



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:45 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Angela Haer, Vice Chair
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Viridi

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Steve Jackson, Acting General Manager & Director of Business Services
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Board Relations
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Clerk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Board Committee Meeting – May 29, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on May 29, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT Item 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jensen recognized that between the June 26 and July 10 meetings is Canada Day, and wished Canada a Happy Birthday and that everyone is able to enjoy the day at one of Vancouver's parks, beaches or recreation facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications related to the Committee meeting agenda were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form:

- nine pieces of correspondence related to 'Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area – Concept Plan'
- two pieces of correspondence related to "Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy"

STAFF REPORTS

1. Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy

The Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment introduced the item, and the Senior Planner and Planner, [presented an overview](#) of the proposed policy and responded to questions related to:

- Clarifying exclusive use of park space
- Preliminary applications for a pilot
- Funding for these licenses
- Ownership of assets acquired or built as part of the policy
- Clarifying outdoor licensing requirements
- Distribution of licenses across the city

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT Item 1 "Community Centre Use of Park Space Policy" be deferred to the July 17, 2023, Committee Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Brazilian Day - Special Event

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from the Consulate General of Brazil in Vancouver, the organizers of the Brazilian Day festival, to host their event at David Lam Park on Monday, September 4, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans

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Motion to Suspend the Rule

MOVED by Commissioner Howard

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee suspend section 15.3 of the Procedure By-law to reduce speaker time from five to three minutes.

CARRIED BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi,

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

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The Manager of Park Development introduced the item and the Senior Project Manager, along with the Manager of Strategic Operations, the Manager of Animal Control, and the Landscape Designer, [presented an overview](#) of the concept plans for two new and one renewed off-leash areas.

- The following correspondence was received relating to the Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans:
 - five in favour of the staff recommendations
 - three opposed to the staff recommendations
 - one with other comments related to the item

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- The number of calls to 311 and Animal Control regarding conflicts with off-leash dogs;
- Potential for Off-Leash Areas in other underserved neighborhoods
- Engagement strategies
- Historically time bound off-leash areas
- Use of specialty turf for off-leash areas

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations, one speaker in opposition to the recommendations and two speakers who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee Recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in appendix B.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Heather Park, as outlined in appendix C.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Granville Park, as outlined in appendix D.

Amendment to the Main Motion

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the following be added to the end as D:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen
Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Viridi, Howard

Amendment to the Amended Motion

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the B and C be struck; motion to read as follows:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in appendix B.

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

LOST

In favor: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Question on the Main Motion as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT, as outlined in the Report dated June 15, 2023 entitled “Emery Barnes, Granville, and Heather Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans,” the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in Appendix B of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Heather Park, as outlined in Appendix C of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Granville Park, as outlined in Appendix D of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair