

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Stanley District	
	Manager of Recreation Services –	- Terry Walton
	Stanley District	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Alan Duncan
	Environmental Planner	- Susan Gordon
	Arts and Multiculturalism Coordinator	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Julie Casanova
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 30, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair announced that the 2004 Annual Report is available. The report highlights the Board's accomplishments and financial results. The Chair extended an invitation for everyone to participate in the following events:

- Rosemary Brown Park Opening
- Rain or Shine Festival in Stanley Park
- Tree Tales Writing Contest

Committee Reports

Planning and Environment Committee: The next meeting is on June 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Park Board Office, items on the agenda are 21 Places Planning Commission, Harbourview Daycare at Burrard Park, Pandora Park Design Concept and Fruit Trees Update.

Culture and Recreation Committee: The next meeting is on June 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda are four items, proposal for a Cherry Blossom Festival, an MOU with the City of Vancouver regarding Oppenheimer Park Fieldhouse, proposal for an Off-Leash Area at Burrardview Park and a Special Event in Stanley Park.

Finance Committee: The next meeting is on June 20, 2005 at 7:00 pm. The committee will be discussing a request for a Rogers Cell Tower at Fraserview Golf Course, Golf Course Advance Booking Pilot Project and the 2005 Operating Budget as at the end of May.

Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on the 2006-2008 Capital Plan Financial Limits, Concord Pacific Area 6A – Coopers Quay Design of the Extension of Shoreline Protection, South East False Creek Rezoning for the private lands, Award of Contract for Centrex Telephone Services, and a draft concept plan for Victory Square. A report from the Planning Commission recommending Neighbourhood Engagement will be considered by the City Services and Budget Committee.

Unfinished Business

Oak Street and 37th Avenue Park Site – Recommended Development

This report was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 30, 2005. Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 17, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. **THAT the development concept for the park site at Oak Street and 37th Avenue described in this report and illustrated in Appendix A be approved;**
- B. **THAT staff report back on a final design, including a proposed funding, financing and timing strategy; and**

C. THAT staff work with the BMX biking community to find an appropriate location for development of a youth park facility suitable to their needs.

Staff advised the Board that many of the delegations referred to the recommended development concept as option 1. Staff clarified that the recommended development concept was a modified option 1.

The following is the balance of the speakers referred from the meeting on Monday, May 30, 2005.

22. Clarence Gardener – represented by Ron Wolfson
23. Katharine Steige, Vancouver Natural History Society
24. Gowa Kong, Vancouver Ultimate League- did not attend meeting
25. Ian Lancaster – did not attend meeting
26. Frances Lin
27. Andrew Lugsdin – did not attend meeting
28. Jean Scribner, Douglas Park Soccer
29. Terry Taylor, Native Plant Society – did not attend meeting
30. Terry Slack
31. Stephanie Chow
32. June Ryder
33. Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Ultimate League
34. Karen Cooke
35. Celia Plottel

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

- asked Board to reconsider proposed changes to the parksite;
- do not give use of the park to an exclusive group;
- the park has a unique natural habitat;
- the quality of the natural habitat will be lost with development;
- there should be no development in the park;
- leave the park natural with no playing fields;
- park is already heavily used, improve the park for neighbours only;
- residents have never asked the Park Board to change the park use;
- the park is used by dog walkers and BMX riders;
- traffic is already a problem in this area;
- consultation process has not been good;
- do not want any new soccer field;
- Douglas Park soccer support option 3, the club has grown over the years and is desperate for field space;
- if recommended development concept is approved, make the field multi-use;
- work on improving and lighting the lower field at the school;
- the rough grass type habitat is unique;

- safeguard wetland for the future generation;
- hold on to the bird and butterfly habitat, it is a good educational tool;
- congratulate planning staff for coming up with a compromise;
- would like an environmentally friendly play area;
- prefer to have a quiet park;
- the Ultimate League is growing and needs more fields;
- keep the sport alive, create more fields;
- the park is a prime bird habitat, would like entire park preserved;
- the park in its present state is an extremely valuable resource;
- Ultimate League community has grown substantially;
- Ultimate players are respectful of neighbours;
- need a place to grow, could retain the natural element of the site;
- commend Board for developing the park site;
- put a track around the soccer field;
- allowing people to use the park will keep the park safe;
- need to have a washroom at the sport facility;
- Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club is the single biggest user of Eric Hamber Field;
- the club is alarmed that there is no washroom planned;
- important to have a washroom, the Vancouver Hawks Field Hockey Club will work with the Board to maintain the washroom.

Board members thanked the delegation for their presentation and a member of the Board put forward an amendment to add D, E and F to the motion to address some of the delegations' concerns.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- D. THAT staff work with the Ultimate field users to find appropriate locations within Vancouver for the development of additional Ultimate playing fields; and**
- E. THAT staff work to find a solution which will provide washroom access for the users of the Eric Hamber field and the park site at Oak and 37th Avenue, while taking into consideration the safety issues of residents, students, and park users.**
- F. THAT when staff determine the location of the children's playground, the aim of both preserving song bird habitat and maintaining separation of children and off-leash dogs be considered.**

- Carried Unanimously.

A member of the Board put forward an amendment to address the Douglas Park Soccer Club's request for a soccer field.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- G. THAT staff work with youth soccer, in particular Douglas Park Soccer, to discuss their field needs and to assess sites which may be available to alleviate their field strategies including the possibility that this site be used for a mini soccer field.

Board members discussed the amendment and stated that the playing field report already addresses this issue.

The amendment was put forward and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Deal, De Genova, Poaps, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

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

Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Final Report

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 31, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the process to review the Joint Operating Agreement began four years ago. The consultation process consisted of a series of meetings and workshops as well as presentations and written submissions from all key stakeholder groups including the community at large, program participants, community associations, all level of staff and both CUPE Local 15 and Local 1004. The recommendations focus on making community building and accountability a priority.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Elizabeth Snow
2. Gerry Fleming
3. Jean Dandrea, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Local 15

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

- Roundhouse Community Association supports the recommendation;
- would like the Board to approve the recommendation so that the Joint Operating Agreement can be developed;
- the operating model in Vancouver with community centre associations as partners is rare;
- thank you to staff and Board and look forward to continue working with you on the JOA;

- concerned with renewing the partnerships, stakeholders should include everyone;
- needs to be a clear understanding in staffing;
- concerned with model A and would like it to be dropped;
- Park Board needs to develop clear statement of principles.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendation B, the Board approve the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force as a framework for staff to negotiate new agreements with the 20 not-for-profit Community Associations listed in the report.**
- B. THAT the Board:**
 - i) Establish a joint Park Board/Association committee to develop and undertake the details of the Core Service Review, including issues of core funding and equity, for future integration into the new agreements and report back with recommendations in one year;**
 - ii) Revise the Task Force recommendation 3.2.1. Partnership Review such that the review be undertaken at least once per 5 year term, with additional annual meetings and that the review use the Partnership Review list as a guideline;**
 - iii) Request that the Associations work with staff to develop a system which accommodates public access to programs and services at Community Centres, including membership structures, within 18 months;**
 - iv) Request that the Associations work with staff to identify one common 12 month Community Association fiscal reporting period for services under this agreement, which may be different than December 31, and outline a transition plan and completion date for Associations to adjust to the agreed upon new date;**
 - v) Include a dispute resolution mechanism for operating issues in individual agreements.**
- C. THAT the General Manager develop an implementation plan and allocate the necessary Park Board resources to support the Park Board's role in negotiations, transition and implementation of the new agreements.**

- D. THAT once the form of the agreements has been approved by the General Manager and Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management, the General Manager is authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

Board members discussed the motion and appreciated the work done by everyone involved, however, an amendment to the motion would be in the best interest of the Park Board on how the agreement will be interpreted in the future. A member of the Board did not support the amendment as a full discussion on this change has not taken place.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

THAT the following be inserted between recommendation A and B.

THAT elements from Options A, B and C in the report can be incorporated into new agreements based on negotiations between Park Board and Community Associations, however, that no agreement conforms to a fully independent model as outlined in Option A.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

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

Board members thanked everyone who was involved in developing the Joint Operating Agreement and special commendation was given to Commissioner Poaps for her leadership on this project.

Storyscapes – Public Art Selection

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a public art work at three entrances to the Brockton totem area.

Staff advised the Board that Storyscapes is a community-based Aboriginal story telling project sponsored by the City. The artwork *People Amongst the People* will mark three entrances to the existing totem site in Stanley Park and will represent the three local First Nations, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board approve the installation of People amongst People, a public art work by Susan Point, at three entrances to the Brockton totem area with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

-Carried Unanimously.

Site Relocation for Khenko Public Art Work

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 1, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that the alternate location for Khenko was designated for public art and response from a public consultation process conducted was supportive.

Moved by Commissioner Deal,

- A. That the Board approve the relocation, installation and maintenance of the art work known as "Khenko", the Heron, at George Wainborn Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the City's General Manager of Engineering Services.**
- B. That the Board receive a donation of \$154,000 from Concord Pacific Group Inc. to commission the fabrication of Khenko, a sculpture by the artist, Doug Taylor.**
- C. That the General Manager be authorized to enter into legal agreements with Concord Pacific Group Inc. to receive the funds to commission the art work, with the Artist for the fabrication of the work, and with the City of Vancouver for use of City Street, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.**
- D. No legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses 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.

Notice of Motion

WHEREAS #1 Kingsway building will be a major new city facility providing a community centre, library, childcare and housing;

WHEREAS the Mount Pleasant area is experiencing rapid redevelopment which is expected to continue;

WHEREAS the City is working with TransLink and the Federal Government in the Showcase Project to significantly improve Main Street to provide priority to pedestrians and transit users and to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions;

WHEREAS the intersection at Main and Kingsway is not friendly to pedestrians, cyclists or transit users and is a significant barrier for the new building and the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood;

WHEREAS the pedestrian improvement proposed by the project for the intersection is welcome but will not make significant improvements to reducing the barriers created by the intersection;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board requests Council to ask city staff to develop a better solution, including a pedestrian crossing at 7th Avenue as part of the Showcase Project for the intersection of Main and Kingsway that recognizes the importance of #1 Kingsway as an important community facility and provides a higher level of safety, comfort and access to pedestrians, transit users and cyclists.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair