



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

January 10, 2022

WORKSHOPS

To be conducted remotely.

Workshops were conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS, or listen via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Councilmember Hansen absent from workshops.

4:00-6:00 p.m. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update

Alicia Sojourner, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, 360-487-8618

Summary

Staff led Council through a discussion to gain shared understanding regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and introduced concepts and a timeline for moving forward with a City Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan.

COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA MEETING

This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Call to Order and Roll Call

The consent agenda meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmembers Harless, Perez, Fox, Paulsen, Stober,
Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Hansen

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to excuse Councilmember Hansen.

Special Recognition: Cpl Neil Martin and Paramedic Nathan Cook

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle recognized Cpl Neil Martin and Paramedic Nathan Cook for their recent actions on an emergency call to rescue a 13-month-old child who was reportedly drowning.

Community Communication (Items 1-4)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received the following testimony:

- Peter Fels, Vancouver, thanked City staff for adding language to the tree pruning contract (Item 1) encouraging contractors to use electronic equipment to reduce carbon emissions, and urged the City to include similar provisions in other procurement items.
- Glen Yung, Vancouver, spoke in support of Item 3.

- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, stated she questions all items considered by the Council if the City is a member of the ICLEI.

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda (Item 1-4)

Council requested Item 3 be pulled for discussion.

Councilmember Stober asked whether this purchase would include the purchase of shower or bathroom units. Aaron Lande, Program and Policy Manager, stated staff continues to investigate the best way to provide shower and bathroom access at the Safe Stay Community and Safe Park sites, as it is expensive to plumb at those locations and doing so would be a permanent option. Staff is investigating best options for potential mobile units, so this current purchase does not include shower and bathroom facilities.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Request to award new bid for On-Call Tree Pruning and Removal, ITB 21-33

Staff Report 001-22

Summary

The City of Vancouver considers trees community assets that provide multiple benefits including clean air and water. The City does not have sufficient staff or equipment dedicated for professional tree pruning and removal; therefore, the City has contracted with the private sector for much of our tree pruning and removal needs of our public trees. This contract provides for one professional tree care company to perform proper pruning and/or removal of trees on an as needed basis.

The contract is a one-year contract with an option for three (3) one-year extensions. Extension(s) are at the option of the City.

A call for bids was issued, and the City received three (3) responsive and responsible bids:

SUMMARY OF BIDS	
BIDDER	AMOUNT
General Tree Service, Beaverton, OR (withdrew bid 12-8-21)	\$607,606.51
	\$673,144.85

<i>Arborscape LTD Inc., Vancouver, WA</i>	
<i>TreeWise LLC, Vancouver, WA</i>	\$936,245.96
<i>Engineers' Estimate</i>	\$500,000 per year

Request: On January 10, 2022, award a contract for the On-Call Tree Pruning and Removal Contract to the second, lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Arborscape LTD Inc, Vancouver WA, in the amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 over four (4) years, which includes Washington State sales tax; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with Arborscape LTD Inc, for the same.

Charles Ray, Urban Forester, 360-487-8328

Motion approved the request.

2. Ergonomic Assessment & Early Intervention Services Contract C-100265, Contract Increase

Staff Report 002-22

Summary

The City of Vancouver, through it's Public Works Department, currently contracts with Action Onsite for ergonomic assessment and early intervention services and has been very successful in reducing work-related injuries. The Risk and Safety Department requested and was awarded ongoing budget to add VPD to these services.

Request: Approve an increase of \$306,000 to the authorized amount of the Contract with Action Onsite, Inc. and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment increasing the contract to \$606,000.

Brent Waddle, Interim Risk Manager, 360-487-8436

Motion approved the request.

3. Approval of purchase authority for modular shelters for two Safe Stay Community sites from Pallet

Staff Report 003-22

Summary

A part of the Vancouver Homelessness Plan calls for the establishment of Safe Stay Community sites where residents are provided shelter and personal hygiene facilities and are given access to social service providers to allow them to transition to permanent housing.

The first Safe Stay Community, located at 11400 NE 51st Circle, opened on December 23rd, 2021. City staff are working on establishing additional Safe Stay Community sites within the City of Vancouver and need to purchase the shelter units and office units from the manufacturer, Pallet. City staff were informed by Pallet that prices will be increasing in 2022 but that we can secure the 2021 prices if we place our order now.

