

CULTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003
7:00 pm

Attendance: Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps (Chair)
Commissioner Heather Deal
Liane McKenna - Director, Queen Elizabeth District
Jim Lowden - Director, Stanley District
Terry Walton - Recreation Manager, Stanley District
Susan Gordon - Co-ordinator, Arts and Culture, Stanley District
jil p. weaving - Community Arts Programmer, Stanley District
Meghan Stuart-Stubbs - Community Arts Program Assistant, Stanley District
Dana Walker - Planning Analyst, Planning and Operations
Carol Sogawa - District Recreation Co-ordinator, Queen Elizabeth District
Claire Thomas - Recorder

Regrets: Commissioner Al DeGenova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Culture & Recreation Committee meeting held on September 10, 2003.

Adoption of Minutes moved by - Lyndsay Poaps

Seconded by - Heather Deal

Minutes of the Culture & Recreation Committee meeting held on October 1, 2003.

Adoption of Minutes moved by - Lyndsay Poaps

Seconded by - Heather Deal

DISCUSSION:

1. **DRAFT SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY** - Terry Walton, Jim Lowden, Daisy Chin
A presentation was given by Terry Walton on the Special Events Draft Policy and Guidelines. This policy includes the consolidation of laws, policies and guidelines. Terry explained the larger changes for the previous policy: some special events and gated admission events will move into a license category. The Committee members were interested in the issue of recycling and garbage pick-up for events and asked for the costs to the Park Board for garbage clean-up. They also received explanations for how the power & water on site decisions are made.

The committee heard a delegation from *Christine Ogryzw* of the Rules & Regulation Sub-Committee for the Spirit of Vancouver, who put forth the following points:

- a simpler check list
- an increase to staff level approval from 1,000 to 2,500 person event
- the noise bylaw is restrictive
- unclear on activity restrictions - fewer restrictions, eg. road closures
- transportation - wording should say organizers must have alternate transportation
- special events should not always be left to the changing ideology of the board.

Staff explained that the policy is the source for how decisions are made and that the guidelines work to address issues such as: what type of events would go to the Board and what reassurance the neighbourhood requires. Staff indicated that they were currently working on updating the check list and the Board reaffirmed the need for this filtering process. Terry stated that policy statements would be ready by the Dec. 1st Board Meeting. The Chair confirmed that consideration of Appendix A (see attachment), with recommendations from the Culture and Recreation Committee would take place at that time.

2. **DRAFT ARTS POLICY - Susan Gordon, jil weaving, Meghan Stuart-Stubbs**
Susan outlined the background of the Arts Policy which was developed 10 years ago and involves 2 major programs; artist-in-residence, and the Neighbourhood Matching Fund. She elaborated on the recent updating of the policy which involved the hiring of a consultant in 2003 to lead a focus group of stakeholders. This group looked at the language and formatting of the arts policy and Park Board staff then condensed the information. The Arts & Culture staff wish to have the Board reaffirm their commitment to the Arts Policy at the December 15th board meeting.
3. **PARKPARTNERS PROGRAM EVALUATION - Dana Walker, Carol Sogawa**
Dana gave a presentation on the evaluation of the 1st year of the ParkPartners program which focuses on expanding volunteerism in the park system. Dana provided information regarding budget expenses to date, community development, stewardship programs, inquiries and referrals done by the 3 districts over the last year and described the activities proposed for 2004. The Committee expressed concern with the time and resources staff had to focus on the program. Staff stated that members of CUPE 1004 had been informed and that this program would not undermine the current structure. The committee members also requested that staff identify parks which need assistance - adopt a park. Staff stated that future practices in park design should include allowances for spaces and resources to be developed. A presentation and report on the accomplishments during the first year of the ParkPartner Program will be given at the November 17, 2003 Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 3, 2003
7:00 p.m. at 2099 Beach Avenue