

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 06, 2002 were adopted as circulated with the General Manager confirming a comment from a delegate.

City Council Report

City Council approved the supplemental budget request for seawall repairs and for the planned maintenance software program. The 2002 Capital Plan was also approved.

Creating a Sustainable City

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 2002 recommending that the Board endorse the attached City Council report "Creating a Sustainable City" as a guide to advocate and advance sustainability initiatives both within the Board and among its partner organizations.

Ann McAfee, Director of City Plans and Kevin Van Vliet, Solid Waste Management Engineer along with the Park Board Director of Planning and Operations provided a brief presentation to the Board on the initiatives for creating a sustainable city. It is proposed that the City of Vancouver initiate a comprehensive and coordinated program to advance the economic, social and ecological sustainability of the city and its neighbourhoods. The Park Board has long been involved in a variety of initiatives which have contributed to the city's sustainability such as Integrated Pest Management, Biofiltration, Urban Forestry, and Social Sustainability.

Board members discussed the matter and expressed their support for a sustainable Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board endorse the attached City Council report “Creating a Sustainable City” as a guide to advocate and advance sustainability initiatives both within the Board and among its partner organizations.

- Carried Unanimously.

Victory Square - Design Concept Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Victory Square - Design Concept Update:

- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Cam Cathcart, B.C. Regiment Association
- Steve Traviss, Chair, Friends of Victory Square
- Travis Cutler and Cory McIntyre

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- commend Park Board for the Victory Square redevelopment;
- glad to see the young people will have their skateboard area;
- supports Victory Square design concept;
- appreciates the public process in seeking input from various stakeholders;
- encouraged by the fact that Park Board will have entertainment during the summer;
- supports skateboarding on a trial basis;
- good community and co-operative effort; and
- positive first steps, skateboarders feel they are part of a community.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board indicated that there should be an indication in the design with regard to the history of the site being the location of the original courthouse.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board should pursue the inclusion of the historic notion in the design of Victory Square.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and noted that the historic factors of Victory Square have been included in the design concept. The report on the table was for information and does not speak to the final design for Victory Square.

The amendment motion was put and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Cassells, De Genova, Ledingham and McDiarmid contrary)

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was Carried Unanimously.

Sand Court Volleyball Task Force

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the Volleyball Task Force Report for information.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the Volleyball Task Force Report with regard to the various site options and criteria for choosing those sites.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Sand Court Volleyball Task Force :

- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Stuart Mackinnon

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- public consultation should be done;
- casual users should be consulted;
- is this the best use of public land?
- casual users should have equal opportunity to access the park; and
- let the organized players pay for the space.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board receive the Volleyball Task Force Report for information (see Attachments A & B).

Board members discussed the matter and a member of the Board indicated that the sport of sand volleyball deserves recognition and a place to play.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board direct staff to commence a public consultation process in conjunction with BCBC for the use of the Jericho Hill site and report on a month to month basis until a final report is approved.

Board members expressed preference to have staff do a public consultation process for more than one site. An amendment to the amendment motion was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board commence initial consultation for the Jericho Hill and Vanier sites, and

THAT this matter be assigned a high priority with status reports to the Board monthly until a final report is possible.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Cassells, Richardson and Hansen contrary)

A vote was taken on the Amendment motion as amended and it was Carried.

(Commissioners Cassells, Richardson and Hansen contrary)

A vote was taken on the main motion as amended and it was Carried.

(Commissioners Cassells and Hansen contrary)

Slocan Park Improvements

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the design for Slocan Park.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Slocan Park Improvements:

- January Wolodarsky
- Bobbie Dosangh

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- thanked the Commissioners and staff for their support;
- project was possible because of a lot of donation and volunteers;
- building a mosaic in the park;
- they have positive activity in the park now;
- funded by Community Development through Cultural Expression; and
- ask Board to support the inclusion of Phase 2 in the next Capital Plan.

Board members thanked the delegation and stated that this was a good initiative by the community.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

That the Board approve the design for Slocan Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre Site - Rezoning and Street Closures

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Commissioner Wilson left the room on a potential conflict of interest related to his employment.

Staff reviewed the proposed rezoning and attendant road changes around the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre site. Although these changes are outside the Board's jurisdiction, Harbour Green Park and the seawall are immediately adjacent to the site and are therefore affected by the proposal.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT the Board support the proposed rezoning of the Burrard Landing site to accommodate the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre (VCEC), as outlined in the attached Council Report (Attachment 1), in the understanding that the existing open spaces will be connected to the new open spaces according to the proposed CD-1 Guidelines (Appendix E of Attachment 1):**
- the seawall in Harbour Green Park will continue in its full width up to the foot of Burrard Street at grades not exceeding 5%;
 - a secondary walkway will continue at the seawall level around the development to the foot of Burrard Street;
 - the Thurlow Waterfront Plaza will be linked to the seawall via a set of convenient and generous “grand steps”; and
 - Harbour Green Park will be connected to the foot of Thurlow Street by wide stairs and ramps convenient for pedestrians.
- B. THAT the Board support the proposed road changes, as outlined in the attached Council Report (Attachment 2), including a reduction in the future size of Harbour Green Park by 185.5 square meters.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner De Genova was not present at time of voting)
(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Commissioners Wilson and De Genova returned to the room at this time.

Public Art in Coopers' Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 27, 2002 recommending that the Board accept the donation of a sculpture by artist Doug Taylor to be installed on the waterfront pavilion in Coopers' Park west of the Cambie Street Bridge on-ramp with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager. Board members requested a letter be sent to the donor to thank him for his generous donation.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board accept the donation of a sculpture by artist Doug Taylor to be installed on the waterfront pavilion in Cooper's Park west of the Cambie Street Bridge on-ramp with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously.

Lions Gate Bridge - Designation as a Site of National Historic Significance

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 15, 2002 recommending that the Board support the designation of Lions Gate Bridge as a site of national historic significance.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board support the designation of Lions Gate Bridge as a site of national historic significance.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT such designation does not affect any future change of use such as cyclist and pedestrian crossing.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

Upgrade of Thornton Park - Award of Construction Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 14, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the award of a tender to T. Moscone & Bros. Landscaping Ltd. to implement construction of Thornton Park, subject to City Council approving the additional required funding of \$298,000.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

A. THAT the Board approve the award of Tender T-2002-3, to T. Moscone & Bros. Landscaping Ltd. for \$417,900 to implement construction of Thornton Park, subject to City Council approving the additional required funding of \$298,000.

- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Management of Coyotes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 13, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Community Centre Lobby Renovations and Addition

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 16, 2002 recommending that the Board award a contract for the Kerrisdale Community Centre Lobby Renovations and Addition to CDC Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$326,497, plus GST.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board award a contract for the work of Tender T2002-9, Kerrisdale Community Centre Lobby Renovations and Addition, to CDC Construction Ltd., at a cost of \$326,497, plus GST.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Board members were notified that there was no interest from coffee suppliers to participate as a corporate sponsor. Supply of coffee was awarded to Seattle's Best through the regular food tender process.

The following Notice of Motion was put forward by Commissioner Cassells:

THAT the Board direct our legal staff to prepare, for our consideration, an improved version of the current Parks By-law pertaining to cetaceans so that the new version would close a loophole for the Vancouver Aquarium to acquire cetaceans for display purposes through the misuse of the current by-law which permits capture of wild cetaceans for the purpose of rehabilitation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair