

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Stanley District	- Lori MacKay
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Facility Development	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Julie Casanova
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 12, 2005 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair announced the liaison assignments to Community Centre Associations, and other Societies and stakeholders that we work with.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving reports on:

- Fleet Addition – Park Board Boom Truck, no net impact on budget, switching from rental to ownership;
- Advisory Bodies to Council – staff will review list with the Chair to determine Commissioners assigned to these advisory bodies;
- City of Calgary 311 Operations-Authority to Travel – to observe the 311 operations in Calgary as the city is moving toward a similar type of service;
- Roles, Responsibilities and Relationship Review report;
- CD-1 Rezoning: Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Parks – this report is on the Board's agenda this evening.

Council's City Services and Budget Committee on Thursday, January 19 will be receiving a report on South East False Creek Development – Review of Financial Strategy and Plan.

The Transportation and Traffic Committee will be reviewing the City of Vancouver Transportation Plans.

DELEGATIONS

Grandview Policing Centre

Eileen Mosca from the Grandview Policing Centre, stated that the policing centre has been moved to a store front and she wanted to thank the Board for the use of the fieldhouse at Grandview Park. Ms. Mosca thanked the Vancouver East District staff for working with the centre to make Grandview Park a safer place.

STAFF REPORT

Fish House Restaurant – Assignment of Lease and Rent Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 3, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that the present operator of the Fish House Restaurant would like to assign the lease to Canadian Hotel Income Properties Real Estate Investment Trust. A rent increase consistent with all the restaurants in Stanley Park has been negotiated with the Fish House Restaurant.

David McQuinn and Ed Pitoniak, President and CEO, Canadian Hotel Income Properties, advised the Board that their organization manages a number of hotels and restaurants in the Lower Mainland and they are looking forward to operating the Fish House Restaurant. Mr. Pitoniak stated that he does not plan on changing the staff at the restaurant.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

- A. THAT the Board approve the assignment of the Fish House in Stanley Park Ltd. to Canadian Hotel Income Properties Real Estate Investment Trust (CHIP REIT)**
- B. THAT the rent for the Fish House for the term November 1, 2005 – October 31, 2010 be set at 6% for the first \$3,500,000 of gross revenue (including liquor) and 4% of gross revenue over \$3,500,000 (including liquor).**

- C. THAT an additional five year option (November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2015) be given to CHIP REIT in return for a capital investment of a minimum of \$250,000 over the first three years of the current term.**
- D. 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.**
- E. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

John Hendry Park Master Plan: Appointment of Consultant

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 2, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that there is an agreement with VANOC to build a practice rink at Trout Lake. A community consultation will be done to address the various planning and management issues such as location of the building, location of pathways in the park and other park use issues and concerns.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Marcus Robinson, President, Vancouver Minor Lacrosse
- Kate Perkins, Grandview Community Association Board

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

- lacrosse uses the rinks in the summer, and would like to be identified as a stakeholder;
- would like minimum disruption, players should be accommodated in alternate facilities;
- excited that the plebescite for Olympic facilities was approved;
- thank staff for working hard to put Trout Lake as one of the practice rinks;
- the lake, park and community centre has a lot to offer to the city and are looking forward to the planning process and community discussions.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and stated that they look forward to the formation of the master plan and the inclusion of Vancouver Minor Lacrosse into the planning process.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to prepare a master plan for John Hendry Park to Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg for the fee of \$41,000, plus disbursements and GST;**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Marketing at VanDusen Botanical Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 5, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff provided a brief history on the formation of VanDusen Gardens and the work done by the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association. As a result of the Joint Operating Agreement negotiations, it was identified that the responsibilities for marketing of VanDusen Gardens be shifted to the Park Board.

Rolly McLeod, incoming president of VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association advised the Board that the VBGA agreed with the transfer of responsibilities.

Board members thanked the delegation and acknowledged the hard work of the volunteers at VanDusen Gardens.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the transfer of responsibility for marketing the VanDusen Botanical Garden from the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association (VBGA) to the Park Board.**
- B. THAT staff report back on the actions required for implementing the proposal.**

- Carried Unanimously.

CD-1 Rezoning – Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2006 recommending that the Board receive the attached Council report entitled CD-1 Rezoning – Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks – Addendum.

Staff advised the Board that the rezoning of Hillcrest and Nat Bailey Stadium Parks will be going to a public hearing on January 31, 2006. The CD-1 rezoning is to regulate land use, density, height of the buildings and the number of parking stalls. The actual layout and massing of buildings, parking and access of the site is based on the Board's approved Master Plan.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Allan Buium
- Geoff Catliff, West Side Senior Soccer
- Henry Gourlay, Vancouver Community Baseball
- Douglas Moore, Vancouver Community Baseball
- Delany Dunn, General Manager, Vancouver Canadians
- Peter Stanley, lawyer representing Jake Kerr
- Mel Lehan, Friends of Nat Bailey Stadium
- Ken Bregman
- Brian Wilms
- Bob Shaw, Vancouver Youth Soccer Association
- Hayden Pritchard, Vancouver Youth Soccer Association
- Randey Brophy, Point Grey Youth Soccer
- Steve Gustavson, Little Mountain Baseball
- James Prescott, resident
- Peter Stannard, resident
- John Catliff
- Evan Sahmet

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

- concerned with removal of parkland for parking;
- create a tiered parking building or underground parking;
- this proposal does not follow the sustainability policy of the City;
- amend present proposal before construction;
- consider proposal for an indoor multi-use facility for amateur sports;
- grass fields are dependant on weather, need indoor turf facility;
- consider a user pay indoor facility;
- reconsider the plans for this area, soccer and baseball are losing out;
- youth soccer is growing in Vancouver, need four regulation size soccer fields;

- willing to provide capital to operate an indoor turf facility;
- concerned that the plaza in front of Nat Bailey is now replaced with parking;
- need a pre-game gathering area for the fans at Nat Bailey Stadium;
- Vancouver Canadians need to be included in the planning process;
- serious concern that the first base barbecue area could be reduced or eliminated for a service road;
- want to have the stadium stay in Vancouver ;
- need to save professional baseball in Vancouver;
- do not take away the old grandstand;
- leave the baseball diamond, do not take it away.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board receive the attached Council report entitled CD-1 Rezoning – Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium dated January, 2006 for information.