Each site features 20 shelter units, with two bunks and mattresses per unit and one electric heater, an office, and personal hygiene facilities. The quote from Pallet includes all assembly costs.

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to approve purchases not to exceed \$402,105.98 from Pallet on the City of Salem Contract to purchase additional modular units for use in two Safe Stay Community sites.

Aaron Lande, Policy and Program Manager, 360-487-8612

Motion approved the request.

4. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for January 10, 2021.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$3,553,516.75.

Unfinished Business

2022-2023 Council Board and Committee Assignments

Mayor McEnery-Ogle presented a proposed slate of Council board and committee assignments for 2022 and 2023 (attached).

Councilmember Stober stated he would volunteer to serve as the alternate representative for the SW Regional Transportation Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Councilmember Fox asked for clarification on the Council subcommittee assignments. She noted the previous Council Subcommittee 1, which included herself and Councilmembers Bart Hansen and Linda Glover, had been remanded a Planning Commission appointment at the last meeting in December and the remaining members of that committee have had discussions about how to move forward with that vacancy since that Council meeting. She recommended the Council hold off on making new subcommittee assignments until that business could be completed, or convene a different ad hoc committee to review that Planning Commission vacancy.

Councilmember Stober noted there was some ambiguity in the language of the motion that remanded that appointment back to the subcommittee for further review.

Councilmember Paulsen recommended the Council assign the legacy members of the previous Subcommittee 1, Councilmembers Hansen and Fox, and add Councilmember Perez to that committee to address the Planning Commission vacancy.

Council spoke at length regarding the options for moving forward with this process.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and carried unanimously to appoint Councilmembers Hansen, Fox and Perez to the subcommittee to review the remanded Planning Commission appointment.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and carried unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 Council Board and Committee assignments as presented.

Community Forum

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received the following testimony:

- Peter Bracchi, Vancouver, expressed concerns about pollution into Burnt Bridge Creek from camps of people experiencing homelessness along the trail.
- Yuriy Velikokhatko, Vancouver, expressed concerns regarding the findings of a formal complaint he had submitted in regards to the conduct of police officers.
- Ariel Young, Vancouver, spoke regarding Stalking Awareness Month and

reported on statistics related to stalking. She urged the Vancouver Police Department to document all incidents of stalking to better track the activity that can lead to serious harm.

- Phillip Englund, Vancouver, urged the City to more urgently address climate change.
- Teresa Hardy, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the Planning Commission appointment that was remanded by the Council, and spoke in support of Glen Yung being appointed to that vacancy.
- Kimberlee Elbon, La Center, Washington, spoke in opposition to any diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.
- Justin Forsman, Vancouver, expressed concerns about any government mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic and played audio from Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- Wynn Grcich, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines.
- Monica Zazueta, Vancouver, spoke in support of appointment of Glen Yung to the Planning Commission vacancy.
- Audra Houston, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the Planning Commission appointment that was remanded by the Council, and spoke in support of Glen Yung being appointed to that vacancy.
- Laurel Pascual, Vancouver, expressed concerns about government mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic .
- Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver, expressed concerns about the Planning Commission appointment that was remanded by the Council, and spoke in support of Glen Yung being appointed to that vacancy.

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the Community Forum.

