

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT RENFREW COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2004**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Eva Riccius
	Vice Chair	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Anita Romaniuk
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Child and Youth Services Coordinator	- Booth Palmer
	Manager of Fundraising and Development	- Josie Riebe
	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 29, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

The Chair introduced a new staff member, Josie Riebe, Manager of Fundraising and Development.

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

- dedication of Aids Memorial;
- Cultural Harmony Awards at Council and planting of trees at the Cultural Harmony Grove;
- opening of George Wainborn Park;
- Bright Nights at Stanley Park;
- Festival of Lights at VanDusen Gardens.

Finance Committee : there was no meeting.

Planning and Environment Committee: the committee received a presentation and updated petition from Save Mount Pleasant Pool, and proposals from the operators at Prospect Point Café and Jericho Sailing Centre.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting will be in January.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that Council will announce the “Get Out” program. Council will also be receiving reports with regard to Park Board purchase of fleet vehicles, greenhouse gas reduction, allocation of community amenity contributions from Arbutus Gardens to Quilchena Park and Kerrisdale Community Centre, the establishment of the creative city task force, 2005 operating budget, ethical and sustainable purchasing task force, South East False Creek Official Development Plan policy, and the motion on McBride Park road closure which asks for a six month trial temporary closure with traffic calming.

CHAIR’S REPORT – 2004

The Chair provided a report on the 2004 accomplishments and thanked the Board members and staff for their support.

A copy of the Chair’s report is attached to the minutes.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

As set forth in the Board’s Procedure By-law, the General Manager acting as Chair pro-tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Year 2005.

Commissioner Woodcock nominated Commissioner Riccius as Chair.

Ballots were provided to the Commissioners for completion. The ballots were counted and Commissioner Riccius was declared Chair of the Board for Year 2005.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

- Carried Unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Deal nominated Commissioner Poaps as Vice Chair.

Ballots were provided to the Commissioners for completion. The ballots were counted and Commissioner Poaps was declared Vice Chair of the Board for Year 2005.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

- Carried Unanimously.

Year 2005 Board Meeting Dates

Board members received copies of the 2005 Board meeting dates.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board approve the 2005 Board meeting dates.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner De Genova left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

STAFF REPORTS

East Fraserlands Policy Statement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 8, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff reviewed the East Fraserlands policy statement which will be the guiding policy for future planning and development on the site, beginning with the preparation of an Official Development Plan.

Keith Jacobson, President, Killarney Community Association, advised the Board that the community at Killarney has worked very hard through city plan to ensure that proper public amenities are provided in the plan for the development of East Fraserlands.

Board members discussed the report and stated that this has been a lengthy process to date, and the Board needs to follow up that waterfront walkways not be included in the calculation of park space.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board endorse the attached Council report recommending that:

- A. The document entitled “East Fraserlands: DRAFT Policy Statement” (attached as Appendix A to that report) be adopted as the guiding policy for future planning and development on the site, beginning with the preparation of an Official Development Plan (ODP);**
- B. The principles for Phasing and Implementation of Public Amenities contained within that report, to be negotiated at the ODP stage, be endorsed; and**
- C. Staff seek an early commitment from Translink to initiate transit service to East Fraserlands at the time of development.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner De Genova returned to the meeting at this time.

Transportation Demand Management

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 26, 2004 recommending that the Board adopt the City’s proposal to participate in the TransLink Employer Transit Pass Program, as outlined in the November 2, 2004 report to Council.

Staff advised the Board that this was a Council initiative to improve air quality in the city and provide an incentive for employees to take public transit. This program will provide employees an opportunity to purchase transit passes at a discount through payroll deduction.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board adopt the City’s proposal to participate in the TransLink Employer Transit Pass Program, as outlined in the November 2, 2004 report to Council.

- Carried Unanimously.

Olympic Youth Legacy Update

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 3, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff provided an update on the Olympic Youth Legacy program and stated that the program has been successful with youth. The objective of the program is to encourage youth to develop and run programs such as the Killarney Night Skate Program. Tomorrow at City Council, an official announcement of the “Get Out” program will happen.

Board members stated that they were pleased with the progress of this program.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Park at Fraser Street and 8th Avenue: Dedication for Lane Purposes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 3, 2004 recommending that the Board support the dedication of a 2.5 foot strip for lane purposes from two lots that form part of the park at Fraser Street and 7th/8th Avenues in order to increase the lane width from 15 feet to the standard lane width of 20 feet.

Staff advised the Board that this was an administrative request from Engineering Services.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board support the dedication of a 2.5 feet strip for lane purposes from two lots (2398 Fraser Street [PID:023-988-321 Lot G Block 107 District Lot 264A Group 1 New Westminster District Plan LMP36132], and 702 East 7th Avenue [PID:002-608-375 Lot 1 Block 107 District Lot 264A Plans 281 and 1771]) that form part of the park at Fraser Street and 7th/8th Avenues, in order to increase the lane width from 15 feet to the standard lane width of 20 feet.

- Carried Unanimously.

Motions

Park Naming – Rosemary Brown Park

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

WHEREAS International Women’s Day is celebrated annually on March 8 since 1909 to recognize women as makers of history, and is an occasion marked by women’s groups around the world, commemorated at the United Nations, and designated by many countries as a national holiday; and

WHEREAS Rosemary Brown who served as MLA from 1972 to 1986 in Vancouver and Burnaby, and was the first black woman elected to a Canadian Legislature and a passionate defender of human rights and an inspiration to British Columbians; and

WHEREAS Rosemary Brown was a regular user of her local parks and public recreation facilities, meeting other park patrons and using these encounters to enrich her knowledge of the community she served, swimming in Park Board pools and partaking in numerous exercise programs, she advocated to her community the importance that public park and recreation facilities play in enhancing the quality of life in Vancouver;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Vancouver Park Board request staff to report back on naming a park, to coincide with International Women’s Day, in Rosemary Brown’s former riding of Vancouver Burrard to honour and recognize her dedication to women and people of colour who were inspired by her role as an activist, educator and role model.

Commissioner Woodcock advised the Board that the park naming policy of the Park Board includes commemorating a person important to the City of Vancouver. The City’s Women’s Task Force made a suggestion to take a prominent woman who represents a number of key values and recognize her achievements in celebration of International Women’s Day in March 2005. Rosemary Brown was an avid user of the parks and recreation system in Vancouver and during the two previous park naming processes, Rosemary Brown’s name was suggested by residents.

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board expressed concern that there might be other names suitable for consideration. There was also a request to process the report through the Culture and Recreation Committee.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Buddy Program

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

WHEREAS the B.C. Ministry of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Services is discontinuing \$280,000 in funding of the "Buddy Program" effective December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Buddy Program serves more than 1,000 youth a year, ages 9 to 19, from immigrant families by pairing them with peers in local schools, community centres, and neighbourhood houses, thus helping them to interconnect with other young people in their community and providing learning opportunities and experiences that benefit all of the young people involved; and

WHEREAS participants in the Buddy Program include the most vulnerable new immigrant youth in the community; and

WHEREAS eight of the Park Board's community centres partners (Riley Park, Ray-Cam, Thunderbird, Sunset, Mt. Pleasant, West End, Britannia and Strathcona) participate in the Buddy Program; and

WHEREAS the Park Board's mandate includes providing services that are inclusive of all residents of Vancouver and promote understanding and appreciation of our diverse multicultural population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Board urges the provincial government of B.C. to restore funding of the Buddy Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter outlining the Park Board's support for the continuation of funding for the Buddy Program be sent to the Premier of B.C. and the Minister of Community, Aboriginal, and Women's Services, with copies to the MLA's of the constituencies of the affected community centres*.

***Primary Contractors:**

- **Riley Park - Vancouver-Kensington and Vancouver-Fairview**
- **Ray Cam - Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant**
- **West End - Vancouver-Burrard**

***Secondary Activity Sites:**

- **Thunderbird - Vancouver- Hastings**
- **Sunset – Vancouver-Langara**

- **Mt. Pleasant – Vancouver-Fairview and Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant**
- **Britannia – Vancouver –Mt Pleasant**
- **Strathcona - Vancouver –Mt Pleasant**

Board members discussed the motion and stated that this program was initiated by RayCam Community Association and a strong message needs to be sent to the provincial government to reinstate the program.

The motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board stated that the Citizen Advisory Committee on Children has asked for a member of the Board to be a liaison. The Chair appointed Commissioner Poaps as the liaison to the Citizen Advisory Committee on Children.

A letter with brochures to be distributed to members of the Board was received from Terry Slack, Fraser River Coalition.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (e) **the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city.**
- (h) **litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair