

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005**

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| PRESENT: | Chair | - Eva Riccius |
| | Commissioners | - Suzanne Anton |
| | | - Heather Deal |
| | | - Allan De Genova |
| | | - Anita Romaniuk |
| | | - Loretta Woodcock |
| | General Manager | - Susan Mundick |
| | Director of Corporate Services | - Anita Ho |
| | Manager of Revenue Services | - Philip Josephs |
| | Manager of Communications | - Joyce Courtney |
| | Recording Secretary | - Julie Casanova |

The Chair advised the Board that Commissioner Poaps was away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 31, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting will be held on February 15, 2005. The agenda includes Dog Off Leash Areas, Everett Crowley Management Plan and Mount Pleasant Pool Options.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the meeting on February 16 will be held at Langara Golf Course Clubhouse to hear comments about the Joint Operating Agreement from Community Associations and other stakeholders.

Finance Committee: had a meeting on February 9 and the next meeting will be on February 21. The Committee will be discussing the operating budget and everyone is invited to attend and provide input.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on the application for a Provincial Grant in support of the Discovery Education Centre at the Vancouver Aquarium and an update on the planning for the 2010 Olympics. The City Services and Budgets Committee will be discussing the 2005 Moorage Rates for Heather Civic Marina and the Sustainable and

Ethical Purchasing Policy. Council's Planning and Environment committee will be reviewing a report on the Dangerous Dogs Protection Strategy. The Cardero and Chilco Bikeway proposal is on the agenda of the Transportation and Traffic committee.

DELEGATIONS

Bright Nights – Presentation of Cheque to the Burn Fund

The Chair welcomed Tony Burke, Executive Director for the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund and Chair of the Bright Nights Committee, and his colleague Dave Veuger, Vice Chair of the Bright Nights Committee. This is the seventh year that the Park Board has partnered with the FireFighter's Burn Fund to organize Bright Nights in Stanley Park. Thanks go to all the volunteers, sponsors and donors for another successful year. The cheque for the Burn Fund's revenues from the event is \$176,357, which includes \$53,195 from the Burn Fund's share of the train admission revenues.

Tony Burke thanked the Board for the ongoing partnership. The Bright Nights event provides good exposure for their cause. They are working on several initiatives and one of them is the research for eliminating scars on burn victims.

STAFF REPORTS

Accomplishment Report 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 3, 2005 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

The General Manager presented the accomplishment report for 2004, highlighting the vision and mission in the 2002 – 2005 Strategic Plan, and thanked the Board for their leadership to achieve the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

Board members thanked staff for their hard work and for finding innovative ways to meet the demands of cost escalation on capital projects.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive the Accomplishment Report 2004 for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Friends for Life Society – Lease Renewal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 01, 2005 recommending that the Board approve a 10 year lease to the Vancouver Friends for Life Society (the Society) for the use of Weeks House at 1459 Barclay Street.

Staff advised the Board that this was the second phase of a 10 plus 10 year lease with the Friends for Life Society. The Friends for Life Society renovated Weeks House at Barclay Heritage Square to provide care for those with life threatening illnesses. The Society has done a good job in providing the service for those in need and the facility has been well maintained.

Paul LaFontaine, Chair, Friends for Life Society was present in the audience. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to use Weeks House, however, with the high usage of this facility, they would welcome a larger facility when it becomes available.

Board members were pleased with the Society for their work in the community and for maintaining the heritage building.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. THAT the Board approve a 10 year lease renewal from March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2015 to the Vancouver Friends for Life Society for the use of Weeks House at 1459 Barclay Street based on the terms and conditions outlined in the existing lease.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences 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.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Operating Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 2, 2005 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the operating statements for the year ending December 31, 2004 indicating that the Board completed the year with a surplus.

Board members discussed the financial statements and congratulated staff on managing the budget in a thorough and diligent manner.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Board receive the Operating Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2004 for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

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:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Session

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A member of the Board referred to the minutes of the Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission regarding the donation by VanCity for an eco-sculpture. Staff was requested to investigate on how the Board could participate in this program.

A member of the Board enquired on the status of the dog barrier at John Hendry Park.

A member of the Board enquired whether the new centre at #1 Kingsway was involved in the TransLink Showcase Project at Kingsway and Main Street.

A member of the Board stated that as Councillors were involved in the Creative Cities Committee, she would like Park Commissioners to be included on this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair