

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 1, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that Board members participated in the following events that were held in the past week.

- open house at Sunset Community Centre to review the design for the new community centre;
- Seniors Summit Symposium;
- dance at Trout Lake Community Centre to promote community art;
- opening ceremony for Diwali Celebrations.

Finance Committee: the committee at its last meeting discussed the 2005 Fees and Charges, Cummings Family Donation, 2004 and 2005 budget and the financial status as at the end of October.

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting will be on December 7, the committee will review a proposal from the operator of Prospect Point Café, Jericho Sailing Club's request to extend the food service area.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting date will be posted on the website, the committee received presentations from representatives of the Engine 374 Society and MoreSports groups and outlined a timeline for the joint operating agreement process.

Design for the New Sunset Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 4, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the design for the new Sunset Community Centre and commissioning Bing Thom Architects to carry out the remaining professional services required to deliver the Sunset Community Centre project.

Staff advised the Board that the construction of the new Sunset Community Centre is part of the strategic renewal plan. Staff thanked the Sunset Community Association for securing an infrastructure grant towards the funding for this project.

Bing Thom, architect for the project provided a detailed outline of the design for the new Sunset Community Centre. Mr. Thom indicated that the objective was to strive for LEED gold certification.

Board members thanked the Sunset Community Association for their contribution to this project and are looking forward to the construction of the new community centre.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board approve the design for the new Sunset Community Centre, as detailed in this report.**
- B. THAT the Board approve commissioning Bing Thom Architects to carry out the remaining professional services required to deliver the Sunset Community Centre project, for a fixed fee not to exceed \$832,500, plus disbursements, estimated at \$50,000.**
- C. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Allocation of CAC from Arbutus Gardens to Quilchena Park and Kerrisdale Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 4, 2004 recommending that the Board request that Council approve the allocation of the Community Amenity Contribution collected from Arbutus Gardens toward the improvements at Quilchena Park and Kerrisdale Community Centre.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board request that Council approve the allocation of \$455,612 from the Community Amenity Contribution collected from Arbutus Gardens to the following projects: a) \$215,612 toward the improvements at Quilchena Park; and b) \$240,000 toward renovations at Kerrisdale Community Centre.

- Carried Unanimously.

2005 Fees and Charges

This report was referred from the Board meeting of November 1, 2004 to Finance Committee. Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 9, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the 2005 Fees and Charges adjusted as per an inflationary increase and comparable market rates and that staff review and report back on options to reduce fees and charges for youth.

Staff advised the Board that the Finance Committee reviewed the market rate and concluded that the fees were comparable. In recognition of the need to provide service to youth, the Finance Committee recommended that the youth fees be reviewed and report back to the Board.

Board members discussed raising fees by inflation and some members of the Board felt that the fees are too high and the Board should not be further increasing fees.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board approve the 2005 Fees and Charges be adjusted as per Appendix A to reflect an inflationary increase and comparable market rates.

THAT staff review and report back on options to reduce fees and charges for youth.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Anton and Poaps contrary)

Cumming Family Donation

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 27, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the Cumming family of Wyoming were interested in donating a bench at English Bay in memory of their parents who lived in the West End. As no new bench location was available, staff worked with the family to create a special amenity for Stanley Park, between the Stanley Park Pitch and Putt Golf Course and the Ted and Mary Greig Rhododendron Garden, using the donation of \$25,000. The Cumming family have since offered a further \$50,000 donation, \$25,000 for a refuse container and \$25,000 for a project yet to be determined by the Director of Stanley District.

Board members thanked the Cumming family for their donation and commended staff on being innovative to accommodate a citizen's request.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT this report be received for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motions

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

Whereas the City of Vancouver has declared itself as a City of Peace, and;

Whereas city government plays an important role in the renewal of a world wide peace movement and city peace networks exist in many countries.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vancouver Park Board endorse and participate in the World Peace Forum of 2006 and work on ways, such as providing facility space, to engage our community in the Forum as appropriate.

- Carried Unanimously.

A member of the Board requested that community centre associations should be informed of this event.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair