretion.
- I. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with advertising for all committees requiring appointments with the goal that all committee members be appointed by Council no later than February, 2007.
- J. THAT Council direct staff to prepare mandate letters for all committees as the new members take office.
- K. THAT Council acknowledge the dedication of all committee members and that Council instruct staff to organize a recognition event for individuals who have served on City of Vancouver committees during the past three years.
- L. THAT Council request City staff prepare acknowledgement letters for the Mayor to sign on behalf of Council to the volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts to support the various committees. This volunteer acknowledgment program will come into effect in 2007 with letters being provided on an annual basis or such time as a volunteer ceases to be a member of the committee.
- M. THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward any necessary by-laws to reflect the changes arising from this resolution.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the following be inserted at the end of A:

- 9. Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues
- 10. Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues
- 11. Peace and Justice Committee
- 12. Women's Advisory Committee
- 13. Pedestrian Safety Committee
- 14. Sustainable Purchasing Committee

THAT the Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues, Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues, Peace and Justice Committee and Women's Advisory Committee be struck from C.

FURTHER THAT B be replaced with the following:

"THAT a consultation process be taken with the Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues and the Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues regarding the feasibility of replacing these two committees with the Accessibility Advisory Committee".

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT an Advisory Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Bisexual Issues be inserted as 15 at the end of A.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having LOST, the amendment to A and B was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed and Councillor Cadman absent for the vote.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the following be inserted at the end of D:

10. A commitment to citizen input into transparency

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Cadman absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the following be inserted at the end of D:

11. Enhance pedestrian safety

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillors Ball, Cadman and Stevenson absent for the vote)

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Prior to the vote on the amendment above, the Chair called for a five-minute recess.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the word "may" be inserted after the words "THAT Council" in E.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Cadman and Stevenson absent for the vote)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED with Councillors Chow, Louie, Deal and Stevenson opposed to A, B and C, and Councillors Cadman and Stevenson absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Therefore be it resolved that:

A. The committees advising council and staff are categorized as follows:

Type A committees are advisory to Council, and include the following and that their mandates remain unchanged:

1. Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues
2. Bicycle Advisory Committee
3. Public Art Committee
4. Vancouver City Planning Commission
5. Vancouver Civic Theatres Board
6. Vancouver Heritage Commission
7. Creative City Task Force
8. Food Policy Council

Type B committees are advisory to staff and include the following and that their mandate remain unchanged:

1. Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
2. Fire and Rescue Services Citizens' Advisory Committee
3. First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel
4. Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
5. Vancouver Prevention Task Force
6. Urban Design Panel

Type C committees perform statutory functions and include the following:

1. Board of Variance
2. Building Board of Appeal
2. Development Permit Board and Panel
4. Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
5. Vancouver Athletic Commission

Type D committees perform the duties of providing policy advice and recommendations to the Mayor in his/her capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the City and include the following:

1. Mayor's Task Force on Immigration (formerly Mayor's Working Group on Immigration with the mandate and purpose to remain unchanged).

and the City Manager is authorized to provide input and/or staff support to Type D committees as is necessary.

B. THAT Council establish the following committee as a Type A committee:

1. Accessibility Advisory Committee; (a consolidation of the former Seniors and Disabilities issues committees) The mandate of the committee is to work to enhance access to city services for senior and people who use wheelchairs, people with visual and hearing impairments, and people with all types of disabilities.

C. THAT Council discharge the following committees:

1. Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
2. Advisory Committee on Seniors' Issues (on the appointment of the members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee)
3. Peace and Justice Committee
4. Women's Advisory Committee (no current members)
5. Neighbourhoods Engagement Task Force (no current members)
6. Pedestrian Safety Task Force (no current members)
7. Sustainable Purchasing Task Force (no current members)

D. THAT Council request all committees to Council to consider the following priorities when developing their respective 2006-2008 workplans:

1. Support for economic development as means of keeping our city competitive into the future
2. Protect our local, regional and global ecology through a commitment to sustainability
3. Reduce the city's ecological footprint and increase housing affordability and choice through the support and implementation of EcoDensity principles
4. Reduce the incidents of street disorder and the impacts of crime
5. Enhance our vibrant arts and cultural community
6. Secure additional housing for our homeless or those at risk of homelessness
7. Increase the level of accountability of our city government
8. Improve the movement of goods and people throughout our City
9. Play host to the most inclusive and sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games celebration in 2010
10. A commitment to citizen input into transparency

- E. THAT Council may assign a non-voting Councillor Liaison to each Type A and Type D committee and that no Council liaisons are appointed to other committees.
- F. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each Type A and Type D committee for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- G. THAT Council approve \$10,000 in the Operating Budget to establish a new Advisory Committee Outreach Fund, for use by all Type A and Type D committees that do not currently have a specifically assigned budget, for community outreach events. Source of funding will be \$6,000 previously approved for the exclusive use of three existing committees, with the remaining \$4,000 subject to approval in the 2007 Budget process.
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- M. That Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward any necessary by-laws to reflect the changes arising from this resolution.

The Committee recessed at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.
with the same members present except Councillor Cadman who was absent.

The Committee adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 10:25 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 Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Manager, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

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
November 2, 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. 2392 East 7th Avenue - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
2. 4477 Puget Drive - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
3. 6925 Granville Street - Warning to Prospective Purchasers
4. Unit G3 - 888 Nelson Street - Mint Palace Holdings Inc.,
Liquor Primary Liquor License Application
5. RM-5A - Multiple Dwelling Development - Rate of Change
6. 1550 Harwood Street - DE410015
6. Actions to Address Homelessness
7. Planning Process for Development of Cultural Precincts
8. Advisory Bodies Review

Items 1 - 8

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment at its meeting of November 2, 2006, as contained in items 1 - 8, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

1. Free Parking for Veterans during Remembrance Week

At the Regular Council meeting following the City Services and Budgets meeting on November 2, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Louie. Councillor Capri called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS the Federal Government declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran and Canadians celebrated, honoured and remembered the contributions and sacrifice of our veterans throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver honours veterans and their service every year through a ceremony at the Victory Square Cenotaph and other locations like the Chinatown Cenotaph to mark Remembrance Day;

AND WHEREAS 2006 marks the 61st anniversary of the end of the Second World War and many of our armed forces are currently engaged overseas;

AND WHEREAS City Council has previously unanimously supported the provision of free meter parking for Veterans during the week of Remembrance Day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver provide free meter parking from Sunday, November 5, 2006 to Saturday, November 11, 2006 for Veterans with veteran's license plates as a way to acknowledge their sacrifice and service to our community and country;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to explore options to provide free metered parking for Vancouver resident Veterans on an ongoing basis for future weeks of Remembrance Day and report back to council for consideration.

referred

After brief discussion, due to time constraints, Council agreed to refer this matter to the next Regular Council meeting on November 14, 2006, as Unfinished Business.

The Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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