

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Vancouver East District - Lori MacKay	
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Coordinator of Arts and Multiculturalism	- Susan Gordon
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 06, 2003 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised that the Board participated in:

- the 2004 Budget Open House on October 18 at Riley Park Community Centre
- Dunbar Wellness Fair

The Chair on behalf of the Board offered sympathy to the people who have been affected by the flood.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee : The budget open house was well attended and a lot of ideas have been gathered. The Chair of the Finance Committee thanked staff for their hard work and dedication in planning a successful event. The next meeting will be on October 24 at 8:00 A.M. The committee will be discussing fees and charges and the public are welcomed to attend. A member of the Board requested an evaluation report on the budget open house.

Planning and Environment Committee: There will be a joint meeting with the Culture and Recreation Committee on October 29 to discuss the issue with regard to the Olympic practice rink. The next Planning and Environment Committee meeting will be on November 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Culture and Recreation Committee : The joint meeting with Planning and Environment Committee will be on October 29 and the regular Culture and Recreation Committee meeting will be on November 5 to discuss the Special Events Policy.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will be receiving a report on the Implementation Plan for Olympic Legacy.

Cob Building Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 19, 2003, recommending that subject to financing the Board approve the cob building project to replace the existing concession building used by the Stanley Park Ecology Society in the train area with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and that the Board approve funding \$20,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Funds to support this project.

Staff explained that cob was an ancient building form which uses earth, sand and straw and there has been a revival of this type of construction in North America. This process involves the community and an outreach program to youth organizations will be conducted through community centres.

Christine Spinder and Ian Marcuse, Stanley Park Ecology Society appeared before the Board and stated that they were looking for more venues for interpretation in the park. It is also a good community building project. They have been in contact with various suppliers of environmental and sustainable products who have offered their assistance. This building will provide a good opportunity for the Stanley Park Ecology Society to raise money for the work of the organization.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that this opportunity fits well with the Board's interest in sustainability. It is a good opportunity to create partnerships and involve youth in our community.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT subject to financing, the Board approve the cob building project to replace the existing concession building used by the Stanley Park Ecology Society in the train area with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

THAT the Board approve funding \$20,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Funds to support this project.

- Carried Unanimously.

Eburne Lands Subdivision

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 6, 2003. The Chair enquired whether Board members had any technical questions, and if staff should continue discussions with the various groups involved. Board members agreed that staff be allowed to continue the discussions and gathering of more information for the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT this matter be referred to the November 3 meeting of the Board.

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statement as at August 31, 2003

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 29, 2003 recommending that the Board receive this report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the Operating Statement as at August 31, 2003 have been reviewed by the Finance Committee. An explanation on the financial position was provided to the Board.

Board members congratulated and thanked staff for staying on budget.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board receive the Operating Statement as at August 31, 2003 for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Update on Youth Legacy for Sport, Physical Activity and the Arts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 9, 2003 recommending that the motion on the Youth Legacy Action Plan approved by the Board on March 24, 2003, be rescinded as no funding is to be requested from the City until such time that action plans are developed following a collaborative planning process with city staff.

Staff advised the Board that during the 2010 Winter Olympic Bid process there was a lot of interest to develop plans on physical activity. Staff worked with other City departments to develop a strategic approach to bring the Youth Legacy Action Plan to Council. Through these discussions it was determined that a collaborative approach involving several city departments was required prior to any specific actions being approved for implementation relating to the Mayor's recommendation regarding youth sport and the arts. Park Board staff are ready to implement the action plan, however, the additional time required for the collaborative planning process for youth sports, physical activity and the arts determines that an implementation of the Board's Youth Legacy Action Plan will not be feasible in 2003, therefore, the Board is requested to amend the direction to seek funding in 2003.

Board members thanked staff for being efficient and requested that the General Manager follow up on a joint meeting with the City to report on what action has been taken as the Board would prefer to initiate a plan in 2003.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the following motion on the Youth Legacy Action Plan approved by the Board on March 24, 2003 :
“The proposed \$ 149,300 be added to the Park Board's share of the City's 2003 operating budget”;
be rescinded as no funding is to be requested from the City until such time that action plans are developed following a collaborative planning process with city staff.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT staff follow up on the Youth Legacy Action Plan with the City and report back in one month on action that has been taken to date.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

An update on the squatters situation at Creekside and Strathcona Parks was requested . Staff advised that the heavy rainfall has had a detrimental effect on the squatters. Staff is working with housing to find accommodation for the squatters. A member of the Board requested that staff provide information on the cost and resources Park Board has spent on resolving the issue of the squatters in the park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair