

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- John Coupar
		- Melissa De Genova
		- Trevor Loke
		- Niki Sharma
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Director of Parks	- Bill Harding
	Director of Recreation	- Thomas Soulliere
	Manager of Recreation	- Terry Walton
	- Vancouver East District	
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 12, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few weeks including the distribution of the donated automated external defibrillators, the 2012 Polar Bear Swim at English Bay, the launch of the Vancouver Parks Map App, the Here and There final celebration at Sunset Community Centre and Martin Luther King day.

City Council Report

The General Manager introduced and welcomed the new Director of Parks, Bill Harding, to the Park Board. The General Manager also advised that there will be a tree planting ceremony on East 6th that will take place this coming weekend to mark the replacement of the popular elm trees that were removed.

STAFF REPORTS**Harbourview Daycare – Burrardview Park Lease Renewal**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4th, 2012 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised that Harbourview Daycare in Burrardview Park has been in operation since the 1970's. Kiwassaa Neighbourhood House will be responsible for all operating costs of the daycare and will also provide some family programming.

A Board member asked for the history of the relationship between Kiwassa Neighbourhood House and the Park Board. Staff advised that there are number of Kiwassa Neighbourhood Houses throughout the city and they focus on social programming with some recreational programs. Staff added that the daycare is well established in the community with good local support.

A Board member asked if local children attend the program. Staff advised that the program consists of primarily local children.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley

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

- Very concerned about what this society is teaching our children;
- Opposed to having parks used as educational centres;
- Would like to know what language and religion this society will be teaching our children.

The Board discussed the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Sharma,

- A. THAT the Board enter into a lease with the Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association for a portion of Burrardview Park for a term of five years plus two five year renewal options from February 1, 2012 to February 1, 2027.**
- B. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously

2012 National Youth Beach Volleyball Championships

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 6, 2012 recommending that the Board approve the special event permit application from Volleyball BC for the 2012 National Youth Beach Volleyball Championships, August 17 to 19 at Spanish Bank Beach, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

Staff advised that this volleyball championship will highlight the best young volleyball players in Canada. There will be 46 courts in total and with public access around the area where the courts will be set up. There will be a traffic management and safety plan in effect to control parking, crowds and to implement emergency procedures.

A Board member asked what the traffic plan will look like. Staff advised that the Director of Transportation will make recommendations for the traffic plan. Staff added that there should be less traffic for this event because it is a youth event.

A Board member asked if there would be a valet cycling lot as there has been at other Park Board events. Staff advised that dealing with cycling traffic has become a standard part of the planning process at all events.

A Board member asked whether the courts will be accessible for people with wheelchairs. Staff replied accessibility is a standard part of the planning process.

A Board member asked if there will be any food services provided. Staff advised that there will be food services provided by the Park Board as well as Volleyball BC.

A Board member asked if there were any costs related to waste that will be brought to the area as result of the event. Staff replied that all incremental costs related to sanitation will be passed onto the proponent.

A Board member asked if there will be food cart services. Staff replied that the option will be explored in the planning process.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Greg White, Chair of Vancouver Sport Network

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

- Vancouver's Sport Network's main mandate is Vancouver sport strategy which was endorsed by the Park Board in 2008;
- This is a major event that will be brought into a non-programmed space;
- The Vancouver Sport Network strongly supports this staff recommendation.

The Board discussed the motion. A Board member emphasized that it will be a great event that promotes youth fitness. A few other Board members expressed support for the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Loke,

THAT the Board approve the special event permit application from Volleyball BC for the 2012 National Youth Beach Volleyball Championships, August 17 to 19 at Spanish Bank Beach, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member asked when the basketball courts at Kitsilano Beach will re-open. Staff advised that they will find out.

A Board member announced that Trout Lake Community Centre opened today and wanted to acknowledge all the partners that helped complete the project.

A Board member advised that in front of the Creekside Community Centre, the seawall path was cleared on the bike lane side but not the pedestrian side and asked staff to investigate. Staff advised that they will follow up and ensure the snow is cleared.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Constance Barnes
Chair