

**Minutes of Meeting  
Planning and Environment Committee, Vancouver Park Board  
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver**

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 1, 2005

**ATTENDEES: Park Board Commissioners**  
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock  
Commissioner Suzanne Anton  
Commissioner Eva Riccius

**Park Board Staff**

Piet Rutgers	Director of Planning and Operations
Lori MacKay	Director of Vancouver East District
Ron Caswell	Manager of Operations, Vancouver East District
Barbara Joughin	Recorder of Minutes

**Delegations**

Linda Geddes	Manager, Southlands Riding Club
Jane Remocker	Director, Southlands Riding Club
Caroline Williams	President, Southlands Riding Club
Peter Kreuk	Durante Kreuk Ltd.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm, with the following Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2005 meeting
2. McCleery Encroachment

**1. Approval of February 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

**2. McCleery Encroachment:**

Lori MacKay introduced the item to the Committee and noted that there has been a long history of good relations between the Park Board and the Southlands Riding Club (the Club). Ron Caswell gave a presentation on the Club's use of parkland at the McCleery Golf Course, and identified the need for the Board to develop an agreement with the Club regarding this use. He explained that the Club's use of parkland includes three riding rings that are partially on or immediately adjacent to the McCleery Golf Course service yard and parking lot, as well as a pathway in the same area that accommodates temporary structures during events. In addition, a portion of these features are located on City right-of-way property.

The encroachment was documented in 1994 when McCleery Golf Course was surveyed for redevelopment. Installation of a public walkway along the south edge of the encroachment area was proposed and approved in principle by the Park Board and the Club in 1997, but the idea was not implemented. In 2004, the Club requested that the Park Board provide maintenance to trees in the naturalized area beside the riding rings, and this work was completed at the Club's expense. Issues related to the lack of an agreement include: Park Board authority over the land; public liability; public benefits; and the need for a consistent approach to land use.

Staff requested that the Planning and Environment Committee recommend to the Board that it enter into an agreement with the Southlands Riding Club for the Club's use of parkland.

Delegations:

Linda Geddes, Caroline Williams and Jane Remocker from Southlands Riding Club were present to speak with the Committee about the Club's use of parkland. Peter Kreuk was in attendance as a consultant with the Club about their property (he was also a consultant to the recent redevelopment of the McCleery Golf Course). The delegations provided the Committee with information about Southlands Riding Club membership and activities.

Discussion:

- A member of the delegation told the Committee that the Club has a three year lease with the City of Vancouver for their use of the right-of-way, and that they pay about \$4000 per year for this use. Staff noted that remuneration to the Board would be a component of the agreement with the Club.
- The group discussed the idea of putting a public path along the golf course side of the ditch. Staff said it would be a public benefit to have access through this area, and noted that there are risks that need to be identified and managed.
- A member of the Committee asked how the Club engages the public. The delegations explained that the public is welcome every day of the year, and described the different opportunities for people to enjoy equestrian events and activities at the centre.
- The delegation from the Club told the Committee that most responsible horse owners carry liability insurance, and explained that the Club does not own or board any horses. Staff noted that it will be necessary to determine City and Park Board liability relative to this land.

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

- A. THAT the Committee instruct staff to negotiate an agreement with the Southlands Riding Club for the use of a portion of McCleery Golf Course at no cost to the Board; and
- B. THAT staff consider the feasibility of a pathway between the McCleery Golf Course entrance and Carnarvon Street on the north side of the golf course.

- Carried Unanimously

**3. Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next Planning and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Possible agenda items include:

- Update – Options for Oak and 37<sup>th</sup> Parksite
- Hillcrest/Riley Master Plan
- Update on Aquarium Plans