

**Minutes of Meeting  
Culture and Recreation Committee, Vancouver Park Board  
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver**

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 5, 2004

**ATTENDEES: Park Board Commissioners**  
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps  
Commissioner Heather Deal

**Park Board Staff**

Liane McKenna	Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Lori MacKay	Director of Vancouver East District
Terry Walton	Manager of Recreation Services
Daisy Chin	Special Events and Filming
Cindy Crapper	Vancouver East District Coordinator
Booth Palmer	Child and Youth Services Coordinator
Susan Gordon	Coordinator Arts and Culture
Barbara Joughin	Recorder of Minutes

**Delegations**

Lara Olson	KidsPark Group
Rosalind Barrington Craggs	KidsPark Group
Irene Policzer	KidsPark Group
Ana Policzer	KidsPark Group

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented.

**1. Approval of April 7, 2004 Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 7, 2004 Culture and Recreation Committee meeting were accepted as presented.

**2. KidsPark Proposal:**

Members of the KidsPark in Hastings Park group presented their ideas for year-round family use of buildings in Hastings Park. Their concept focuses on preparing children and youth to be healthy, active and aware citizens through arts, culture and ecology activities in existing Hastings Park facilities. Lara Olson described how the KidsPark concept received strong community support at the February "Ideas Fair", a recent component of the Hastings Park community visioning process. She explained possible scenarios that emerged from that process:

- East Vancouver Arts Education Facility - Multicultural/accessible
- Children's Museum - interactive learning environment for active exploration of world
- "Kid's Zone" - indoor playspace, café and Art Gallery

The group is advocating Hastings Park development that specifically addresses the need for informal arts and culture learning opportunities for East Vancouver families and children. Next steps include building support for community use of buildings, fundraising, and development of the different models. The KidsPark group asked the Committee to support their vision of

community use of public buildings in Hastings Park, and requested Park Board staff liaison for their planning and fundraising efforts. The Committee encouraged the delegation to develop and fundraise for specific program ideas in temporary venues, in order to establish a foundation and be in a state of readiness when decisions about public use of Hastings Park are made.

Actions:

- Park Board staff will liaise with the KidsPark group and provide information about similar programs and models.

**3. Canadian Wakeboard Championships at Coopers Park:**

Daisy Chin and Terry Walton described a request from the Canadian Wakeboard Championships to use a portion of Coopers Park on August 27 - 29, 2004 for a fenced viewing stand and beer garden for approximately 500 people. The organizers have requested service of alcohol from 10am - 7pm during the three days of the event. The main program for this event occurs at the Plaza of Nations, and there will be no entertainment or amplification at this site. Staff reported that circulation on the seawall path in Coopers Park will not be interrupted by the event; that this national championship is an appropriate use of the park and has minimal impact; and that Coopers Park is designated to be available for water sports viewing.

The Committee agreed that the request fits the policy for staff approval.

**4. Canadian Breast Cancer Society Fund Raiser - Overnight Park Use**

Staff presented a request from the BC Cancer Foundation for overnight use of Killarney Park on August 21, 2004 for overnight camping for the 3000 participants in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer 60 km walk on August 20-22, 2004. Organizers want to use the baseball diamond area to house 1500, 8x10' pop-up tents, and the oval for support tents, including a 100x200' dining tent and stage area for entertainment that will be over by 9:00pm. 24 hour security will be provided by the event organizers, and site access will be limited to the event crew and participants, who are expected to arrive on Saturday at 5:00pm. Staff explained that this is a national fundraising program that will be delivered by experienced, professional organizers.

Action:

1. Staff will ask the event organizers to:
  - show community support (ie. letters) with their presentation to the Board on May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - hire someone local to undertake community outreach and distribute information about the event within a 2 block radius of the park before the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. Staff will ask the Killarney Community Centre Association Board for a letter indicating its support for overnight use of Killarney Park for this event, to be presented to the Board with the staff report on May 17, 2004.

**5. Olympic Youth Legacy Framework**

Cindy Crapper, Lori MacKay and Booth Palmer gave a presentation to the Committee on the framework that has been developed for Vancouver's Olympic Youth Legacy for Physical Activity, Sport, Culture and the Arts. Recognizing that only 42% of youth in the City are engaged in arts and sports activities, and that current opportunities do not meet the diverse needs and interests of youth, this legacy project is intended to create a framework of new opportunities that will inspire non-engaged youth to become active. Staff described what has been accomplished to date, and outlined activities and timelines for 2004-05. As well as researching

best practices from other jurisdictions, and undertaking consultation with youth and key stakeholders, the framework includes establishing pilot programs in summer 2004 through to spring 2005, training and Participatory Action Research projects with youth, and reports and presentations to different business, arts, and sports groups throughout 2005. The proposed Olympic Youth Legacy Framework will be presented to City Council on June 22, 2004, with a request for funding of \$200,000.

The group is requesting that the Culture and Recreation Committee recommend the Olympic Youth Legacy Framework to the Board on June 21, 2004.

Action:

The Culture and Recreation Committee recommends that the Board approve the Olympic Youth Legacy Framework at its meeting on June 21, 2004.

**6. Rink Operation Proposal**

Terry Walton introduced a proposal to centralize ice administrative services, and described recent Park Board initiatives:

- rink twinning pilot projects at Kitsilano-Kerrisdale (1999) and Riley-Sunset (2001) that assigned programming responsibilities for two rinks to one programmer, and created a facility booking clerk to process rental for all four rinks
- West End Project (2002) that twinned fitness centre and rink programming responsibilities
- formal evaluation of Queen Elizabeth District rink twinning
- establishment of the Ice Allocation Task Force (2002) to review ice time allocation procedures

Staff are proposing that:

- centralized ice booking functions be expanded to include all 7 rinks
- the centralized booking office be moved from Kerrisdale Arena to Stanley District office
- a Recreation Services Coordinator position be established to be responsible for the application of ice allocation and fees and charges policy, and to assume Stanley District Coordinator responsibilities

Terry explained how staffing and funding are arranged in the centralization process. Consultation with the CCA's, CUPE 15 and other groups indicate agreement in principle for the concept. Concerns were expressed about workload reassignment, reallocation of funds, and limits on the implementation of centralized services in other areas. Terry explained that the reasons why rinks are easy to centralize do not transfer naturally to other facilities.

Recommendation

The Culture and Recreation Committee recommends that the Board approve the Rink Operation Proposal at the June 7, 2004 meeting.

**7. Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next Culture and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2004, at 7:30 pm.