

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 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	- Mark Vulliamy
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Michel Desrochers
	Research Planner	- Joyce Courtney
	Manager of Communications	- Julie Casanova
	Recorder	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 16, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised that Council endorsed the City Manager's recommendation with regard to the planning of park land, a community centre and a non motorised boating facility at South East False Creek.

City Council Report

Council will be provided with a presentation on 2010 Celebration Week which begins with Mayor Sullivan receiving the Olympic flag in Torino. There will be a street party and free skating on February 26, the Olympic flag raising at City Hall on February 28 and the lighting of the Inukshuk on March 1, 2006.

Council will be reviewing the 2006 Operating Budget – Preliminary Estimates and looking at options to achieve property tax increase below 6.4% and no lower than the inflationary level.

STAFF REPORTS

Nat Bailey Lease Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 18, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the existing lease with National Sports Organization Inc. (Vancouver Canadians Professional Baseball Club) expired on December 31, 2005. As staff are still negotiating for a future lease with an interested party, it is recommended that the Vancouver Canadians be given a one year extension under the current terms and conditions to allow them to continue their operation at Nat Bailey Stadium.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. **THAT the Board enter into a one year lease extension (January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006) under the current terms and conditions with National Sports Organization Inc. (Vancouver Canadians Professional Baseball Club) for the use of Nat Bailey Stadium;**
- B. **THAT 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; and**
- C. **THAT once the form of the lease 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.

Fundraising and Development

Board members received copies of a report dated January 17, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff reported on the progress made to date in fundraising and grant applications. Staff advised the Board that it was important to maintain a donor recognition program, develop a donor database and an ongoing dialogue with possible donors. A well integrated and planned system needs to be established to build relationships with allied professionals and donor cultivation.

Board members discussed the report and stated that the fundraising and development team has done a good job and would like to see that we continue to seek donors willing to contribute operating dollars.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the Action Plan for Fundraising & Development as outlined in the report;**
- B. **THAT the Board establish a regular full time position for a Manager of Fundraising & Development; and**
- C. **THAT the Board approve the ongoing allocation of \$175,000 in funding from the Park Amenity Reserve to establish the Fundraising and Development program.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Parkland Acquisition Strategy – Draft for Discussion

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 23, 2006 recommending that the Board receive the report and instruct staff to undertake a public consultation process, as described in the report to obtain feedback on the draft strategy.

Staff provided an overview of Vancouver's park system with a description of neighbourhood park ratio and a comparative analysis of park land provision in other North American cities. A public consultation process will be carried out to determine how much parkland is required in the future, methods to acquire parkland and considerations for park acquisition in the future.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board receive the report entitled "Park Land Acquisition Strategy for Vancouver- Draft for Discussion", attached as Appendix A, and instruct staff to undertake a public consultation process, as described in this report, to obtain feedback on the draft strategy.

Board members discussed the motion and a member of the Board indicated that the discussion should be distributed to a wider group of citizens who are involved in park oriented committees. An amendment to include a wider distribution of the public consultation process was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) insert “widely notified” between the words ‘a’ and ‘public’**
- (b) insert “maximum public” between the words ‘obtain’ and ‘feedback’**
- (c) delete ‘as described in this report’**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put forward,

THAT the Board receive the report entitled “Park Land Acquisition Strategy for Vancouver- Draft for Discussion”, attached as Appendix A, and instruct staff to undertake a widely notified public consultation process, to obtain maximum public feedback on the draft strategy.

- Carried Unanimously.

Community Board Meeting

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 5, 2006 recommending that the Board approve exploring the possibility of holding one Park Board meeting per month in the community by extending an invitation to Community Centre Associations and reporting back with a financial plan to fund the community Board meetings.

Staff advised the Board that the purpose of the community Board meetings is to increase public participation. It provides an opportunity for residents to attend a Park Board meeting. These meetings are publicised on the website, through signage at community centres and advertising in the local newspapers. Attendance is driven by the agenda items. There are extra costs involved for a community Board meeting.

Board members discussed the benefits of having community Board meetings and stated that it was important to bring the meetings to the community as many people find it hard to travel to the Park Board’s main office to attend Board meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

That staff explore the possibility of holding one Park Board meeting per month in the community by:

- a. **Extending an invitation to Community Centre Associations to host meetings in the 2006 – 2009 periods;**
- b. **Reporting back with a financial plan to fund community board meetings based on the number of public meetings in the community.**

- Carried Unanimously.

In Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

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 paragraph:

- (k) **negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

Staff was requested to take action to prevent a similar incident that resulted in the death of a swan at Lost Lagoon. Staff advised the Board that our staff is managing the incident and we will provide suggestions for a solution as part of the 'dogs off-leash' report to the Board in late March.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair