

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Eva Riccius
	Vice Chair	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Anita Romaniuk
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Research and Planning	
	Manager of Recreation Services –	
	Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Operations –	
	Queen Elizabeth District	- Bill Manning
	Child and Youth Services Coordinator	- Booth Palmer
	Arts and Multiculturalism Coordinator	- Susan Gordon
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 11, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the Kerrisdale Community Association Board for their hospitality and for hosting the Board meeting.

The Chair advised the Board that the media reported on two Park Board staff who received accolades for their courage. Jennifer Keskula, Apprentice Gardener, Sunset Nursery, who is becoming a boxer was profiled as Vancouver's "Million Dollar Baby". Jennifer took up boxing while recovering from a car crash. Darwyn Hermann, Recreation Programmer, Kitsilano Community Centre assisted in the rescue of a swimmer while vacationing in Costa Rica. He also rescued two American girls who had fled their hotel to escape gunfire during a hold-up.

The Chair invited everyone to participate in the official opening of Renfrew Pool on Friday, April 29 and in the kick off event for Youth Week. The Earth Day festival was well attended and the opening of the work done on Kits foreshore stabilisation was held last Friday.

Committee Reports

Planning and Environment Committee: The next meeting is on May 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm. There are three items on the agenda, Mount Pleasant Pool Update, Stanley Park Dog Offleash Consultation Process, and Stanley Park Ecology Centre Interpretive Centre Vision.

Culture and Recreation Committee: The next meeting is on May 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda are two items, Leisure Access Program and the June 18 Rain or Shine Festival.

Finance Committee: The last meeting was cancelled. The financial reports for the first three months were sent to Commissioners. The next meeting on May 16 may be rescheduled.

Council Report

The General Manager advised that Council has several reports which relate to the Park Board, these are, Get Out! Youth Legacy Program, Award of Celebration Grants to community based arts and culture groups, Contract Extension for Ray Cam Cooperative Association, the 2004 City Annual Financial Report and Carrall Street Greenway Concept Design.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

Terry Slack thanked the Board for the beautiful flowers around the city.

John Carr asked the Board for an update on the all weather field at Point Grey. The Chair advised him that the Board will be discussing the report later on in the evening.

Karen Cooke, Vancouver Olympic Club, invited members of the Board to attend a track and field event at Eric Hamber Field.

A Vancouver resident asked the Board to limit vehicle access into Stanley Park. The Chair advised that there is a Stanley Park Transportation Plan and the Board is working towards a shorter bike route and community events to promote access to Stanley Park by using alternate modes of transportation.

Staff Presentation: Upcoming Youth Week Events

Carli Travers, Lindsay Chen and Juliana Torjek provided the Board with the history of youth week. Youth Week is celebrated internationally and our focus will be on sports, culture and arts. The Youth Week Steering Committee uses the civic youth strategy as their guide. The civic youth strategy provides youth with a voice. Youth are an asset to the community and they should be recognized and appreciated. Board members were invited to participate in the many events planned for Youth Week.

Carrall Street Greenway

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 2005 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff provided an overview of the Carrall Street Greenway. The Greenway plan includes a greenway connecting the Burrard Inlet and False Creek waterfronts, to be located along a street between Cambie and Main Streets. On reviewing the various street corridors available between Cambie and Main Streets, Carrall Street was the preferred choice to connect Burrard Inlet and False Creek as it would pass by many parks, public open spaces and historic neighbourhoods. The Carrall Street Greenway will complete a recreational loop around the downtown peninsula.

Roger Bayley, Merrick Architect, appeared before the Board and stated that the Carrall Street Greenway project began in 1998. He urged the Board to support the project. The greenway will create a recreational environment and economic value for people in the downtown eastside, and cut back on vehicle use in the area. The community group worked hard toward a long term vision of preserving the heritage aspect and social blending in the downtown eastside.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

Board members were enthusiastic about this project and wanted to relay this message to Council.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

THAT the Board enthusiastically support the Carrall Street Greenway and request Council to approve the project.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously as amended.

Get Out! Youth Legacy Program – Summary of Phase I and Phase II Action Plan

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

The Get Out! Youth Legacy Program has become an effective way to engage less active youth to participate in physical activity, sport and arts. Phase I of this initiative created opportunities for active youth engagement through a series of pilot recreation and cultural grants programs. Phase II programs will help to inform and build toward a longer-term strategy for youth involvement as the City moves forward to 2010 and beyond.

The Tupper High School Youth Action Team presented the project they are working on for the Board's information. The goal of the project was to come up with ideas and an implementation plan for an ideas fair for a greenway around 23rd Avenue and St. George Street.

Board members thanked the delegation for their presentation and involvement. It has been a good learning experience for the Board to put youth in charge of projects. The Youth Legacy Program has expanded very quickly and will be well received at the 2006 World Youth Forum as part of the World Urban Forum to be held in Vancouver next year.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board receive the information regarding the Get Out! Youth Legacy Program as outlined in the attached City of Vancouver Administrative Report (Appendix A), and**
- B. THAT the Board approve Phase 2 of the Get Out! Youth Legacy program and support a recommendation that Council approve \$200,000 for the implementation of Phase 2.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Artificial Turf Project: Consultant Contract

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 13, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the award of the contract for consultant services for the Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School artificial turf project to R.F. Binnie & Associates Ltd., for the sum of \$78,107.00 (fees and disbursements) plus GST.**
- B. **THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until the execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School – License Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 13, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the playing field is partially located on park land, and partially on school land. The synthetic turf field will be funded mostly by city-wide development levies collected for the purpose of acquiring or improving park land. This legal process will allow expenditure of development cost levies for the construction of the synthetic turf playing field on the school portion of the playing field.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Karen Cooke
- David Robinson

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- happy to see this project go ahead;
- worried about neighbourhood protest regarding lights on the field;
- the track should be protected during the construction of the field;
- keep the momentum going, continue the building of synthetic fields;
- take a second look at the draft capital plan and consider adding a second field;
- try to achieve six fields by 2011.

Board members thanked staff for working with the community and coming up with an innovative solution.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the Board approve execution of a license agreement with the Vancouver School Board as described in this report , subject to concurrence by City Council and the School Board, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager Park Board;**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated agreement.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Administrative Report – New Regular Positions

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 13, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that these jobs have expanded over the years and they are now required to be full time. CUPE 15 has been advised and supports the recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of three regular full-time CUPE 15 positions: one Asbestos Program Technician and one Maintenance Technician II in the Major Maintenance section and one Clerk in the Stanley District office.

The classifications of these positions are subject to review by the General Manager of Human Resources.

- Carried Unanimously.

Daycare Portables in Parks

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 13, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that Provincial BC Building Corporation (BCBC) Portable conversion program, as it relates to three portables on parkland, is progressing. Revised timelines, new information and decisions from BCBC have created a gap in the terms of Park Board approval to enter into agreements regarding ownership of the existing portables. As a result of this, an update to the approvals provided by the Board is required to authorise existing childcare societies to operate their current services in the portables which may be owned by the Society until they are replaced by another structure.

Board members discussed the issue and stated that the Board continues to work towards the goal of increasing childcare facilities.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. **THAT the Board direct staff to continue working to execute the agreements with the childcare societies currently operating in portable structures on parkland in Burrard View Park, China Creek Park and Kits Area Park Site to reflect the changes in ownership related to the BC Building Corporation Childcare Portable Replacement Program and to reflect the other provisions of the agreements all as outlined in the following staff report.**
- B. **THAT prior to entering an agreement with Hastings Townsite Childcare Society, that a quit claim be received by the City and Park Board from BCBC in favour of the operating society regarding current ownership of the existing portable.**
- C. **THAT no rights or obligations hereby arise or take effect under the legal agreements until each is signed by all parties.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Mater and New Business

A member of the Board thanked the community at Kerrisdale for their ongoing support and interest in their field.

21 Places for the 21st Century Finalists should be invited to make their presentation to the Board before the summer as some of the presentations on parks were prepared by students.

A member of the Board requested an update be provided to the Culture and Recreation Committee regarding the rink twinning process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair