

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

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Holden
	Vice Chair	- Ian Robertson
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Spencer Herbert
		- Korina Houghton
		- Loretta Woodcock
		- Martin Zlotnik
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Strategic Planner	- Tilo Driessen
	Communications Coordinator	- Carol DeFina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The amendment to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday September 25 was related to the Hillcrest Riley project and the engineering report was regarding the traffic on Ontario Street.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 02, 2006 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed a delegation of elected officials and staff from Minneapolis Parks and Recreation.

The Chair reported that the City and Park Board launched the annual Diwali festival of lights, celebrating Vancouver's diversity. A number of workshops will be held at community centres followed by two major events on Sunday, October 22. The Park Board launched its Active Communities Initiative on October 6 at Elsie Roy School. Bob Lenarduzzi of the Vancouver Whitecaps and Colin Angus, Vancouver resident and the only person in the world to complete a tour of the globe through his own human power attended the event. The goal of the Active Communities Initiative is to increase by 20% the proportion of the Vancouver population who are physically active or moderately active by the year 2010. The Active Communities Vancouver initiative is one of the key

components of the “ActNow BC” provincial challenge put out by our Premier to promote healthy lifestyle choices and environments for all British Columbians. Our priorities include developing new active communities programs, enhancing current programs such as “Go Play”, networking and partnering with other organizations and the private sector through the Vancouver Active Communities Network. Other new programs being developed are the Fitness and Adventure passport program, an outreach initiative for people not already active and the Athletes in Vancouver program which will provide grants for elite athletes to work with local communities to develop and promote fitness events and programs.

City Council Report

City Council considered a consolidated citizen service project to improve citizen accessibility and requested that city staff report back with a business case to implement. The 2006 Operating Budget – august review will be considered at City Services and Budget Committee on Thursday, October 19. Park Board projections within that report are for a balanced year end result.

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee: The committee received a report from staff on park safety and discussed ideas to address safety issues in parks.

Parks and Recreation Finance Committee: The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Monday, September 23, 2006.

Staff Reports

Marketing Plan for Golf Courses: Appointment of Consultant

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 2, 2006 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract to prepare a marketing plan for the three public golf courses (Langara, McCleery and Fraserview) to Global Golf Advisors for a fee of up to \$35,000, 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.

Staff advised the Board that the three major golf courses are important sources of revenue for the Park Board. The continuing decrease in golf course rounds and revenue has prompted the importance of developing a marketing plan for the golf courses with a focus on the style of each course, location and price.

Eleanor Hadley appeared before the Board and stated that there was no need to hire a consultant to advise Park Board staff on how to maintain a golf course.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board stated that the report was helpful and moving in the right direction, however, approval of this report should be postponed to the next meeting of the Board on October 30 to allow one more meeting with golf operations staff.

Moved by Commissioner Zlotnik,

THAT the Marketing Plan for Golf Courses: Appointment of Consultant report be postponed to the October 30 Board meeting.

- Carried Unanimously.

Trillium Park Site Development

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 6, 2006 recommending that the Board approve a consultation and design process for the development of the Trillium park site, as described in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the Board approve a consultation and design process for the development of the Trillium park site, as described in this report.

Staff advised the Board that following delegation presentations to the Planning Committee regarding the Trillium park site, staff was directed to bring a report back to the Board. Staff advised the Board that the development of the Trillium park site has been stalled due to a lack of consensus on the appropriate type of development for this site.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding the Trillium Park Site Development:

- Sandra Myring, Strathcona Residents Association
- Dick Woldring, MoreSports
- Bob Sarti, Strathcona Parks Planning Committee
- Muggs Sigurgeirson, Carnegie Community Centre Association
- Katherine Klassen, Friends of the Flats
- Sharon Urton

- Susan Kurbis, Environmental Youth Alliance
- Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Patrick Stewart, Horizon Project
- Chris Dolman, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
- Louella Deguzman
- Rick Archambault, Strathcona Community Association
- John McBryde

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

- Strathcona residents need more park space, MacLean Park is too small, Oppenheimer Park is not in a desirable area;
- need more programmable park space;
- support staff recommendation for a public consultation process;
- Strathcona Parks Planning Committee and the Ray Cam Board does not advocate a specific use for the site and support a public process;
- public green space is an important asset in the inner city;
- no one supported Trillium being developed as a sport field during the APRA discussions;
- Trillium does not meet the criteria for an artificial turf field;
- do not want a destination playing field at Trillium;
- need an active infrastructure for youth in the Downtown Eastside;
- recreation can help youth to a healthy maturity;
- the Park Board represent parks and recreation;
- need to look at social and youth diversity;
- a choice of development should be taken and then bring it to public consultation;
- Board should engage in an equitable and fair process;
- this is a park deficient area, development should also consider bio diversity;
- there are not enough sports fields for programs such as MoreSports;
- important to build a sport and active environment for youth in the Downtown Eastside;
- Horizon Project would like to be part of the consultation process;
- concerned with the amount of light on sportsfields and hope to be involved in the consultation process to look at ways to reduce the impact of the lights;
- opposed to artificial turf at Trillium, live directly across the park and will be impacted by increased traffic and lights;
- would like to have a natural, safe park, consult neighbourhoods and respect residents' needs;
- if the consultation process recommends artificial turf field then accept decision as it would be a democratic process;
- turn Trillium into a community park;
- there is a huge deficiency of playing fields.

Board members discussed the issues related to the development of the Trillium park site and a member of the Board stated that having heard the delegations presentations, the board has a responsibility create both an active and passive park, an amendment to the motion was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson,

THAT the phrase “as described in this report” be deleted and replaced with “as a sport and active recreation site as outlined in scenario A”.

Board members discussed the amendment and a few members of the Board did not support the change, as they would prefer to have staff conduct a public consultation process on all options.

The amendment motion was put forward and it was CARRIED.
(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

The amended motion as follows was put forward:

THAT the Board approve a consultation and design process for the development of the Trillium park site as a sport and active recreation site as outlined in scenario A.

- Carried.

(Commissioners De Genova, Herbert and Woodcock contrary)

Southeast False Creek – Rezoning of the Olympic Village Site

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 6, 2006 recommending that the Board recommend to Council approval of the rezoning application for Olympic Village site including the proposed change in location for the community and boating centre.

Staff advised the Board that the rezoning application for the Olympic Village site with its new site for the community and boating centre and the relocation of the seaside route bikeway to the waterfront was an improvement from a parks and recreation perspective when compared to the official development plan.

Moved by Commissioner Houghton,

THAT the Board recommend to Council approval of the rezoning application for Olympic Village site including the proposed change in location for the community and boating centre.

Board members discussed the report and a member of the Board suggested that Ontario Street north of 1st Avenue be closed to vehicular traffic. Staff advised the Board that the street system for this area was developed to accommodate transportation for the people who will be living here. An amendment motion was suggested to ask Council to consider closing Ontario Street north of 1st Avenue to vehicular traffic.

Moved by Commissioner Herbert,

THAT Council consider keeping Ontario Street North of 1st Avenue closed to vehicular traffic for a bikeway and park space.

- DEFEATED.

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

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

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A listing of public meetings on the Board report schedule was requested.

Notice of Motion

Commissioner Herbert put forward the following Notice of Motion:

Whereas on October 5, 2006 City Council voted unanimously to reinstate the full time contracting specialist position to the end of 2008 in order to develop and implement a comprehensive Sustainable and Ethical Purchasing Policy (SEPP), and to provide support to all City departments and boards in administering the EPP;

Whereas City Council and the Park Board were partners in the creation, and implementation of the Ethical Purchasing Policy;

Whereas City Council recently demonstrated their commitment to EPP by providing funding of \$30,000 that includes a previously approved budget for EPP, reallocations out of the 2006 operating budget, with funding for 2007 and 2008 to be added to the 2007 operating budget without offset;

Whereas on June 12, 2006 the Vancouver Park Board voted to amend the EPP to allow for buying from suppliers who don't meet the ethical standards of the policy;

Whereas City Council have urged the Vancouver Park Board to reconsider the amended policy on ethical purchasing;

Whereas differential buying as laid out in the current policy opens the door to purchasing from unethical suppliers;

And Whereas on June 12, 2006 the Vancouver Park Board unanimously voted to direct staff to report back in early 2007 with a review of the EPP based on budget and initiatives;

Be It Resolved that the Vancouver Park Board request staff report back to the Board on the EPP review, in time for 2007 operating budget discussions.

And Be It Further Resolved that the Park Board request Council review the funding which had been assigned Park Board for ethical purchasing in the previous budget, and reinstate funding provided to the Park Board for the implementation of this policy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Holden
Chair