Board members discussed the parking concerns presented by some of delegations and an amendment motion was proposed to address this question.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the final form of development reduces the extent of building and parking lot intrusion into Hillcrest Park and that all or a portion of the 100 parking stalls east of the Little League diamond be relocated elsewhere on the site in a manner that acknowledges the interests of neighbourhood residents and Ontario bikeway users.

- Carried Unanimously.

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

2006 Advance Approval of Capital Expenditure

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 6, 2006 recommending that the Board request City Council to approve capital spending of \$5,730,000 for current projects, as described in the report in advance of final approval of the 2006 capital budget.

Staff advised the Board that there are capital projects that need to be started in advance of Council's approval of the 2006 capital budget to ensure that projects are completed within the time frame or be designed in readiness for construction during the summer.

Move by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board request City Council to approve capital spending of \$5,730,000 for current projects, as described in this report, in advance of final approval of the 2006 capital budget.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vivian Creek (Fraserview) Reinstatement Plan: Appointment of Consultant

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 6, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that a culvert at the Fraserview Golf Course collapsed and it was important to have this repaired before the busy golfing season begins in April.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to act as design and engineering consultant for the day lighting of Vivian Creek through #1 fairway, including both geotechnical and environmental components to Kerr Wood Leidel for the fee, and disbursements of \$56,400 plus GST, with the source of funding to be the Golf Course capital reserve.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village: Review of Financial Plan and Strategy

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 16, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that a staff report on improving the financial sustainability of the Southeast False Creek development was being presented to Council for their consideration. Consideration D1, D2 and D3 addresses the size of the community centre and Consideration F1 and F2 addresses the question of funding sources for park development. The City Manager has recommended that Council not approve Consideration D1, D2 and D3 and Consideration F1 and F2.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached Council Report for information;
- B. THAT the Board recommend to Council to maintain the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan requirement for a 30,000 square feet community/boating centre, consistent with the City Manager's comments regarding Considerations D1, D2, or D3; and
- C. THAT the Board recommend to Council to maintain the funding for park development from the Property Endowment Fund, as recommended in the City Manager's comments regarding Considerations F1 and F2.

Board members discussed the issue and it was suggested that the Board send a strong message to Council to maintain the community/boating centre and the funding for park development from the Property Endowment Fund as recommended by the City Manager.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the word "strongly" be inserted before the word 'recommend in recommendations B and C.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached Council Report for information;**
- B. THAT the Board strongly recommend to Council to maintain the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan requirement for a 30,000 square feet community/boating centre, consistent with the City Manager's comments regarding Considerations D1, D2, or D3; and**
- C. THAT the Board strongly recommend to Council to maintain the funding for park development from the Property Endowment Fund, as recommended in the City Manager's comments regarding Considerations F1 and F2.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

WHEREAS the Board wishes to establish a holistic approach to Planning for parks and recreation in the City of Vancouver with proper balance of programs, parks, recreation, leisure, sports, arts, culture, and environmental initiatives and other relevant topics; and

WHEREAS the Board wishes to establish consistent and fair consideration of programs, parks, recreation, leisure, sports, arts, culture, and environmental initiatives and other relevant topics; and

WHEREAS the above topics on the agenda of the Vancouver Park Board frequently require detailed presentations, study of staff reports, and discussions with members of the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board establishes two committees as follows:

- 1. Parks and Recreation Finance: Marty Zlotnik (Chair), Ian Robertson, Loretta Woodcock**
- 2. Parks and Recreation Planning: Korina Houghton (Chair), Al De Genova, Spencer Herbert**

As per the Procedure By-law, 14.3-14.11

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Finance Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings, except in the month of August and that the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee shall hold regular biweekly meetings, as required.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Laurie Guy
- Dolly Hopkins, Artistic Director, Public Dreams
- Vi Woods, Jericho Arts Committee
- Charles Reynolds
- Richard Evans
- Nicole Germain, French Arts and Culture Council for BC
- Dawn Buie

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

- would like to have a separate arts and culture committee;
- arts and culture will be watered down under a planning committee;
- need to emphasize culture;
- programming arts and culture is more difficult than the process for constructing a building;
- would like to continue arts and culture programming at Victory Square, need a dedicated committee to oversee this program;
- motion does not address the mission as stated in the strategic plan.

Board members discussed the comments provided by the delegations and a member of the Board expressed concern that arts and culture could be lost among the many planning projects. An amendment to the motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Board add arts and culture as a third committee, this committee shall hold monthly meetings except in the month of August.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT the Parks and Recreation Planning Committee meet once a month to discuss Planning and Environment issues and once a month to discuss Recreation and Culture issues.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioner De Genova, Holden, Houghton, Robertson and Zlotnik contrary)

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioners Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

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 paragraphs:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;**

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Board members were invited to a light water drum festival at Hastings Park. The General Manager provided an update of the management and governance of Hastings Park.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair