

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Vice-Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- John Coupar
		- Melissa De Genova
		- Trevor Loke
		- Niki Sharma
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Director of Parks	- Bill Harding
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Tilo Driessen
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 30, 2012 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the past few weeks including Black History Month and the Davis Cup.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised that the 2012 Capital Budget would be presented to Council this week.

STAFF REPORTS

Meeting Schedule 2012 and Procedure

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 6, 2012 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised that this new system is being introduced to make it easier for staff and the public to be involved in Board and Committee meetings. It will also create a planning process that does not duplicate reports and presentations from staff.

A Board member asked for clarification on how task forces will work. Staff replied that it will allow for community engagement on a very narrow subject.

A Board member asked for an accounting of the costs of the procedural changes recommended. Staff replied that there should be a savings of roughly \$30 000 with this change but will cost out the items for Commissioners.

A board member stated that according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, a Board member can not miss more than 3 Board meetings otherwise the Board can choose to vote that member off of the Board. Staff replied they do not foresee that problem arising as the meetings will be in the same timeslot as Board meetings were held before.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Jamie Lee Hamilton, IDEA
- Eleanor Hadley
- Daniel Schoeler, BikeLube

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

- This is a departure from an established system that needs a lot of debate and consultation with the public;
- The Charter allows the Park Board to set its own procedures and that is why it is an independent Board;
- This is a nail in the coffin that is further moving the Park Board away from being an independent Board.
- The Park Board does not engage the public;
- The Park Board is all about changing things.
- This new system will discourage people who like to attend meetings from attending;
- The public cares about its parks;
- If there are multiple meetings and it takes a little longer to accomplish items then that is okay;
- The Park Board has to care about what the public wants.

The Board discussed the motion. A few Board members spoke in favour of the motion noting that the new system would replace a flawed process that is repetitive and often not respectful of peoples time. A few Board members stated that they would not support the motion and that there has not been enough time to discuss the changes.

A Board member suggested that the motion be deferred to allow the public and commissioners time to fully understand the proposed changes.

Moved by Commissioner Coupar,

THAT the motion be deferred.

- DEFEATED

(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

The Board discussed the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Jasper,

- A. THAT the Park Board's Planning and Environment Committee, and the Services and Budgets Committee be consolidated into one committee called the Park Board Committee;**
- B. THAT the attached 2012 Park Board Committee meeting dates be approved;**
- C. THAT staff report back on additional measures to expand public engagement;
and**
- D. THAT staff report back on alignment of Council and Park Board Procedure By-Laws.**

- Carried Unanimously

Capital Budget for 2012

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 9, 2012 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised that there is a new planning process around the Capital Budget Program and that the current budget includes new requests as well as carry forward from the unfinished projects from the 2009-2011 Capital Plan.

A Board member asked why there was a discrepancy in the amount of money that the City has allocated for the seawall and the amount that is indicated in the Park Board report. Staff advised that part of the seawall is managed by the City and that the Park Board report only shows the amount that the Park Board is responsible for.

A Board member asked staff to clarify what the money for the childcare projects are for. Staff advised that it is for the replacement of Kensington Hall and that it is only referring to space, not programming.

A Board member asked why one of the Park Board goals is to maintain parks in “reasonably good condition” rather than “good condition”. Staff replied that it is important to find a good balance between building new and maintaining existing facilities and parks and that the Park Board has so far been doing a good job maintaining this balance.

A Board member asked whether the expenditure on planting a large number of trees is a new initiative. Staff replied that it is part of the Greenest City Action Team goal of planting 150 000 trees by 2020.

A Board member asked how private partners will be chosen for where the new trees will be planted. Staff advised that the idea is to go into neighbourhoods and work with the public to come up with the appropriate partnership process and that a full briefing on the Greenest City Action Team initiatives can be provided.

A Board member asked what the process is for allocating funding for maintenance. Staff replied that all facilities are prioritized and tracked and that there is a good handle on which facilities are in greater need than others.

A Board member asked if the Park Board fleet was leased and where that would be in the budget. Staff replied that the fleet is centrally managed through the operating budget in collaboration with the Engineering department.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley

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

- The report does not indicate the cost of the restaurant at English Bay;
- There should not be money allocated to childcare as the Park Board should not be involved in education.

The Board discussed the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Sharma,

A. THAT the Board approve funding requests for the 2012 new Capital Projects to begin in 2012 in the amount of \$8,970,666 as described in this report and outlined in Attachment 1, from the following funding sources:

Capital from Debenture	\$4,155,668
Capital from Revenue	\$1,843,832
Development Cost Levies	\$2,252,833
Operating Budgets that fund capital projects	\$583,333
Reserve	\$60,000
External Funding	\$75,000

B. THAT the Board approve the 2012 Capital Budget (expenditure budget) as outlined in this report in the amount of \$18,062,666, consisting of:

Community Facilities	\$3,924,649	\$3,106,666	\$7,031,315
Parks and Open Spaces	\$5,167,195	\$5,864,000	\$11,031,195
Total	\$9,091,844	\$8,970,666	\$18,062,510

C. THAT the Board receive the attached Council Report entitled 2012 Capital Budget (Attachment 2) for information, scheduled to go to Council on February 14, 2012.

D. THAT the Board receive for information 2012-14 capital expenditure forecast, as outlined in this report and Attachment 1.

E. THAT the Board approve the allocation of donations received by Park Board from external agencies in the amount of \$0.6 million as outlined in Attachment 2 (appendix D).

- Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member asked for an update on the Nelson Park Washroom. Staff replied that they will provide Commissioners with an update.

A Board member asked for an update on the status of the Furry Creek Community Garden. Staff replied that they will provide Commissioners with that information.

A Board member asked for clarification on whether an area in Kitsilano is called Spanish Bank or Spanish Banks. Staff replied that they will find out.

A Board member asked when the trailers at the aquarium would be removed. Staff replied that they will find out.

A Board member asked staff to provide the Commissioners with an outline of the approval process that restaurants must go through. Staff replied that they would compile that information for Commissioners.

A Board member asked for an updated on the AAA Horse and Carriage business and when it will be relocated. Staff replied that they will provide that information to Commissioners.

A Board member asked what construction was happening at Burrard Civic Marina. Staff replied that they would find out.

The Board adjourned at 9:15pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Constance Barnes
Chair