Adjournment

7:52 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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			McEneryOgle Hansen Stober Paulsen Fox Perez Harless								
Board/Committee Info			Meeting details							Notes	
county	Children's Justice Center Executive Board (1+ALT) <i>Staff: Amy Russell, Amy.Russell@clark.wa.gov</i>	4th Thurs., every other month 9:00-10:30am		ALT			X				
county	Clark County Elder Justice Center Board (1+ALT) <i>Staff: Kasey Vu, kasey.vu@clark.wa.gov</i>	3rd Thurs., every other month 3:00-3:30 pm		ALT				X			
county	Clark County Community Action Advisory Board (1) <i>Staff: Rebecca Royce, rebecca.royce@clark.wa.gov</i>	1st Tues., odd months 8:00am						ALT	X	CAAB: Community Action Advisory Board Clark County (wa.gov)	
county	Clark County Law & Justice Council* <i>Staff: Tina Redline, tina.redline@clark.wa.gov</i>	2nd Thurs, every other month 8:00-9:00am	X							*Position elected by County Mayors, not open to Councilmembers	
county	Solid Waste Advisory Commission (1) <i>Staff: Travis Dutton, travis.dutton@clark.wa.gov</i>	1st Thurs. of Feb., May, Aug., Nov. at 6:00pm							X	Meets at Center for Community Health, Room 210AB	
county/ city	Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO)* (2) <i>Staff: Aaron Lande, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us</i>	<i>Tentatively - 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11</i>						X	X	joint city/county group; meetings TBD * Formerly the Joint Executive Group on Homelessness	
env	SW Clean Air Agency (1+ALT) <i>Staff: Uri Papish, Uri@swcleanair.org</i>	1st Thurs., 3:00 pm						ALT	X	https://www.swcleanair.gov/index.asp	
env	Clark Regional Wastewater District Oversight Committee (1) <i>Staff: Kim Thur, kthur@crwwd.com</i>	Meets periodically as needed	X						ALT		
land use	Metro Policy Advisory Committee (*1+ALT) <i>Staff: Jaye Cromwell, jaye.cromwell@oregonmetro.org</i>	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 5:00-7:00pm (Portland)			ALT			X		*City has non-voting seat; CDD Director will represent Council	
transp.	Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (1+ALT) <i>Staff: Jaye Cromwell, jaye.cromwell@oregonmetro.org</i>	3rd Thurs., 7:30-9:00am (Portland)	X		ALT						
eco dev	Columbia River Economic Development Council (1+ALT) <i>Staff: Jennifer Baker, jbaker@credc.org</i>	*4th Thurs., 7-8:30 am	ALT				X			*Board meetings every other month; board workshops held on alternative months (attendance not required but	
eco dev	CREDC Executive Committee	3rd Thurs., 7-8:30 am	ALT			X					
eco dev	CREDC Finance Committee	2nd Mon., 8:00-9:00am	ALT				X				
transp.	Bi-State Coordination Committee (1)	currently inactive								Representative not required to also sit on RTC	
transp.	Interstate Bridge Replacement Project - Executive Steering Group Staff (COV): Aaron Lande, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us; Rebecca Kennedy, rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us; Katherine Kelly, katherine.kelly@cityofvancouver.us	*3rd Thurs., 10:00-12:00pm	x							*potentially expanding to 3 hours in 2022	
transp.	Southwest Regional Transportation Council (2) <i>Staff: Matt Ransom, matt.ransom@rtc.wa.gov / Shann Westrand, shann.westrand@rtc.gov</i>	1st Tues., 4:00-6:00pm	X		ALT	x					

		McEnerny-Ogle Hansen Stober Paulsen Fox Perez Harless								
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transp.	C-TRAN Board of Directors (3+ALT) <i>Staff: Debbie Jermann, debbieJ@c-tran.org</i>	2nd Tues., 5:30 pm	X	X	X				ALT	
emerg.	Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization Policy Committee (1) <i>Staff: Beth Crane (interim), elizabeth.crane@portlandoregon.gov</i>	Quarterly, 9:00-11:00 am (Portland)	X				ALT			
emerg.	Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - City Council delegate	<i>as needed when under emergency orders</i>					X			Assigned to EOC in the event of a large-scale emergency or disaster to report back and act on behalf of Council
city	City Audit Committee (*2) <i>Staff: Jordan Sherman, jordan.sherman@cityofvancouver.us</i>	Meets twice per year for entrance and exit confrences with State Auditor	X		X					*Requires Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
city	Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (*1+ALT) <i>Staff: Teresa Brum, teresa.brum@cityofvancouver.us</i>	Meets 3-4 times per year, as needed					ALT		X	*Councilmember serves as LTAC chair
city	Fire Pension Board (*1 + ALT) <i>Staff: Emily Kemper, emily.kemper@cityofvancouver.us</i>	Meets 3rd Thurs., 2 p.m.	ALT		X					*Requires Mayor or Council designees (Pro Tem not required) - Councilmember serves as Chair
city	Police Pension Board (*2) <i>Staff: Emily Kemper, emily.kemper@cityofvancouver.us</i>	Meets 3rd Thurs., 2 p.m.	X		X					*Requires Mayor Pro Tem serve as Chair
city	Strategic Planning Executive Steering Group (*1) <i>Staff: Aaron Lande, aaron.lande@cityofvancouver.us</i>	2022 meeting schedule TBD			X					*Mayor Pro Tem to represent Council
Council	Mayor Pro Tempore				X					
Council	Council Committee 1	Meets as needed to review Board/Commission candidates		X		X		X		
Council	Council Committee 2	Meets as needed to review Board/Commission candidates			X		X		X	
AWC	Large City Advisory Committee						X			
AWC	Legislative Priorities Committee				X					

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Board/Committee Info		Meeting details								Notes
NLC Board of Directors				X						

To: Vancouver City Council and Staff
Public Comment/January 10, 2022/Cathryn Chudy

I was not able to attend the December 20 City Council meeting but I listened via CCTV to the public comments speaking in support of Glen Yung for the Planning Commission appointment, and the deliberations that followed, when Item 11 was pulled and the decision was made to return Mr. Yung's name back to the appointment subcommittee.

I appreciate Council Member Paulsen's articulation of the conversation about Board and Commission representation, being a blend of both qualifications and of unique voices that truly represent all of our community. The limitations of the applicant pool seeking to fill three vacancies speaks to the need for the city to explore and establish active and effective ways to ensure that applicant pools for city commission appointments, moving forward, do in fact draw broad, diverse community representation (qualifications and unique voices) in the application process itself. The reality that the applicant pool for the currently vacant position on a key city Commission did not have all elements of the broad community representation being sought is worth taking note of with a commitment to pursue corrective measures ensuring this dilemma is not repeated in the future.

I found the comments offered by Council members Fox and Hansen, added to the community voices that spoke in favor of Mr. Yung's appointment, to be most compelling. A reset of the planning Commission's composition is necessary and clearly underway already, and I would like to suggest that this would be much better undertaken as a work in progress rather than something determined in a one time decision that abruptly leaves the current Planning Commission one key member short, and with a majority vote that included two outgoing Council members, when a more diverse Council has in fact now been seated to move forward in 2022.

The meaningful intent reflected in the Council members comments about diversity of representation and a need for unique voices should not in itself result in Mr. Yung as a well qualified and community supported applicant being refused.

Our Planning Commission now moves forward to undertake significant work for our community, with a vacant position that could in fact be filled by someone well qualified and with many strengths. As Council Member Paulsen observed, the presence of community members speaking for Mr. Yung's appointment is significant in itself and a good sign that the community is feeling encouraged that their voices have meaning in Council decision making. Their advocacy for Mr. Yung's voice to be added to the Planning Commission is relevant and compelling.

Mr. Yung's history of extensive community engagement on issues deeply significant for all of our community, those currently represented as well as those underrepresented, presents an opportunity to add to the Commission's composition in present time. This could be done along with a commitment to ensure the application process for future vacancies does in fact draw a sufficiently broad and diverse pool from which to consider and select applicants for filling vacancies to come.

Vancouver City Council Citizen Forum

Peter Bracchi

01/10/2022

Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership being Censored by City Leaders.

Environmental Terrorism caused by illegal Homesteads along BBC is NOT Included in study as a Source of Pollution, and Environmental Damage and Damage by Fires under BPA Power Lines.



Clark County to pay \$3.6 million for violating Clean Water Act

By Stephanie Rice
Published: December 17, 2013, 4:00pm

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Clark County Environmental Services Director Don Benton announces terms of settlement over federal litigation related to violations of the Clean Water Act on Wednesday at the Clark County Public Service Center. At right is Clark County Commissioner David Madore.

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1962/37697/burnt_bridge_creek_partnership.aspx



Burnt Bridge Creek Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, and pH

Source Assessment Report



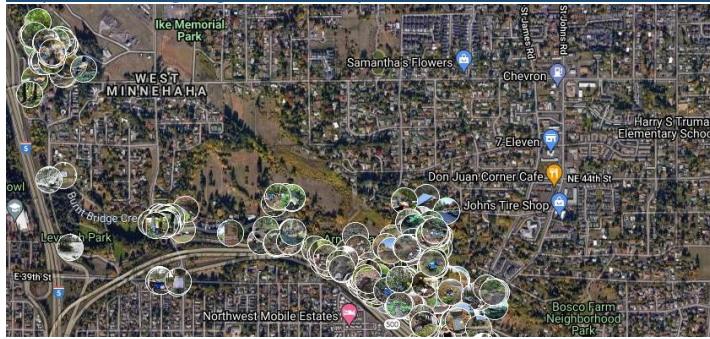
What is the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership?

