

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2004**

PRESENT :	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Arts and Multiculturalism Coordinator	- Susan Gordon
	Senior Planner, Central Area Planning	- Nathan Edelson
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A typographical error on page 3 was identified where the donation from BC Rehab should be \$50,000. It should be noted that Commissioner Deal was present at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 20, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised that some of the Board members attended the following events:

- opening of the new Skateboard Park;
- the Ghost Train in Stanley Park;

The Chair stated that Wainborn Park is now open for public use, an official opening celebration will be held later on in the year.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Roundhouse Community Centre on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee : met on Monday, September 27 and discussed the operating statements as at August 31, 2004. The committee also discussed the process for public consultation in October for the 2005 budget.

Planning and Environment Committee : the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. On the agenda are an update on the management plan for Everett Crowley Park, process to name the park at 8th and Fraser, a community project from the Ultimate players at 37th and Oak and the process to develop the next capital plan.

Culture and Recreation Committee : the next meeting is on Wednesday, October 6 and the committee will be receiving a presentation from Kids Around the World, the Stanley Park Event Proposal and the Community Association Conference.

City Council Report

Council approved \$100,000 for sport event hosting, a ban on leaf blowers in the West End and a motion to consider future options for Mount Pleasant pool. At its meeting on Tuesday, October 5, Council will be considering a motion to support Provincial legislation, the Safe Street Act and the Trespass to Property Act.

Vancouver Aquarium - Discovery Education Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 23, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the design for the redevelopment of the “Discovery Education Centre” at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Staff provided the background on the redevelopment of the education facility which was part of the licence agreement effective January 1, 1999. The Aquarium is now ready to apply for a development permit.

Clive Grout from Stantec, reviewed the design of the facility in detail with the Board emphasizing the goal of providing a sustainable facility with creative features such as a living wall and water conservation.

Dan Rollins, Chair of the Vancouver Aquarium sent a letter to the Board as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Board members thanked Park Board and Aquarium staff for a creating a green building renovation. The Board was pleased to see the Aquarium’s commitment to education and conservation.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve the design for the redevelopment of the “Discovery Education Centre” at the Vancouver Aquarium as illustrated in the attached drawings.

- Carried Unanimously.

Downtown Eastside Public Space Arts Programming Proposal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 21, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for the development of a plan for arts programming and events in Downtown Eastside parks and open spaces subject to matching funds from the Vancouver Agreement and to support being received from neighbourhood organizations.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver Agreement partners have agreed to participate in the revitalization of Downtown Eastside. As part of this revitalization, it is proposed to provide a coordinated arts activity to allow the local residents a chance to improve on their skills.

Don Larson, Water for Life Society, appeared before the Board and stated that he would like to be involved in the planning of events for the Downtown Eastside and especially if it affects CRAB at Portside Park.

Board members thanked staff for bringing forward the proposal and stated that the Downtown Eastside was rich in arts and culture. This is an innovative way to engage the community.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for the development of a plan for arts programming and events in Downtown Eastside parks and open spaces subject to matching funds from the Vancouver Agreement and to support being received from neighbourhood organizations.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motions

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

Whereas, Nat Bailey Stadium is the primary venue for amateur and professional baseball in Vancouver, and this historic structure has been an important part of Vancouver sports and community activities since 1951;

Whereas, Salvation Army Harbour Light, Hillcrest Little League, Riley Park Community Centre, Mayor Larry Campbell, Baseball BC, UBC Baseball, Vancouver Community Baseball, ALS Society, Greater Vancouver Food Bank, Make a Wish Foundation, Baseball Canada, Senator Ray Perrault, BC Special Olympics, Vancouver City Police, Jericho, Kerrisdale, Dunbar, Hastings Little League are the Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium;

Therefore, it is resolved that the Park Board direct staff to work with the Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium to study the viability of preserving Nat Bailey Stadium to enable it to continue to serve the community.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

Andrew Grant, Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium
Ray Carter, Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium
Stan Jang, Riley Park Community Centre Association

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

- offered assistance to work with staff to save Nat Bailey Stadium;
- Nat Bailey Stadium has a long history of supporting amateur baseball;
- it is facility where people love to go;
- supports community events such as the runs for ALS and Breast Cancer;
- the stadium is an important part of the city, it is a piece of our heritage;
- Mayor Campbell has suggested that the stadium may be declared a heritage structure;
- the building suffers from age and needs to be brought up to code;
- willing to work with staff to bring forward ideas on how the stadium can be saved;
- will approach senior levels of government for funding and also develop a fund raising program ;
- Riley Park Community Centre Association has not taken a position;

- a large number of the newer residents in the neighbourhood are not attached to the stadium;
- the stadium will need considerable upgrades, the cost will be close to new construction;
- support motion to further study, would like to see sensible choices.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that it was important to preserve heritage and heritage culture should be an important criteria in the development of the master plan. A member of the Board stated that there is a commitment to create a master plan of the Hillcrest / Riley area and this request should be included as part of the master plan.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

**THAT the following sentence be added to the end of the motion:
subject to the Board's consideration of the Hillcrest / Riley Master
Plan.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

The following amended motion was put forwarded :

Whereas, Nat Bailey Stadium is the primary venue for amateur and professional baseball in Vancouver, and this historic structure has been an important part of Vancouver sports and community activities since 1951;

Whereas, Salvation Army Harbour Light, Hillcrest Little League, people in Riley Park area, Mayor Larry Campbell, Baseball BC, UBC Baseball, Vancouver Community Baseball, ALS Society, Greater Vancouver Food Bank, Make a Wish Foundation, Baseball Canada, Senator Ray Perrault, BC Special Olympics, Vancouver City Police, Jericho, Kerrisdale, Dunbar, Hastings Little League are the Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium;

Therefore, it is resolved that the Park Board direct staff to work with the Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium to study the viability of preserving Nat Bailey Stadium to enable it to continue to serve the community subject to the Board's consideration of the Hillcrest / Riley master plan.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Rowing Club Parking Lot - Renewal of Operating Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 28, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board enter into an operating agreement with the Vancouver Rowing Club to extend the term of the current operating agreement for the use of the parking lot in Stanley park for the period September 15, 2004 to August 30, 2007.**
- B. THAT the annual use fee be set at \$19,188 plus tax for the period September 15, 2004 to September 14, 2005, with annual increases thereafter that reflect the rate of inflation for each of the following years.**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- D. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statements as at August 31, 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 22, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the operating statement as at August 31, 2004 were reviewed in detail and approved by the Finance Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

A member of the Board enquired about learnings from the World Urban Forum attended by Commissioner Poaps in Barcelona. Commissioner Poaps advised that there will be a meeting on October 14, 2004. A report will be available for those interested.

A letter was received from the Vancouver Community Baseball with a request to use the old curling rink as an indoor stadium.

MoreSports was postponed from the Culture and Recreation October 5 agenda to the meeting on November 1, 2004.

An enquiry on how programming was done at Oppenheimer Park was received. Staff advised that parks programming at Oppenheimer Park was done by Carnegie Centre, in coordination with staff from Vancouver East District.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair