



CITY OF VANCOUVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Tim Stevenson
 Councillor Suzanne Anton
 Councillor George Chow
 Councillor Heather Deal
 Councillor Peter Ladner
 Councillor B.C. Lee
 Councillor Raymond Louie

ABSENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
 Councillor Elizabeth Ball
 Councillor David Cadman
 Councillor Kim Capri

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

MOVED by Councillor Louie
 SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT this Council resolve itself into Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the accuracy of names of property owners, or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court, Deputy Mayor Stevenson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COURT OF REVISION

Projects by Council Initiative

Davie Village BIA Expansion
 Davie Village BIA Funding Ceiling Increase
 Proposed Broadway & Commercial BIA
 Proposed Fraser Street BIA

Delegations

Deputy Mayor Stevenson called for representations relating only to errors or omissions in the names of property owners, and no one came forward.

RISE FROM COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Court of Revision rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE COURT OF REVISION

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the report of the Court of Revision be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum from the Assistant Director of Planning - City Plans February 7, 2007

Before Council was a memorandum from the Assistant Director of Planning - City Plans, dated February 7, 2007, which noted that on December 12, 2006, Council considered the following applications:

BIA Expansion and Funding-Ceiling Increase
Davie Village BIA (Proposed 'West End' BIA)

Proposed New BIAs
Broadway & Commercial BIA
Fraser Street BIA

The applications were described in Appendices to the memorandum. Property owners in the BIA areas were given appropriate notifications as required by the Vancouver Charter, and business tenants also received notification according to City Policy.

Circulated at the meeting was a memorandum dated February 13, 2007, from the BIA Coordinator, which provided information on the objections received for the BIA applications, updated to 5:00 p.m., February 13, 2007.

Peter Vaisbord, BIA Coordinator, reviewed the agenda and process with Council, provided clarification on questions raised in correspondence to Mayor and Council dated February 4, 2007, (on file) and with the aid of area maps, reviewed the objections received for the applications. Prior to considering the applications, the following speakers were heard:

**BIA Expansion and Funding-Ceiling Increase:
Davie Village BIA (Proposed 'West End' BIA)**

Vince Marino, President, and Lyn Hellyar, Executive Director, Davie Village BIA, provided a brief history of the Davie Village BIA, spoke in support of the proposed expansion, and noted the benefits the expansion would bring to the area.

Richard Lewthwaite, Real Estate Manager, Canada Safeway, spoke in opposition to the expansion on behalf of both Safeway stores located within the area.

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the application of the Davie Village Business Improvement Association to expand the Davie Village BIA, as described in Appendix A, and to increase the funding ceiling, as described in Appendix B, of the memorandum dated February 7, 2007, from the Assistant Director of Planning - City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws: to expand the Davie Village BIA and to increase the funding ceiling.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Broadway & Commercial BIA

Dan Kooner, Chair, Broadway & Commercial Business Association, spoke in support of the proposed BIA and noted the benefits, including street beautification, marketability and safety/security, that the BIA would bring to the area.

Richard Lewthwaite, Real Estate Manager, Canada Safeway, spoke in opposition to the proposed BIA on behalf of the Safeway store located within the area.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the application of the Broadway & Commercial Business Association, as described in Appendix C of the memorandum dated February 7, 2007, from the Director of Planning - City Plans, be approved and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws: to establish the Broadway & Commercial BIA and funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Fraser Street BIA

The following spoke in support of the proposed BIA, and noted the benefits of safety, security and cleanliness the BIA would bring to the area and help overcome some of the area's social and economic problems:

- Ken Mason, Chair, South Hill (Fraser Street) Merchants Association (requested Council approve an amended BIA area excluding the area shown in Appendix D, Attachment D)
- Ryan Klassen, MCC Thrift Shop
- Akash Sablok
- Michael Cox
- Susan Wrobel, Mini School Parent Rep. John Oliver PAC (brief filed)
- Parkash Kumar, PAC Chair, John Oliver Secondary (brief filed)
- Timothy Welsh
- Stephen Tam
- Randy Jankowski
- Louise Seto, Co-Chair, City Plans Sunset Implementation Committee
- Catherine Ruffin
- Brian Ramor
- Rachael Wong
- Virgilio Olidan
- Bob Rai
- Susan Faehndrich-Findlay
- Ian Thompson, Store Manager, Starbucks

The following spoke in opposition to the proposed BIA, noted the increase to property taxes, and questioned if the needs of the area would be met by the proposed BIA. Lack of sufficient notification was also noted.

- Sekhwinder Nizzer
- Kuldip Gill (petition filed)
- Moe Atefat, Dollar Store

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the application of the South Hill (Fraser Street) Merchants Association, as described in Appendix D of the memorandum dated February 7, 2007, from the Director of Planning - City Plans, be approved with the boundary amendment shown in Attachment D, and that the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Planning, prepare by-laws: to establish the Fraser Street BIA and funding ceiling, and to remit monies for a business promotion scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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