The Burnt Bridge Creek watershed located in Vancouver, Washington, is on Washington State's polluted waters list (303d list) for warm water temperatures, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, and pH pollution problems, which drives the need to develop a Water Cleanup Plan. In October 2020, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#) was published to identify critical areas for water quality improvement. This Source Assessment identifies portions of Burnt Bridge Creek that are not meeting water quality standards. The report also identifies the largest shade deficits in the watershed to focus tree planting efforts, and determines the bacteria reductions needed to meet water quality standards.

To implement recommendations from the Source Assessment, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership](#) was formed in February 2021 to develop and implement the Water Cleanup Plan. This Water Cleanup Plan will focus on best management practices and implementation actions to improve water quality. The Partnership will meet regularly through 2022.

5 Years of Environmental Terrorism by the Homeless has been Omitted

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1wFAFTSSrKYbr5uvH-MMr_g2Bd_pQ9Eg2&usp=sharing



5 years of Photo Collection <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kE66S1DnUUUWir6MA>



Who IS being Censored by the City Leaders?

Urban Forestry & Greenways

Discussion Topics

- Urban Forestry – street and yard tree planting
- Greenways and Sensitive Lands
- Land Acquisition
- Instream restoration
- Challenges
- Education and Outreach

Workgroup Members: Charles Ray, Rich McConaghy, Brian Potter, Tim Esary, & Annette Griffy

July 2021 Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership – 14

How do we achieve EPA's 8 Elements for TMDL Alternative Restoration Plans?

1. **Identify** impaired waters
2. **Analyze** pollution reductions needed
3. **Implementation plan** explaining how to address pollution sources
 - Timeline and schedule
 - Milestones and target dates
4. **Funding strategy and cost estimates**
5. **Stakeholders and partners**
6. **Estimation** of when water quality standards will be achieved
7. **Monitoring plan** to evaluate effectiveness
 - Adaptive management process
8. **Commitment to periodic evaluation**

Timeline for Burnt Bridge Creek Water Cleanup Plan

COMPLETE
• October 2020: <i>Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment</i> published. • February 2021: Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership kicked off. • March 2021: Implementation workgroups assigned • Stormwater and capital improvements • Operations and maintenance • Urban forestry and greenways • Sewer connection and septic systems • Public education and outreach • Other TBD: SEH America, local water use, and monitoring • April-May 2021: Implementation workgroups. • June 2021: Submit completed worksheets to Ecology. • July 2021: Full Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership meeting.
NEXT STEPS
• Fall 2021: External partnership meeting – Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington, Washington Department of Transportation, DOT, Clark County Clean Water Division, Clark County Public Health, Clark Conservation District, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Clark Regional Wastewater District, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency. • Winter 2021: Public Webinar. • January 2022: Internal Draft (City of Vancouver, Ecology, and Environmental Protection Agency). • Spring 2022: External Draft <i>Burnt Bridge Creek Water Cleanup Plan</i>. • Summer 2022: Publish <i>Burnt Bridge Creek Water Cleanup Plan</i>.

Please add the Environmental Damage Done by the Homeless in the Study as a Source of Pollution and Environmental Destruction.

Admit the Damage Done is MORE than a Litter Pickup and we need to Document Lands for Reclamation along BBC in the Critical Care Area.

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: my public comments for 1-10-22 City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 11:13:50 AM

For city council tonight

Kerry Peck | Administrative Assistant

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From: Wendy Withrow <writingwendy@gmail.com>
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Council members,

Although I do not see an item on tonight's agenda which covers my concern, I still wish to speak out in a timely manner about (re)appointing Glen Yung to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Yung's professional experience and volunteer efforts make him an excellent choice for a position with power to steer Vancouver's future. Mr. Yung's concern for housing and home-ownership for middle- and lower-income households, as well as for preserving and increasing green spaces, are crucial. I am for improving the quality of life in our communities, for residents of all ethnicities and at all income levels. I am concerned by the the continual loss of open space and mature trees, due to development. Mr. Young, as a Vancouver Planning Commissioner, would certainly speak for me.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Wendy Withrow
East Fisher's Landing

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: To City of Vancouver : Mayor and Council : Planning Commission Appointments
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Please send to council.

