

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	
	Director of Vancouver East District - Lori MacKay	
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Operations - Q E District	- Ron Caswell
	Manager of Information Technology	- Norman Mills
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Supervisor of Golf Course Operations	- Howard Normann
	Research Planner	- Michel Desrochers
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members received copies of the minutes and indicated that with regard to the report on the Youth Legacy for Sport, Physical Activity and the Arts should reflect that it was the collaborative planning process with other city departments which determined that the implementation of the Board's Youth Legacy Action Plan would not be feasible in 2003. The minutes should also indicate that the flood referred to in the Chair's report should specify that the flood was in Squamish.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 20, 2003 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised that the Board participated in the :

- opening of the multipurpose room at the West End Community Centre
- unveiling of a statue to recognise the contribution of the Chinese community in

- Vancouver
- unveiling of the heritage stamp
- opening of the new lobby space at Kitsilano Community Centre

The Chair also announced that there were legislative changes with regard to Hastings Park and confirmed that the Board will continue to work with the community on the greening of Hastings Park.

The Chair drew the winning entry for the Leisure Guide Reader Survey Contest. The winner was Frances Tsang who lives in the vicinity of Sunset Community Centre.

Committee Report :

Finance Committee : met on October 24 and discussed the 2004 fees and charges and budget. The committee looks forward to the public continuing to provide input to the budget process.

Planning and Environment : had a joint meeting with the Culture and Recreation Committee to discuss the criteria to select the Olympic practice rink. The rinks being considered are either Killarney or Trout Lake. The next meeting will be on November 4 and the committee will be hearing from the West End Community Association regarding Nelson Park.

Culture and Recreation : the next meeting will be on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will be discussing Special Events, Community Arts Policy and Park Partners Evaluation.

City Council Agenda

The General Manager stated that the report on Eburne Lands Subdivision will be going to Council's Planning and Environment Committee on Thursday. The Board was also provided with an update on the squatter situation at Creekside and Strathcona parks.

The Chair thanked staff on their hard work to develop a long term solution for the homeless.

Quilchena Park Concept Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the Quilchena Park Concept Plan as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix A.

Staff presented the concept plan for Quilchena Park and advised the Board that the plan was presented at an open house to collect public input. The Planning and Environment Committee also had a meeting on the subject at Kerrisdale Community Centre. Staff also received a request from the Greek community for a picnic shelter, an increase in the size of the soccer field and the establishment of an ethno-garden. The final concept plan as a result of all the information received includes improved drainage, improved walking path in and around the perimeter of the park, improved entrances to the park, more trees and shrubs, additional benches, reorganizing the off-leash area, relocating the disc golf tees and baskets and a neighbourhood skateboard park.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Leon Wilson
2. Robin Coope
3. Alistair Reynolds
4. Givalaga Hart
5. Anastase Margagos, Hellenic Community
6. Dagmar Hungerford
7. Doreen Braverman
8. Gus Karvelis, Hellenic Community
9. Louise Clement
10. Bob Sather
11. Nicolas Dais, Hellenic Community
12. Elizabeth Demner
13. Lauren Caldwell
14. Zakary Stoddard
15. Cory McIntyre
16. Aaron Orlando
17. Terry Slack

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

- strongly support youth activities;
- new facility will provide youth a local area to practise their sport;
- Quilchena Park is an ideal location for the skatepark;
- have a zero tolerance for graffiti;
- need to have skatepark near houses for security reasons;
- thank Park Board for providing a skatepark on the west side;
- only some concerns expressed by the neighbours are understandable;
- proposed skatepark is well thought out;

- need skatepark for the youth who have outgrown the playground;
- skateboarding is part of youth culture;
- it is a different sport and people are usually concerned in the beginning;
- agree with skateboarding however, try to put in another park such as Maple Grove, Jericho or Vanier;
- would like one soccer field to be of regulation size;
- upgrade change room and washroom facilities;
- support increased recreation use of the park;
- 70% of strata owners are against the skateboard park;
- less than 10% of the 1000 units will have children;
- there are not many children close to the park;
- not against skateboarding but Quilchena is not the place for it;
- do not want to change Quilchena to a destination park;
- Hellenic community is focused on extending their culture;
- would like to see a toddler playground and water and power around the pathways;
- would like to establish a Hellenic garden;
- strongly encourage drainage of the fields;
- parking problem is also caused by filming ;
- concerned that there is no resident caretaker;
- important to show support to the kids;
- important to have a facility that is in the neighbourhood rather than having to travel downtown;
- skateboarders are not criminals, they need to be accepted by the community;
- residents support for a quiet and peaceful park;
- an environmental impact assessment should be done;
- an inventory of wild life needs to be taken;
- do not have to use park space for all sports;
- try to accommodate some sport in a warehouse.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentations and stated that having a skate park is a big leap for some people in the community. The Board understands the concerns raised by the neighbours, however, we need to support the youth in the community and staff have done their due diligence in looking at other parks and Quilchena seems to be the most appropriate.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the Quilchena Park Concept Plan as described in

this report and illustrated in Appendix A.

An amendment motion to provide additional benches, picnic tables and an ethno garden was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the concept plan for Quilchena Park include additional benches, picnic tables and an ethno garden.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and stated that the direction to staff should be to consider as part of the design process and the revised design be brought back to the Board for approval.

An amendment to the amendment motion was put.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board consider providing additional benches, picnic tables and a Hellenic theme in the northwest corner of Quilchena park.

- Carried Unanimously.

