



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 23, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:	Commissioner Trevor Loke, Vice-Chair Commissioner Constance Barnes Commissioner Sarah Blyth Commissioner John Coupar Commissioner Melissa De Genova Commissioner Aaron Jasper
ABSENT:	Commissioner Niki Sharma, Chair
GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Malcolm Bromley, General Manager Huub Langeveld, Acting Deputy General Manager
RECORDER:	Pat Boomhower and Cheryl Chan

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Blyth outlined recent events: Theatre under the Stars opening, Fuchsia and Begonia Show at VanDusen Botanical Garden, Monument Sopa Sur opening at Seaforth Peace Park, the Pride Parade 2013, CBC Radio's live show and swim event at Sunset Beach, the Celebrate! Stanley Park festival, Vancouver Canadians' game co-sponsored by the Park Board, Hastings Community Centre BBQ, Luxury & Supercar Weekend at VanDusen Garden, the Fall Family Challenge at Lost Lagoon Nature House, Annual Battle of Britain Commemoration, and the Walk for Reconciliation.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. 125th Celebration Overview

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, and Celebrate! Stanley Park Project Coordinator, Hilary Davis, presented an overview of the two-day community event held in August 2013 to mark Stanley Park's 125th anniversary. Director of Recreation, Thomas Soulliere, introduced the Event Team. Ms. Davis responded to questions.

2. Community Garden License Agreements Renewals

Park Planner, Lindsay Cole, presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concerns regarding

non-profits' control of land, shadowing and pests.

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MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff following delegations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Ms. Cole responded to additional questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT effective September 24, 2013, the Vancouver Park Board grant a new Community Garden License Agreement for a term of five years for:
 - 1) Urban Diggers Society for Brewery Creek Community Garden (2390 Brunswick Street)
 - 2) Urban Diggers Society for Mount Pleasant Community Garden (3161 Ontario Street)
 - 3) False Creek South Neighbourhood Association for Charleson Park Community Garden (999 Charleson Street)
 - 4) Marpole Oakridge Community Association for Cambie Park Community Garden (500 West 54th Avenue)
 - 5) Village Vancouver Transition Society for Woodland Community Garden (705 Woodland Drive)
 - 6) Adanac Park Community Garden Society for Adanac Community Garden (1025 Boundary Road)
 - 7) Pandora Park Community Garden Society for Pandora Park Garden (2325 Franklin Street).

- B. THAT effective September 24, 2013, the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the Community Garden License Agreements (as revised) for a term of five years for:
 - 1) Urban Diggers Society for Elizabeth Rogers Community Garden (110 W. 7th Avenue)
 - 2) Urban Diggers Society for China Creek Community Garden (1255 E. 10th Avenue)
 - 3) Urban Diggers Society for Robson Park Community Garden (565 Kingsway)
 - 4) Urban Diggers Society for Sahalli Community Garden (2398 Fraser Street)
 - 5) Urban Diggers Society for Tea Swamp Community Garden (266 E. 16th Avenue)
 - 6) Kitsilano Community Garden Association for Kitsilano Community Garden (2027 W. 6th Avenue)
 - 7) McSpadden Agricultural Project Society for McSpadden Park Community Garden (2125 Victoria Drive)

- 8) Environmental Youth Alliance for Means of Production Garden (China Creek Park North, 1001 East 7th Avenue)
- 9) Nelson Park Community Garden Society for Nelson Park Community Garden (1020 Bute Street)
- 10) Kiwassa Neighbourhood House for the Wall Street Community Garden (2099 Wall Street).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. New Park at 6th Avenue and Fir Street

Manager of Park Development, Tiina Mack, and Landscape Architect, Joe McLeod, presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the new park and one who expressed concerns about a different location.

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At 8:07 pm, between hearing the speakers, the Committee recessed and reconvened at 8:16 pm with the same members present.

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MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the concept plan for the proposed new park design concept located at the junction of 6th Avenue West and Fir Street, as described in the report dated September 11, 2013, entitled "New Park at 6th Avenue and Fir Street" and illustrated in the Appendices of that report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Park Master Plan

Manager of Park Development, Tiina Mack, introduced Project Manager, Debra Barnes, and Consultant, Catherine Berris, and reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who provided comments on land acquisition strategy, connections between parks, and safety.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the long range master plan for Renfrew Ravine Park and Renfrew Community Park as described in the report dated September 5, 2013, entitled "Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Park Master Plan" and as illustrated in the Appendices of that report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Removing Fishing from Hastings Park

NOTE FROM CLERK: Motions on Notice may be referred to Committee by the Park Board in order to hear from staff and speakers.

Commissioner De Genova introduced the following motion.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a mandate to preserve, protect and advocate for parks and green space;
2. Areas in Hastings Park, such as the sanctuary are considered ecologically sensitive;
3. Fishing in the pond at Hastings Park may result in displacement and damage of birds and wildlife that have resided in Hastings Park. Furthermore, fishing may mitigate the efforts made in past by the Vancouver Park Board to naturalize this area;
4. To date, at least one incident occurred when a fishing hook caught the wing of a mallard duck and the duck did not survive this injury;
5. The Vancouver Park Board has had a role in advertising fishing at Hastings Park as a program through the Hastings Community Centre;
6. There may be other bodies of water in Vancouver more suitable to stock with fish and promote fishing;
7. Fishing at Hastings Park could damage the delicate ecology of the area and also interfere with the Bird Strategy approved by Park Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to research possible locations that may be suitable for fishing in Vancouver.
- B. The Chair of the Vancouver Park Board write a letter to the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Board asking for fishing at Hastings Park to stop immediately.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT this matter be referred to staff to report back.

amended

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the motion to refer be amended by inserting after the word THAT, the phrase "the Committee first hear speakers who are present and".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Committee heard from four speakers, all of whom expressed concern about the impact of fishing at Hastings Park on wildlife and the sanctuary.

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, September 23, 2013, at 9:31 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Niki Sharma

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the Committee and Park Board minutes of July 22, 2013 was postponed.

3. Special Board Meeting - August 28, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY ORDER

The Board agreed to vary the order of the agenda to have the General Manager's Report later in the meeting. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley noted that during the coming week, Council would be receiving updates on four Community Plans for Downtown Eastside, Grandview-

Woodland, Marpole and the West End, as well as a report on the Second Quarter Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee**
September 23, 2013

The Board considered the report containing recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee. Its items of business included:

1. 125th Celebration Overview
2. Community Garden License Agreements Renewals
3. New Park at 6th Avenue and Fir Street
4. Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Park Master Plan
5. Removing Fishing from Hastings Park

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 23, 2013, as contained in items 1 to 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Commissioner Loke gave notice of motion entitled "Cherry Grove Memorial".
2. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Funding Solutions to Assist in Securing Funds to Complete Killarney Seniors Centre".
3. Commissioner Blyth gave notice of motion entitled "Community Book Exchange".

ENQUIRIES

1. Board members discussed possible times to hold iPad briefings to ensure maximum attendance.
2. Board members discussed the possibility of holding the Regular Park Board before the Committee.
3. Board members discussed the procedure for Motions on Notice as to when delegations can be heard, and requested staff for a memorandum on the procedure.
4. A Board member suggested inviting previous Commissioners to the 125th Stanley Park anniversary event on September 27, 2013. A change in the tree planting start time was noted.

The Board adjourned at 9:53 pm

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