



Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Bill McNulty, Chair
Councillor Alexa Loo
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Andy Hobbs

Absent: Councillor Chak Au

Also Present: Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on February 21, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. **APPLICATION BY HGL INVESTMENTS LTD FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE “AUTO-ORIENTED COMMERCIAL (ZC40) – NO. 3 ROAD (CITY CENTRE)” ZONE TO PERMIT EDUCATION, COMMERCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICE, MINOR USES TO THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOOR AT 4940 NO. 3 ROAD**
(File Ref. No. ZT 23-026738) (REDMS No. 7531255)

It was moved and seconded

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That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10535, for a Zoning Text Amendment to the “Auto-Oriented Commercial (ZC40) – No. 3 Road (City Centre)” zone, to permit Education, Commercial and Health Service, Minor uses to the second and third floor at 4940 No. 3 Road, be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

2. **FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2024 WORK PROGRAM**
(File Ref. No. 01-0100-30-AADV1-01-01/2023) (REDMS No. 7503669)

In response to queries from Committee, staff noted that the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee members are coordinating with the Parks department to explore opportunities for farmers markets and other farm related events and staff will provide Council with a copy of the Local Food map which is updated on an annual basis by the City’s Economic department.

It was moved and seconded

That the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program, as presented in the staff report titled “Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Work Program”, dated February 2, 2024, from the Director of Policy Planning, be approved.

CARRIED

3. **2019-2029 CULTURAL HARMONY PLAN: 2022-2023 UPDATE**
(File Ref. No. 08-4055-01/2024) (REDMS No. 7585812)

Discussion ensued with respect to (i) free English language classes for new immigrants, (ii) facilitating intercultural exchange and understanding between Richmond’s diverse cultural communities through intercultural celebrations and events and community based dialogues, and (iii) enhanced engagement with residents and newcomers.

Committee directed staff to send a copy of the 2019-2029 Cultural Harmony Plan: 2022-2023 Update to the faith groups located along No. 5 Road and to the Council School Board Liaison Committee with a copy of the original strategy, as well as add the update to the Intercultural Committee work plan.

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the 2019–2029 Cultural Harmony Plan: 2022–2023 Update, as outlined in the staff report titled “2019–2029 Cultural Harmony Plan: 2022–2023 Update”, dated February 21, 2024, from the Director, Community Social Development, be received for information; and

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- (2) *That the 2019–2029 Cultural Harmony Plan: 2022–2023 Update be distributed to key partners, local Members of Parliament, local Members of the Legislative Assembly and posted on the City website.*

CARRIED

4. **HOUSEKEEPING REQUEST - ABANDONMENT OF UNADOPTED BYLAWS**

(File Ref. No. 08-4105-20-AMANDA) (REDMS No. 7582738)

It was moved and seconded

That the unadopted Zoning and OCP Amendment Bylaws, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report titled “Housekeeping Request – Abandonment of Unadopted Bylaws”, dated February 20, 2024, from the Director, City Clerk’s Office, be abandoned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Councillor Bill McNulty
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate