



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2014, at 7:03 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. Shortly after, Commissioner Loke arrived and assumed the chair at 7:08 pm.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Special Event Approval - St. Patrick's Day Run 2014

The Manager of Business Development, Octavio Silva, reviewed the report and along with Special Events and Filming Coordinator, Jenny Jung, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Running Room, organizers of the St. Patrick's Day 5K running race, for the closure of Stanley Park Drive on March 15, 2014, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden and Park Heritage Registry**

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The Chair noted Commissioner Barnes declared a conflict of interest due to her employment at the Garden. At 7:13 pm, prior to discussion, Commissioner Barnes left the meeting and did not return until after completion of this item.

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The Manager of Revenue Services, Gordon Barber, reviewed the report and, along with two representatives from Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, Kathy Gibler, Executive Director, and Jeanette Hlavach, Board member, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, one of whom spoke in support and provided background on the Park Board site and heritage designation, and one who expressed concern about public consultation opportunity and park hours.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct the General Manager of the Park Board to provide a letter to the Heritage Group, Planning and Development Services indicating an approval in principle for the addition of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden and Park to the Vancouver Heritage Register.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Barnes absent for the vote)

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At 7:34 pm Commissioner Barnes returned to the meeting.

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3. **Community Gardens:**

(a) **Proposed Beaconsfield Park Community Garden**

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

The Committee heard from the Executive Director, Italian Cultural Centre, who noted the Centre's support for the project and gave an overview of programs, as well as responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a new community garden in Beaconsfield Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and
- B. THAT the Board grant a five-year license to the Italian Cultural Centre Society to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Proposed Riverfront Park Community Garden

Park Planner, Lindsay Cole, reviewed the report and along with General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support and provided additional comments related to questions raised.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Board approve a new community garden in Riverfront Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and
- B. THAT the Board grant a five-year license to the South Vancouver Family Place Society to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2014, at 8:19 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on February 3, 2013, at 6:00 pm, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs (g), (i) and (k), which are:

- (g) litigation affecting the city and park board;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City and Park Board if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note from Clerk: The above-mentioned In Camera meeting was subsequently cancelled.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Postponed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, advised that Council would be receiving a report at its January 22, 2014 meeting regarding the Pearson Dogwood policy statement and noted that a park is included in the project. Mr. Bromley also noted a motion going to Council with respect to the Killarney Seniors Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee January 20, 2014

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

1. Special Event Approval - St. Patrick's Day Run 2014
2. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden and Park Heritage Registry
- 3(a) Proposed Beaconsfield Park Community Garden
- 3(b) Proposed Riverfront Park Community Garden

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of January 20, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Respectful Workplace

The Chair called on the General Manager to provide background on current City policy and training as contained in the correspondence package and conversation with Human Resources.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver has a Respectful Work Place Policy as a part of its corporate policy (AE-002-06) which applies to all City of Vancouver employees;
2. Respectful Workplace policies address workplace behaviour, which is not covered in the BC Human Rights Code or specifically covered in the City of Vancouver Code of Conduct;

3. Several other Cities, organizations and corporations have implemented Respectful Workplace Policies and many require the completion of mandatory training courses to ensure the policy is understood (i.e., The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association, The City of Calgary, Fraser Health, The Vancouver Island Health Authority, The Vancouver Police Department, The Vancouver School Board);
4. Respectful Workplace Training is a preventative measure which ensures all individuals, working in an environment together, promote a workplace free of bullying, and lead to a fuller understanding of the definition of respectful workplace behavior.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Park Board direct staff to research and implement a mandatory Respectful Work Place Training Course for Park Board employees and elected officials.

amended

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During discussion, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The General Manager and Clerk responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED BY Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion "that the Park Board direct staff to research and implement a mandatory Respectful Work Place Training Course for Park Board employees and elected officials" be referred to the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the motion be amended by substituting the Resolved with:

THAT the General Manager of Vancouver Park Board send the City of Vancouver Respectful Workplace ((AE - 002-06) and any other related policy to Commissioners for their review and education.

amended

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At 8:58 pm, the Board took a brief recess to permit time for a member to compose an amendment.

