

**Culture and Recreation Committee Special Meeting for JOA
Vancouver Park Board
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver**

DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 2005

ATTENDEES: **Park Board Commissioners**
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps
Commissioner Heather Deal
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock

Park Board Staff

Susan Mundick, General Manager
Liane McKenna, Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Lori MacKay, Director of Van East District
Diane Murphy, Recreation Manager, Queen Elizabeth District
Terry Walton, Recreation Manager, Stanley District
Cheryl Innes, Recorder of Minutes

Delegations

Ken Thompson, Sunset Community Association President
Keith Jacobson, Killarney Community Association President
Rick Archambault, Strathcona Community Association President
Martin Tremblay, Douglas Park Community Association President
Elizabeth Snow, Roundhouse Community Association President

Lyndsay Poaps welcomed everyone to this meeting and began with the intent of this special meeting which is to address the following topics that were brought up at the last meeting:

1. How the final Joint Operating Agreement report would address the questions of equity across the system.
2. Discuss the Implementation Timeline and
3. Define a process for discussing the Final Report

DISCUSSION

1. Lori Mackay addressed the question "How the final report will address the equities". Looking at the Final Report from the JOA Task Force:
Pg. 12 - Need for Renewal under Finance Issues
Pg. 30 - 2.4 Core Service : a new committee will be established to define funding and staffing issues
Pg. 42 - 4.2 Equity Fund : Annual Contribution and Administration & Distribution recommendations
Pg. 43 - Park Board Budget: the Park Board is responsible for allocation budget
2. Lyndsay Poaps asked for a timeline which was presented to all. Discussion amongst Commissioners and staff was held concerning pilot projects, equity plan and other municipality procedures.
The timeline was discussed by the delegates and it was agreed by the Commissioners and staff that the timeline could be stretched for another month. (see revised Timeline attached).

3. Delegates were asked to share their concerns and/or questions and to state which of the 3 potential approaches, written in the recent letter by Commissioner Poaps (attached) their Association would prefer to complete the decision making by the timeline given.

Martin Tremblay

- Prefers Alternative 1 - Collaborative Dialogue
- Would the equity fund include existing equity from the Associations or would it be starting new.

Lori MacKay stated only new revenues accumulated

Ken Thompson

- Has concern that other Associations could 'shuffle books'

Lori MacKay stated that there would have to be standardized accounting procedures set up

Keith Jacobson

- Prefers Alternative 1 & 3

Susan Mundick agreed that the alternatives can be customized for individual Associations

- Concern over staffing levels not equal at all centres and thought Centres must have the same or equity fund would fail

Susan Mundick stated that the core services would equal the resource

Elizabeth Snow

- Prefers Alternative 1
- Unsure how the equity fund would run because revenues amongst centres would differ greatly.

Rick Archambault

- Strathcona Association would prefer Alternative 3
- With the March Break looming the Consultation Process may be too quick for Strathcona Association to meet and decide

4. It was decided that an informative workshop would be organized on a Saturday morning in early April for those that want to attend. Susan Mundick will send out a note to the Associations to say what date/time is available. Lori MacKay will follow up with individual Associations that are ready to begin.

OTHER COMMENTS

Discussion was held regarding Park Board Agreements including the termination of these Agreements. The Park Board is willing to agree to different Agreements for each Association if necessary.

Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps thanked all those who attended the meeting.