



Kisses for Bees **Temporary Pollinator** **Installation at** **Cathedral Square Park**

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017



Purpose

- Present and review the Kisses for Bees initiative to host a temporary pollinator installation at Cathedral Square Park from June 21 – July 21, 2017.
- Seek Board approval for this request



Background

- Pollinators, including bees, provide essential services to ecosystems
- Bee populations and health are declining rapidly across North America
- In response to this trend, Park Board began introducing strategies to support pollinators
- Includes working with stewardship, advocacy groups, and others to raise public awareness about pollinators and their challenges



- Kisses for Bees collective seeking approval to host temporary living inner-city pollinator installation at Cathedral Square Park
 - June 21, 2017 to July 21, 2017
- Program intended to:
 - Bring attention to issues facing pollinators and promote overall bee health & sustainable agriculture
 - Serve as local bee and pollinator habitat
 - Amplify current programs based at Cathedral Square (Hives for Humanity and DVBIA)



- Educate Vancouverites about this important issue
- Support Park Board pollinator strategies
- Promote Park Board pollinator fundraising campaigns
- Beautify an existing urban space
- Plant new native wildflowers
- Partnership fee to Park Board

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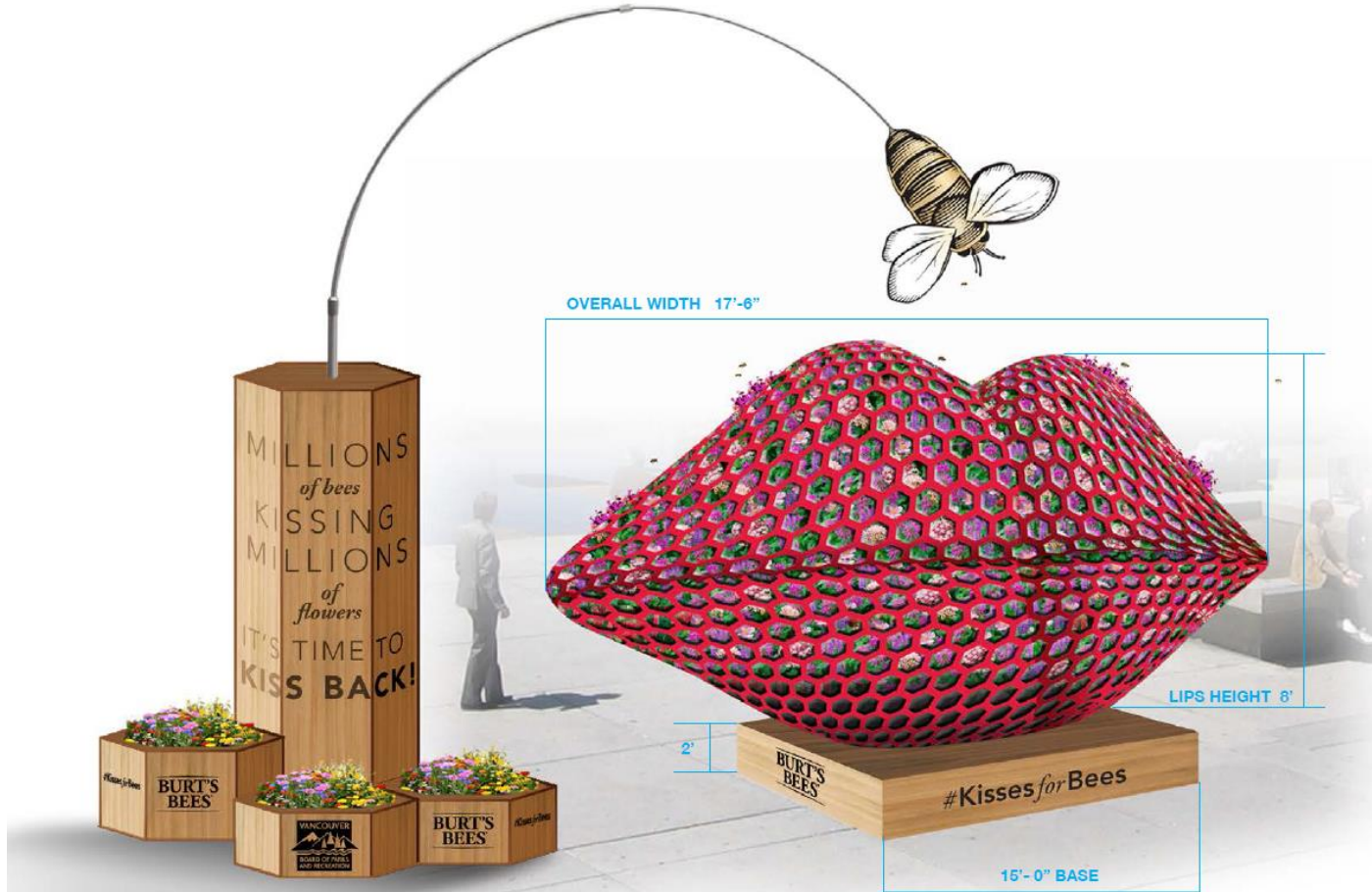
Support pollinators in your garden



Support bees and butterflies

Learn five ways you can support pollinators in your garden and get a list of plants that bees and butterflies will love.

Kisses for Bees Pollinator Installation – Artist Rendering



Kisses for Bees Pollinator Installation – Proposed Location



Additional Considerations

- Subject to Park Board approval, staff will work with the organizers to:
 - Ensure appropriate site safety and security plans are in place
 - Address any other unanticipated impacts



Summary

- Installation is designed to educate Vancouverites on the challenges and issues facing pollinators and bee health
- Animate and beautify Cathedral Square Park, and provide several other benefits
- Park Board staff are confident the initiative will be executed successfully and as intended
 - Carefully considered this application
 - Recommend approval as outlined in report





THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Kisses for Bees collective for a temporary pollinator installation at Cathedral Square Park between June 21, 2017 and July 21, 2017.