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AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the amendment be amended by adding the following:

and
FURTHER THAT staff report back to Commissioners in an In Camera briefing *(under Vancouver Charter section 165.2(1) paragraphs c and k)*, within the next 30 days, on current practices with regards to respectful workplace policy with CoV employees.

Carried

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the vote be taken on all pending questions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendments were CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

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2. Respectful Workplace policies address workplace behaviour, which is not covered in the BC Human Rights Code or specifically covered in the City of Vancouver Code of Conduct;

3. Several other Cities, organizations and corporations have implemented Respectful Workplace Policies and many require the completion of mandatory training courses to ensure the policy is understood (i.e., The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association, The City of Calgary, Fraser Health, The Vancouver Island Health Authority, The Vancouver Police Department, The Vancouver School Board);
4. Respectful Workplace Training is a preventative measure which ensures all individuals, working in an environment together, promote a workplace free of bullying, and lead to a fuller understanding of the definition of respectful workplace behavior.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the General Manager of Park Board send the City of Vancouver (CoV) Respectful Workplace Policy (AE - 002-06) and any other related policy to Commissioners for their review and education; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back to Commissioners in an In Camera briefing (under Vancouver Charter section 165.2(1) paragraphs c and k), within the next 30 days, on current practices with regards to respectful workplace policy with CoV employees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Commissioner Blyth gave notice of motion regarding a public art opportunity.
2. Commissioner Loke gave notice of motion entitled "Vancouver Sport Network".
3. Commissioner Coupar submitted the following Notice of Motion regarding Park Board heritage sites and actions. Accordingly, the motion will be placed on the agenda of February 3, 2014, Regular Board meeting, as a Motion on Notice.

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar

SECONDER: Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Heritage Buildings, Parks and Facilities are highly valued by Vancouver residents and are an important component of neighbourhood character;
2. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a Heritage Action Plan on December 4, 2013 to update the City's existing Heritage Conservation Program and proceed with several "Quick Start Actions" including regulatory changes, process improvements, proactive outreach to senior levels of government and updates to the City's Heritage Register;

3. The overall goal of this comprehensive update to Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program is to strengthen the policies and tools available to staff and to Council to protect key heritage resources throughout the City;
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation holds many assets with heritage value including buildings, spaces, and gardens;
5. The Vancouver Heritage Commission at its regular meeting on January 13, 2014 unanimously passed a motion to support efforts by the Vancouver Park Board to identify and plan for the conservation of its heritage resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff be directed to compile a registry of Park Board buildings and sites with significant heritage value.
 - B. Staff be directed to work in conjunction with the planned City of Vancouver (COV) Vancouver Heritage Register update.
 - C. Staff be directed to develop, in conjunction with City of Vancouver (COV) heritage staff, an overall Historical Context Statement for the Park Board.
 - D. Staff be directed to create individual Statements of Historical Significance once such buildings and sites have been identified.
 - E. Staff provide updates to the Vancouver Heritage Commission to keep the Commission advised of progress.
4. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Expediting the Completion of the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre".
 5. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Appreciation for the Federal and Provincial Governments for Contributing Funds to the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre".

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member asked about the status of the report back about the fishing issue at Hastings Park". The General Manager advised that staff are working on the matter.
2. A Board member enquired about the use of the product called "real ice". The General Manager provided background about a previous pilot in Partnership with BC Hydro and offered to provide a memo.
3. With regard to \$10 million quoted in a newrelease, a Board member asked whether an analysis of estimated cost overruns with respect to the Killarney Seniors Centre had been done and if is so, requested a memo with information in order to verify the amount.
4. One Board member requested that a press release be submitted to Legal Services given current legal action, and another Board member requested the same regarding comments made to the media. The General Manager advised staff would be seeking legal advice.

The Board adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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