The amendment motion was put and it was DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Anton, Deal, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

The following main motion as amended was put:

- A. **THAT the Board approve the Quilchena Park Concept Plan as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix A.**
- B. **THAT the Board consider providing additional benches, picnic tables and a Hellenic theme in the northwest corner of Quilchena park.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Golf Clubhouse Coordinator Positions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 2003

recommending that the Board approve the establishment of 2 full time Clubhouse Coordinator positions in the Golf Operations.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of 2 full-time Clubhouse Coordinator positions in the Golf Operations.

Staff advised the Board that the clubhouse restaurants were formerly operated by a contractor, however, when the contractor retired, staff reviewed the clubhouse management functions and identified a number of areas for improvement. On a pilot basis, a revised management model was created to determine if improvements could be implemented. The pilot also served as a transition plan to continue the operation of food services during and after the exit of the contractor. A Human Resource consultant reviewed and developed the position descriptions. The positions were filled on a temporary basis and are scheduled to end on December 31, 2003. The Golf Clubhouse Coordinator report was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Paul Faoro, President, and Darwyn Hermann, CUPE Local 15 appeared before the Board to request that the Golf Clubhouse Coordinator Positions be included in the bargaining unit. The delegation advised the Board that there will be considerable financial savings by including these positions in the bargaining unit. The delegation also indicated that they were not involved in the discussion with regard to the pilot project and requested that the matter be deferred for further discussions as to why these positions should be exempt.

Board members discussed the matter and felt that they did not have enough information with regard to the job description and it was suggested that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion. A member of the Board stated that it was not the job of the Board to oversee the details of job descriptions but to determine whether or not a position should be established.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the report with regard to Golf Clubhouse Coordinator Positions be referred to the next Finance Committee for discussions.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton and De Genova contrary)

Eburne Lands Subdivision

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 20, 2003.

Claudia Laroye, Coordinator of Marpole Business Association appeared before that Board and stated that the members of the Marpole Business Association were disappointed that they were not involved in the Eburne Lands Subdivision process. The subdivision would be affecting the economic and transportation plan in the Marpole community. The delegation advised the Board that the members of the Marpole Business Association have indicated that they would like to see more parkland in Marpole.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the part A and B of the motion be voted on separately.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

A. THAT the Board recommend to Council acceptance of payment in lieu of park dedication at the proposed subdivision of the Eburne Lands, subject to legal arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager Park Board and the Director of Legal Services for the possible acquisition of Richmond Island for park purposes at a later date as described in this report.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Anton, Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

WHEREAS, the North Fraser Port Authority through its subsidiary has applied for subdivision of their Eburne Lands, zoned M-2 for industrial

uses, situated along the Fraser River in the Marpole neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS, such subdivision is subject to the dedication of a park parcel of ten percent of the land according to the City of Vancouver subdivision By-Law, resulting in a park of 3.3 acres; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested payment in lieu of park dedication and City Council has the authority to accept such payment in lieu; and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Park Board has the mandate to advocate for parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Marpole neighbourhood is deficient in parks and many public delegations have spoken strongly in favour of creating a park on this site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision can be structured to include a park of 3.3 acres along the waterfront west of the foot of Hudson Street; and

WHEREAS, such a park would be useful and conveniently accessible to the residents of Marpole and the workers in the industrial area; and

WHEREAS, parks and public waterfront walkways have proven to be compatible with M-2 and other industrial zones, and seem also compatible with the proposed TransLink bus barns; and

WHEREAS, a park in this location would produce major environmental benefits as a productive riparian zone would be created in the park to support the health of the Fraser River as a major salmon stream;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board advise City Council not to accept payment in lieu of park dedication of the proposed subdivision of the Eburne Lands but to support the dedication of a 3.3 acre park parcel on the waterfront along the entirety of the proposed TransLink bus barns site.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board recommend to the Approving Officer the establishment of public right-of-ways along the water with the matter of physical access to be resolved through any development permits.

- Carried Unanimously.

2004 Fees and Charges

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 2003 recommending that the Board approve the 2004 Fees and Charges to be adjusted to reflect an inflationary increase of 2.75%.

Staff advised the Board that the fees and charges adjustments were in accordance to the inflation rate increase required by the City in the preparation of the 2004 budget.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board approve the 2004 Fees and Charges to be adjusted to reflect an inflationary increase of 2.75%.

- Carried Unanimously.

Website Redesign

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 24, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

The General Manager advised the Board that a power point presentation was available to update the Board on the web site redesign, however, due to the lateness of the hour, Board members who wish to see these slides may contact staff.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

MOTIONS :

Commissioner Anton advised the Board that the 2003 World Weightlifting Championship will be in Vancouver, November 14 to 22 ,2003 and it is a qualifying event for the Athens Olympics. They are looking for help in the distribution of tickets and putting up posters.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

WHEREAS:

1. **The 2003 World Weightlifting Championships (WWC) are taking place at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, November 14 to 22, 2003;**
2. **The WWC is the largest event ever held in Vancouver in terms of the number of countries participating, namely 83;**
3. **The event is an Olympic qualifying event for Athens 2004;**
4. **Media from around the world will be present;**
5. **Vancouver will be eligible to be host city for many such events between now and 2010;**
6. **It is important to demonstrate the enthusiasm of the city for such events.**

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. **The Vancouver Park Board wishes success to the 2003 World Weightlifting Championships; and**
2. **The Vancouver Park Board will assist wherever possible in the promotion of the 2003 World Weightlifting Championships.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Switchboard

Staff was requested to investigate the possibility of a message on the phone advising the public of the different programs and facilities offered by the Vancouver Park Board while they are on hold.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair