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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Vancouver City Planning Commission - Parks and School Boards Members

CONSIDERATION

- A. THAT Council direct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward an amendment to the Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law No. 5064 removing the Board of Parks and Recreation and Board of School Trustees for School District No. 39 as voting members of the Vancouver City Planning Commission.
- B. THAT Council request that the Board of Parks and Recreation and Board of School Trustees for School District No. 39 each assign a board member as a non-voting liaison to the Vancouver City Planning Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager put forward the foregoing for Council's CONSIDERATION.

COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council Policy.

PURPOSE

To propose that Council amend the Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law No. 5064 to remove the appointments from the Board of Parks and Recreation and Board of School Trustees for School District No. 39 as voting members of the Commission and that Council request that each instead assign a board member to serve as a non-voting liaison.

BACKGROUND

On November 2, 2006 Council approved assigning non-voting Councillor Liaisons to specified types of committees, which included the Vancouver City Planning Commission. This decision resulted in an amendment being made to the Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law No. 5064. The amendment removed the appointment of two Councillors as voting members of the Commission. In their place, one Councillor now serves as a non-voting Councillor Liaison. Prior to the amendment, the Planning Commission was the only advisory body that had Councillors as voting members.

In addition to the Vancouver City Planning Commission formerly having two Councillors as voting members, the Planning Commission continues to have two other voting members who are elected officials from the Board of Parks (Parks Board) and Recreation and Board of School Trustees for School District No. 39 (School Board). Their appointments are annual with terms expiring in December of each year.

This is unlike the many other advisory bodies of Council that also have elected officials from the Parks and School Boards participating on the advisory bodies. On these advisory bodies, the individuals from the Parks and School Boards serve as (non-voting) liaisons.

DISCUSSION

To establish consistency in the role played by Parks and School Board members on all advisory bodies that have elected officials participating on the advisory bodies, staff are proposing that the Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law No. 5064 be amended to remove the Parks and School Board members as voting members of the Commission. Instead, those members would serve as non-voting liaisons, with a role similar to that of the Councillor Liaison.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Vancouver City Planning Commission By-law includes a Parks Board Commissioner and School Board Trustee as voting members of the Commission. All other advisory bodies to Council where the Parks, School, or Library Boards have members attending the advisory body meetings, the members are liaisons and, therefore, non-voting. Staff are proposing that the By-law be amended to remove this inconsistency and that the Boards assign a liaison for the Planning Commission.

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