

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

Meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission
Held at City Hall, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, B.C.
in Conference Room A on Thursday, November 7th, 2013

MINUTES

Present: B. Curtis
D. Farley
J. Jensen (Chair)
P. McCann
B. Phillips
J. Plato
M. Rahbar
M. Robinson
B. Watt

Staff: S. Smith, Planner 2, Community Development
N. LaMontagne, Manager, Long Range and Community Planning
S. Kimm-Jones, Committee Clerk

Absent: C. Sacre
Councillor Bell
Councillor Buchanan

A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Introduction

S. Smith introduced Neal LaMontagne, Manager Long Range and Community Planning, Community Development.

2. Draft OCP – Goals, Objectives, Indicators – Discussion Points

S. Smith noted that Land Use Map and associated designations and figures would be discussed at the November 13th meeting, and asked members if they had any preliminary thoughts on the draft OCP document from a policy perspective.

Questions and Comments from the APC included, but were not limited to:

- The document is very well laid out and thorough; a good piece of work. Staff should be complemented.
- I have a different idea on the definition of “objectives”; sometimes they seem to be a statement. Will there be uniformity on what an objective is i.e. with a tool that can be measured? **Staff:** We did collapse policies into objectives and are

still working on the final wording. Some of them still read as priorities rather than measurable objectives. We will be revising them for a uniform voice.

3. Review of Guiding Principles, Key Moves

S. Smith reviewed the guiding principles used in the draft OCP. Members discussed the effectiveness of the wording.

Questions and Comments from the APC included, but were not limited to:

- The word “resilient” really jumped out at me. It seems to be the current way to talk about it.
- I have a concern with the word “complete”; it suggests an end point and is in conflict with adaptability and resilient. **Staff:** This terminology finds its root in the regional plan. A complete community is a state we work toward, aiming for a balance of jobs to resident labour force, well served by transit, etc..
- Why the caveat for the housing section? **Staff:** Housing is noted as a key guiding principle as it was one of the top concerns for the community when we discussed issues. The Regional Growth Strategy also requires us to aim for housing targets. As well, the pursuit of affordable housing has been a key Council priority for some time.
- The inclusion of economics is important.

Staff reviewed some of the key changes from the 2002 OCP.

Questions and Comments from the APC included, but were not limited to:

- Include mention of public engagement process when the draft OCP is issued so that people understand there will be more opportunities for input and discussion.
- Is there anything specific about rental housing? The draft includes some affordable housing targets in the Regional Context Statement.
- What about affordable commercial? There is a need for not just affordable housing but affordable commercial and industrial space. Space for artists who cannot afford current rates.

4. Review of Goals and Objectives by Chapter

The Commission then spent time reviewing the goals and objectives of each chapter.

J. Plato joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

There was a discussion on public amenities and prioritizing them for different areas of the City.

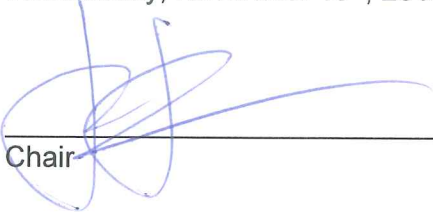
M. Robinson left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

5. Discussion of Indicators

There was a short discussion the indicators.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, 2013.


Chair