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Subject: To City of Vancouver : Mayor and Council : Planning Commission Appointments

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To: City of Vancouver Mayor and City Council
January 3, 2022

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I understand that concerns were raised at your last meeting about the gender and race of a potential appointee to the Planning Commission. I appreciate that you have identified the need to consider appointments through a diversity lens. Vancouver voters made their support for having more diverse representation apparent by electing Diana Perez and Kim Harless to the council.

Under these circumstances, in which the Mayor and several council members have themselves raised these concerns about gender and race, and with two new council members who are well qualified to consider whether new planning commission appointees represent our diverse community, I strongly urge that the matter of planning commission appointments be tabled until the new council members are seated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meridian Green

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Written Comment to Submit for City Council mtg Jan 10
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:11:49 PM
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For council tonight

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From: Audra Houston <maxcandy123@gmail.com>
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Subject: Written Comment to Submit for City Council mtg Jan 10

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To the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager,

I am writing regarding the process to approve an individual for a seat on the Planning Commission.

I am concerned about the way the open seat selection process has gone for filling positions on the Planning Commission. The process has been handled in an arbitrary, non-transparent, and even discriminatory manner.

Specifically, the process has "remanded" Glen Yung despite lack of criteria to move the process forward, nor a timeline given. Even more troubling is that the rationale to do so was outright prejudiced, making the claim to refuse the candidate based on his being a "white male". The tacit approval of the Mayor and council to credit this discriminatory rationale is simply unacceptable.

Although I don't see this process on tonight's agenda, I urge the city to take this matter up tonight to address and put right these concerns.

Several members of the public have expressed their support for Glen Yung as do I, making this

arbitrary process even more unacceptable in the responsibility city council and mayor have to serve and uphold the will of the people.

Please address this concern tonight.

Thank you,

Audra

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Written comments for City Council meeting
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 10:18:07 AM

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Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting

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I suppose this is for next meeting since it is "off topic".

Hello, I am disabled and autistic w/conversation disorder and at least 4 other comorbidities. I have been living in isolation longer than the pandemic itself. Most out of fear. As for since the pandemic; The lack of in person therapy has been making me deteriorate.

I call the crisis line often...

However, I support all efforts to control the virus. Can we get more N95/K94s available?

I have lived in fear even before the virus. The demoralizing effect of Patriot Prayer should not be ignored by my home. They are very scary. They embarrass me too. Vancouver itself, not Portland, should tackle this problem if it cares for diversity and inclusion at all. I don't feel safe in my home.

I have seen their actions on social media... Patriot Prayer is the shame of Vancouver Washington. The police do nothing. The police intimidated my partner who is trans when simply reporting a crime by the hi-school pharmacy by 52nd street. I think this was last year?

My partner... she has not medically transitioned but she does look like a feminine gay man. Over the years she has gotten lots of homophobia that turned into transphobia. And she gets every slur in the book. My city has changed so little and has done so little to ease my fears and pain for her. And she so cheerfully cares for me despite being disabled herself. I still remember 10 years ago her getting a 3/4 can of soda chucked at her from a car. And I know some of you were serving back then... even as a cis woman, I have been called f*ggot more than a few times just being with her... people whisper under their breath in line at the store "tr*nny" "queer" "fairy" and at the dmV and at the place I get therapy...

The next thing I must bring up is the effect of seclusion and restraint of disabled. You see how I am scared to go to

authority? How I am reluctant to come here even for help? It started in the schools. They locked me in the closet room if I so much as broke a pencil at Jason Lee Middle School and Lincoln Elementary. I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Alcantar while at Hudson's Bay. If not for him, I would not have graduated. But the effects are long lasting. My trust in authority is so low. I have nightmares to this day. I was also hurt by Kaiser... for years after school. Clark College failed to protect me as well...

The issues are everywhere and apparent... I heard Joey Gibson was arrested in Portland but he out and about causing trouble again... and coming here for bbqs... we make these terrorists comfortable. Remember when they attacked our schools last year?

Next subject... so many homeless died. I am pleased to see the pallets.

Can we change how we address disabled here in Washington? Jay Inslee talked of "mentally ill" and "special needs" but we are a protected class. Disabled. That is the word that needs to be said. And just in case; it is not "people with autism" it is "autistic people" like blind people.

