



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 27, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair  
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Constance Barnes  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper  
Commissioner Trevor Loke  
Commissioner Niki Sharma

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

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*Commissioner DeGenova rose on a point of information advising an email had been sent to Commissioners signed by the Chair of the Park Board Committee but the election for Chair had not yet taken place, and enquired if this was appropriate. The General Manager advised that emails sent between Commissioners do not have any bearing on the proceedings and that the election determines the Chair of the Committee.*

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ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following due process, Commissioner Sarah Blyth was elected Chair of the Park Board Committee until December 10, 2012.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Following due process, Commissioner Niki Sharma was elected Vice-Chair of the Park Board Committee until December 10, 2012.

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*Commissioner DeGenova rose on a point of personal privilege stating that it was unusual that two members of the same party had been separated in the seating arrangement and inquired how City Council organizes their seating arrangement. The Chair advised that there is no procedure for selecting seats at the Park Board other than the Chair taking recommendations and selecting where Commissioners will sit.*

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## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Power to Be Proposal for Stanley Park at Second Beach

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the Power to Be proposal to provide inclusive outdoor education programs in Stanley Park for the Summer, as described in the report dated February 15, 2012, entitled, "Power to Be Proposal for Stanley Park at Second Beach".

carried

Staff presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one in support and one opposed to the motion.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 2. 2012 Operating Budget Initiatives

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the 2012 strategic budget initiatives of \$1.366M and the one-time budget adjustments of \$1.031M, as described in the report dated February 15, 2012, entitled, "2012 Operating Budget Initiatives".

amended

The Deputy GM and Director of Corporate Services presented the report and along with the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, Director of Recreation, and the Aquatic Supervisor, responded to questions.

A Board member stated that according the Vancouver Charter, lifeguards have the role of special constables and therefore their role is much larger than just being lifeguards. Staff advised that they would get clarity on what that means and report back to Commissioners.

A Board member asked whether policing costs would go up as a result of reduced lifeguards at beaches. Staff advised that they would find out.

The Committee heard from eighteen speakers. Sixteen were opposed to the proposed cuts to lifeguards and two were opposed to the twinning of Supervisors at Community Centres.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with:

- A. THAT the Board approve the 2012 strategic budget initiatives of \$1.366 M and the one-time budget adjustments of \$1.031 M, as outlined in the report dated February 15, 2012, entitled "2012 Operating Budget Initiatives", with the exception of the item pertaining to lifeguards
- B. THAT staff report back with options that allow the Board to meet its 2012 budget requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee adjourned at 10:11 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, February 27, 2012, at 10:21pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Constance Barnes, Chair  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair\*  
Commissioner Sarah Blyth  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
Commissioner Trevor Loke  
Commissioner Niki Sharma

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

**RECORDER:** Barinder Lalli

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Regular Board Meeting - January 30, 2012**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported on several community activities that took place over the past few weeks including the unveiling of First Nations Carvings, the official opening of the Trout Lake Community Centre, International Mother Tongue Day and the introduction of the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager advised that at tomorrow's Council meeting the 2012 Operating Budget would be presented and that public consultation regarding the budget would occur over the

next few days. The General Manager also advised that an Arts and Culture advisory Committee would be established.

## REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee  
February 27, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Loke  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT board approve the recommendations of the Park Board Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Jasper absent for the vote)

## NOTICE OF MOTION

### 1. Stanley Park Children's Farmyard

Commissioner DeGenova submitted the following notice of motion.

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDER: Commissioner

#### WHEREAS

1. There have recently been reports and allegations that Park Board animals from the Children's Farmyard were mistreated, sold and possibly put to death after they were adopted out, and the adoptive legal agreement between the Park Board with at least one individual has been breached;
2. The Park Board has a moral responsibility to these animals and has made a commitment to the animals and the public that these animals would be carefully placed in adoptive homes where they could live out their lives in a sanctuary like environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff take immediate action and perform site visits and recheck references on all individuals and/or farms who adopted animals from the Children's Farmyard and present these results to the Board and that regular visits and follow-up on all remaining animals is conducted by staff every 6 months, for the remainder of all the animals lives.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Motion

#### 1. Jim Green's Contribution to Vancouver

The Board heard from three speakers, two in support and one opposed to the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

### WHEREAS

1. The Park Board recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the livability of the City of Vancouver;
2. Jim Green has made significant contributions to the City of Vancouver;
3. He has continued to advocate urban wellness, environmental issues and greening of Vancouver;
4. Jim Green as a member of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association was successful in achieving:
  - a. 600 units of social housing, two of them housing co-ops;
  - b. Preventing the eviction of Downtown Eastside residents during Expo 86;
  - c. Changing the tenant law to cover SRO residential units around the Province;
  - d. Numerous government programs focused on the Downtown Eastside community;
5. Jim Green worked to develop:
  - a. BladeRunners an innovative employment program focused on street youth;
  - b. Four Corners Bank - the first bank for low income residents in the Downtown Eastside;
  - c. Numerous innovative community development projects such as the dental clinic for Downtown Eastside residents and an employment program for low income people at GM Place;
6. Jim Green actively participated in the planning of Crab Park at Portside and Hastings Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff to work with Jim Green and his family to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Mr. Green's tremendous contribution to the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ENQUIRIES

Staff advised that they would provide Commissioners with responses to the following enquiries:

1. A Board member asked why the Leisure Access Card is not accepted in some of the fitness facilities of community centres.
2. A Board member asked for an update on the application status for the Seniors Centre grant.
3. A Board member asked for an update on all of the parks he visited with the Director of Parks, Bill Harding.
4. A Board member asked if there was any progress on the motion from Loretta Woodcock regarding grants for the Bloedel Conservatory.
5. A Board member asked for an update on the status of the Marketing Committee.
6. A Board member advised that Brock House has requested the donation of a tree from the Park Board for their 100th anniversary and wondered whether this was possible.
7. A Board member stated that citizens would like the north lawn of Brock House to be leveled so that it would be possible to play croquet on it.
8. A Board member asked whether an elm tree at Brock House could be trimmed back as branches are touching the roof and rats have been able to access it as a result.
9. A Board member asked if Wi-Fi could be installed at Brock House.
10. A Board member asked what the process for a pottery studio at Kensington Community Centre would be.
11. A Board member advised that a marina contract was supposed to have amendments made with the removal of two subrogation clauses, however the new contract still has one of the clauses in it and the Board member asked for clarification on why that is the case.
12. A Board member advised that the water fountain in Nelson Park is not accessible and that the water hook-up for gardeners is blocked. The Board member asked if a new water fountain with a hook-up for gardeners could be installed.
13. A Board member asked how many rat poison traps are currently in Vancouver parks, which parks they are in and who they are contracted out to.
14. A Board member advised that the new park at Main Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is extremely muddy and asked if anything could be done to rectify that.
15. A Board member requested a briefing regarding the basketball courts in Kitsilano.

The General Manager noted enquiries may also be sent to staff via email, between Park Board meetings.

The Board adjourned at 11:06 pm

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