

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>- Lyndsay Poaps</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Heather Deal</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning and Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Communications Coordinator</b>	<b>- Terri Clark</b>
	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 13, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that the city is working with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on a reconstruction plan for the tsunami hit regions in southeast Asia. Staff have been provided with a list of charities to which they might want to donate.

The Chair also announced the sad news of the passing of three very prominent parks and recreation advocates, Yvonne Howe, President of Mount Pleasant Community Association, Jan Eisenhardt, a pioneer for fitness, especially for youth, and Renee Jensen, a West End activist.

Finance Committee : the next meeting is scheduled for January 24, and the 2005 operating budget and the 2004 financial statements are on the agenda. Commissioners were asked to submit their requests for the operating budget.

Planning and Environment Committee: held their meeting last week and discussed the possibility of planting fruit trees on boulevards and parks. The committee also discussed the potential of shorter bicycle loops in Stanley Park, the widening of a section of road between Coal Harbour and English Bay, and the public process for the park site at 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oak Street.

Culture and Recreation Committee: there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at Langara Golf Course to discuss the Joint Operating Agreement, and another meeting on February 24, 2005 to discuss the recommendations after hearing from the community. The Culture and Recreation committee will make recommendations to the Board meeting on March 2, 2005.

### **City Council Report**

The General Manager advised the Board that the Mayor will be conducting meetings to discuss the budget, and Councillor Ellen Woodsworth has been appointed as the Musqueam Liaison Councillor. At its upcoming meetings, Council will be receiving: the 2005 preliminary budget report; revised travel policy; a ferry dock agreement which will bring all the docks under one agreement; a motion on traffic around McBride Park; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' initiative to assist the tsunami affected areas.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Jericho Sailing Centre License Renewal**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 6, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the Jericho Sailing Centre Association is proceeding with Phase V of their building renovations, and in order to secure funding the Association is requesting an extension of their licence agreement.

Mike Cotter, General Manager, Jericho Sailing Centre Association, advised the Board that the Jericho Sailing Centre provides a wide range of water-related activities with reasonable membership rates. They are in need of major renovations to their elevator and washrooms to provide better service to the users and especially for those with disabilities.

Board members discussed the request and commended the Jericho Sailing Centre Association for providing a good service. The city's special advisory committee on disability issues are pleased with the services provided by the association.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the proposed Phase V renovations described in this report;**

- B. THAT subject to the General Manager receiving satisfactory proof of complete project funding the Park Board extend the current license agreement with the Jericho Sailing Centre Association to September 30, 2015.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Oak Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park Site – Proposed Design and Public Facilitation Process**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 12, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that there has been very little development at the Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> park site. The site is used informally by the community for a range of different activities. The Conseil Scolaire Francophone wishes to enter into a partnership with the Park Board for use of a portion of the park site. The Vancouver Ultimate League is also interested in developing four ultimate fields on this site. A public consultation process is required for the development of park land and the Conseil Scolaire Francophone and the Vancouver Ultimate League have agreed to provide the funding for the public process with no obligation of support for their proposals.

Margaret Knox, President, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association, stated that they were pleased to be part of the consultative process for the development of the park site at Oak and 37<sup>th</sup>. It is their goal to create green space that would connect Queen Elizabeth Park and VanDusen Gardens.

Jeff Malmgren, Coordinator, Vancouver Ultimate League, has had an interest in this park for many years and is looking forward to the public process.

Board members discussed the proposal and stated that our parks are popular, and look forward to the partnership to conduct a public process for the development of the park site at oak and 37<sup>th</sup> that would satisfy the neighbourhood.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. That the design and public facilitation process for the Oak Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue park site described in this report be approved;  
and**
- B. That the required funding be provided by the Conseil Scolaire Francophone and the Vancouver Ultimate League.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**8<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Parksites Naming**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 15, 2004 recommending that the Board consider and approve one of the following names for the 8<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park: Sahalli Park; and Suffragette Park.

Staff reviewed the guidelines for naming a park which include historical events and neighbouring street names, and recently staff conducted a process which allowed the community to provide suggestions of names for this park. Staff provided a description of both names recommended for the Board consideration. The Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association supports the name Sahalli.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**That the Board consider and approve one of the following names for the 8<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park:**

- **Sahalli Park**
- **Suffragette Park**

Gavin Ross, a member of the Mount Pleasant community stated that Suffragette was a good name and could be used to name another park.

Board members discussed the merits of both names and a member of the Board in support of the name Suffragette stated that Sahalli was commonly used with housing developments and shopping malls. However, the suffragette movement was key to women's issues.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**That the Board strike the words 'consider and', and 'one of', replace 'names' with 'name', and strike the words 'Suffragette Park'.**

**Carried.**

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

The amended motion was put forward,

**That the Board approve the following name for the 8<sup>th</sup> and Fraser Park:**

**Sahalli Park**

**Carried.**

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

**Implementation and Updating of Purchasing Policies for the Vancouver Park Board**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the implementation and/or updating of the following Purchasing Policies: Contracting for Goods and Services; Consultants – Hiring; Consultants – Contracts; and Energy Efficiency Purchasing Policy.

Staff advised the Board that with the exception of the Energy Efficiency Purchasing policy, all other policies listed are current standard practice. They are in alignment with the City of Vancouver Purchasing Policies.

Board members enquired if these policies will incorporate the Ethical Procurement Policy currently being considered by Council. Staff advised the Board that when the Ethical Procurement Policy is adopted by Council, it will be included as part of the existing policies.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

**THAT the Board approve the implementation and/or updating of the following Purchasing Policies:**

- **Contracting for Goods and Services**
- **Consultants – Hiring**
- **Consultants – Contracts**
- **Energy Efficiency Purchasing Policy**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Theatre Under the Stars – One Year Agreement Extension**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 6, 2004 to be received for information.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

**THAT the Board receive the report on Theatre Under the Stars – One Year Agreement Extension for information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

**Motions**

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

**WHEREAS the Park Board has established three committees reporting to the board in the areas of finance, planning and environment, and culture and recreation,**

**THEREFORE be it resolved that the members and chairs of these three committees for the remainder of 2005 be as follows:**

- 1. Finance Committee: Anita Romaniuk, Chair, Loretta Woodcock, Heather Deal**
- 2. Planning and Environment Committee: Loretta Woodcock, Chair, Suzanne Anton, Eva Riccius**
- 3. Culture and Recreation Committee: Heather Deal, Chair, Allan De Genova, Lyndsay Poaps**

**Carried Unanimously.**

**Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**

A member of the Board referred to an article in the Vancouver Courier with regard to the planning commission's invitation for designs to improve public places and small parks and questioned how the Board will be involved.

A member of the Board referred to a letter from a citizen with concerns regarding maintenance and loitering in mini parks in the West End. Staff advised the Board that a response has been sent to the writer and a copy of the letter will be provided to the Board.

A member of the Board enquired whether the invitation to participate in the capital plan was sent to the various city visioning groups. Staff will make enquiries and add these groups to our list.

The Chair appointed Commissioner Loretta Woodcock as the Park Board liaison to the Joint Child Care Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Eva Riccius  
Chair