

**Minutes of Meeting  
Planning and Environment Committee**

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 17, 2003

**ATTENDEES:**       **Park Board Commissioners**  
Commissioner Eva Riccius, Chair  
Commissioner Heather Deal (part)  
Commissioner Suzanne Anton  
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps (part)  
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock

**Park Board Staff**

Piet Rutgers	Director of Planning and Operations
Rudy Roelofsen	Manager of Facility Development
Per Palm	Project Manager
Bob Trydal	Manager of Operations, Stanley District
Vera Sukopova	Planning and Operations (Recording Secretary)

**Delegations**

Margaret Deveney	Resident, 1155 Beach Ave.
Linda and Michael Douse	Resident, 1155 Beach Ave.
Jeff Malmgren	Vancouver Ultimate League
Mike Kaweski	Vancouver Ultimate League
Rick Evans	President, Champlain Heights C.C.
Keith Jacobson	President, Killarney C.C.
Gayle Uthoff	Killarney C.C.
Garry Lum	Supervisor, Killarney C.C.
Roger Hughes	Roger Hughes Partners
Howard Stewart	Roger Hughes Partners

**SUBJECT:   Planning and Environment Committee Meeting**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Commissioner Eva Riccius** welcomed all to the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee and the Commissioners introduced themselves.

The Agenda was presented as follows:

1.     Sunset Beach Parking Lot Use
2.     Ultimate Frisbee Field Proposal
3.     Killarney Pool Update

## 1. Sunset Beach Parking Lot Use

**Bob Trydal** gave a presentation on history of Sunset Beach rink and practice area and he talked about problems with skateboarders. He summarized ongoing problems as:

- They shred wood benches,
- They ride curbs in a cycle and pedestrian path
- They pull concrete wheel stops faster than Park Board is able to replace them.

He explained that skateboarders always used a parking lot in the past, but lately number of skateboarders is way up as is the number of complaints from public and lifeguards.

He suggested several improvements, as:

- To install lockable rail and bench
- To post signs with closing time 9:00 p.m.
- To authorize rangers to patrol area during summer
- To get involved Skateboarding Association.

**Margaret Deveney** gave her presentation on behalf of 1155 and 1133 Beach Avenue tenants. She referred to her recent correspondence sent to Susan Mundick General Manager, copied to Heather Deal, Piet Rutgers and Bob Trydal.

She explained again that tenants' main frustration is with constant noise coming from skateboarding area lasting from morning till late night - 11:00 p.m. She has also mentioned that there are many other posted rules which are not followed by skateboarders.

Even if tenants understand that the Park Board would like to accommodate request of skateboarders to have own place in Vancouver for their sport, tenants feel that such parks should not be built in at close proximity to living areas mainly because that sport produce high volume of constant noise which has constant negative effect on the whole neighbourhood.

She suggested that to eliminate ongoing problems, the skateboarders park, which is part of the Sunset Beach parking lot, be turned to green area and the skateboard park be relocated to another area.

**Linda and Michael Douse** fully supported Margaret Deveney and agreed that the noise is the main culprit of skateboarding sport. They also recommended several changes to the existing skate boarding park and explained them in the letter handed over to Bob Trydal on July 17, 2003

All three representatives expressed their frustration with fact that neighbourhood was not consulted on opening of a skateboard park on a trial base.

Board members expressed their understanding but voiced united opinion that skateboarders need a designated park for their sport. Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps, a skateboarder herself, suggested meeting with the Skateboarding Association to discuss problems and try to find some acceptable solutions for all parties. The Committee concurred with that view and asked staff to convene a meeting of all the parties. No further improvements to skateboarding area should be made until then.

## **2. Ultimate Frisbee Field Proposal**

**Jeff Malmgren** gave presentation on the Ultimate Fields. He explained spirit and rules of the game. He gave a brief overview on Vancouver Ultimate League, on number of teams, their growth and their need for additional fields. They found an unused area on 37<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street. He briefly described how this area could be developed, and how various users could benefit from its development.

He acknowledged that members of Vancouver Ultimate League are ready to cooperate with the Park Board staff and the Board. Piet Rutgers explained that there have been and may will be other organizations who might consider using the same area for other purposes. Jeff Malmgren asked Commissioners for any help in securing this location and/or to help to locate other suitable areas for new fields. In the end of his presentation he informed Commissioner that the Vancouver Ultimate League plans to present National Training Facility Concept at CUPA AGM in Montreal in August 2003.

Commissioner Suzanne Anton supports the idea that Vancouver needs more fields, and the other present Commissioners would advise Park Board staff how and in what capacity they should get involved.

Committee asked staff to develop a process to find a home for an ultimate facility somewhere in the city.

## **3. Killarney Pool Update**

**Rudy Roelofsen** gave presentation on Killarney Community Pool. He gave the overview on:

- Siting of the new pool
- The space program and main features of the pool
- The method of pool water disinfection
- Environmentally sustainable design
- Cost allocation.

He also described the pool features as:

- Six lane 25 meter lap pool of 315 m<sup>2</sup> (3391 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Warm lap/leisure pool of 300 m<sup>2</sup> (3229 ft<sup>2</sup>), and fitted with play features
- Hot pool of 60 m<sup>2</sup> (646 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Deck activity and viewing areas
- Steam rooms
- The entire facility will be fully wheelchair accessible, including ramp entries for all the pools.

Roger Hughes explained water sterilization options for the pool and described pros/cons of different systems shown on the presented table. Some other details were explained by Harold Stewart. There was discussion on this item, with general agreement that more research was necessary.

Rudy Roelofsen also explained that Roger Hughes suggested recovering heat from exhausted air, and heat produced by making ice in the rink and use it to heat domestic and pool water to save money. At the same time there are some expenses when implementing design initiatives and construction methods recommended by LEED. The cost of achieving LEED Silver would amount to \$200,000 - \$300,000, but this amount is not included in this budget.. Rudy Roelofsen said the budget included \$79,000 for DCL's but not an additionally required \$106,000 resulting from a recent City Council decision. He also presented a project budget in detail, which totals \$8,900,000.

After Mr. Roelofsen's presentation **Keith Jacobson, Rick Evans** and **Gayte Uthoff** expressed their opinion that the project was under funded from the beginning and now new additional DCL charges will make it even more difficult for Roger Hughes and Partners to stay with the original idea of the project. They feel that the project needs extra \$340,000 to avoid further changes in design of the pool. Therefore, they have asked Piet Rutgers and Commissioners to find the opportunity to obtain at least the DCL amount through a grant and if possible extra money for the project. They have also mentioned immediate huge saving for Park Board because of closure of the existing pool during construction. Piet Rutgers said that any savings go back into Operating Budget and cannot be budgeted for a future Capital project.

Piet Rutgers explained that many projects which were included in the Capital Plan received less money than requested, but he is still convinced that a new pool with additional amenities will be vastly better than the existing pool.

In the end Commissioners suggested that staff will explore a possibility to obtain funds to offset the DCL charges.

## **CONCLUSION**

Commissioner Riccius thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and putting forth their ideas and comments.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.**