Anti vaxxers are also very terrifying for me. Did you know anti-vaxxer rhetoric is anti autistic? It is hate. They hate us and make stuff up about vaccines causing autism. Sometimes they advocate for poisoning autistic kids with MMS. Miracle Mineral Solution (bleach) . They also advocate for ABA which is abusive. I have dealt with that on Facebook and even in face to face...

But they are really out causing trouble... I worry such open anti vax sentiment here and around the country will lead to more violence against autistics. Many have paid the price already... what are we doing to protect autistics here in Vancouver? What are we doing for adults? Are we doing anything for the immune compromised or people who are high risk? Are we helping them do errands or shop so they do not go out? Are we fetching them even their controlled medications so they don't have to risk it? Can our postal service help?

Autistics are on the CDC list for comorbidities... and I still feel hurt by many triage protocols which say my life is less valuable than able bodied people here and anywhere else.

If there is positive messaging... or change or I have the wrong idea; I have not gotten any different messages. I have no idea what is being done about anything. I feel so lost since Biden has no National plan.

My dad is in the hospital after a heart attack. My mother in law has sleep apnea and had heart surgery last year... my support system might crumble beneath me with no where to go... and no trust.... And SSI does not give enough to support myself anywhere in Vancouver Washington and certainly not Portland... or anywhere in the whole country... and the waitlists are decades long for help... i do not want to be on the streets again... especially not with my partner... affordable housing for people on SSI is needed. Not "affordable" like I mostly see over the years... a single person on SSI only gets \$740, Know a raise was given but the food stamps went down with it... The max for two married disabled on SSI is \$1,100. And we are still punished from "in-kind charity"... meaning my family helps and we start sinking like quicksand on our own. If someone offered so much as a couch we would get punished. Please make housing for people on SSI. Not just lottery for \$800 studios downtown which I cannot afford... Needing a roommate is not good for me and my partner. When they leave there are gaps in being able to pay waiting for approval in the next. It was so stressful... stressful for family... stressful for everyone.

Covid is a top priority...

I want to believe things will be different for Vancouver for the 20's... I want to feel safe and wanted and seen as a valued member of the city.

Sincerely,
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From: [KARYN Kameroff](#)
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Good afternoon!

I am providing a statement of support for the ongoing D/E/I work with the City of Vancouver. As a member of the local Indigenous community and a resident of Southwest Washington, I have first hand knowledge of the importance of recognition and work of diversity, equity and inclusion. I have lived in SW Washington for most of my life. I raised three young men in SW Washington who all identify and both Black and Indigenous. My husband is also Indigenous. Because of this, I see and know the importance of everyone and especially those in leadership positions to not just have knowledge of how day to day living here impacts us, but there needs to be a deep understanding of why it is important to be inclusive of not just systems created by and for predominately white community members, but systems that work for all of us. Equity is of the utmost importance to not only level a playing field, but recognize how systems have created unjust outcomes and the need to deconstruct those systems and restructure the field altogether.

As someone who has engaged in enormous amounts of volunteer work in the community and who has professionally worked in systems here, I see how they have created inequities in our community, in our neighborhoods and our families.

My hope is to build stronger and healthier communities that benefit all of us. I believe that the City of Vancouver needs to take a lead in dismantling white supremacy and focus on equity, empowerment, and help develop healthier communities. This can only be done through an equity framework that is diverse and inclusive. It needs to educate those that do not see the importance of this work and recognize if those not supportive of D/E/I do not belong in leadership positions. It needs to look at every board, committee, department or project and see who is and who isn't at the table. The city would not have to look far to see that there is a need for more diversity at every one of those tables. It also does not have to look far to see that there are plenty of community members who do not support D/E/I that are in leadership positions. In essence, the longer the city allows that to continue, it will also continue to see inequity in every system that causes long-term damage to the community as a whole, but impacts our BIPOC communities and all those that intersect including LGBTQ+, those with disabilities, low income and the elderly in such a harmful way.

One of my personal hopes is to see the City of Vancouver recognize the stolen land upon which the city resides and consider every effort to return those lands to the Indigenous people. I would also like to see the city engage in developing a multi-cultural center that it invests in that would include a community space, access to health, behavioral and mental health, dental and childcare for and by us. I would also encourage the city to develop more art and cultural spaces recognizing the incredible work of the diverse community members in the past as well as the present.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts. Yakoke (Thank you).

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