

Regular Meeting of 6th August, 1942

A meeting of the Vancouver Town Planning Commission was held in the Board Room, 309 Royal Trust Building, 626 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C., on Thursday, 6th August, 1942, at 11:05 o'clock A.M.

Present: Mr. Earl M. Bennett, (Chairman); Messrs. Joseph Briggs, F. E. Buck, C. T. Hamilton, H. V. Jackson, and W. R. Owen; Alderman George Buscombe, representing the City Council, and Mr. F. W. G. Sergant, representing the National Harbours Board; Mr. A. J. Harrison, Secretary of Zoning Matters, City Hall, and Miss. F. M. Ross, Acting-Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been mailed to each member and found correct, were taken as read and were adopted on motion.

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It was pointed out that in making a reply it would be necessary to obtain Mr. Greenway's definition of "sub-standard housing".

4). Housing

The matter of unsanitary conditions existing in houses owned by Japanese and others, in the area occupied for the most part by Japanese, was considered at a meeting of the Zoning Committee held on 4th August last. The Committee recommended that a letter be written the Council, suggesting that in the opinion of the Commission, the time is now opportune to clean up housing conditions in this section of the city, and urging that everything possible be done in this regard.

Moved by Mr. Buck / Seconded by Mr. Sergant

THAT the above recommendation of the Zoning Committee be approved. CARRIED.

Alderman Buscombe stated that this matter was to be brought up at the meeting of the Building, Civic Planning and Parks Committee to be held on Monday next. He explained that some inspections had already been made, that others would be made shortly, and felt that a letter from the Commission on this subject would be timely.

Mr. Buck, through the Chairman, asked Alderman Buscombe whether it might be a good idea to press for the re-appointment of a Housing Committee of the Council. Alderman Buscombe believed that this should be done.

A general discussion follows, regarding housing standards, methods of enforcement, etc.

Moved by Mr. Jackson / Seconded by Mr. F. N. Hamilton

THAT the above application for re-zoning be not approved. CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 o'clock A.M.

(Signed) F.M. Ross Acting-Secretary / (Signed) Earl M. Bennett Chairman

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