

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, JULY 07, 2003**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Heather Deal</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Anita Romaniuk</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Suzanne Anton</b>
		<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
		<b>- Eva Riccius</b>
		<b>- Loretta Woodcock</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Stanley District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Manager of Revenue Services</b>	<b>- Philip Josephs</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Joyce Courtney</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

Commissioner Poaps was absent from the meeting due to illness.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A member of the Board stated that the minutes should note that the plan for the new Mount Pleasant Community Centre will be flexible to allow for future expansion. It was also noted that the Chair had requested the Aquatic Services Review be placed on the Planning and Environment Committee meeting in the fall.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 23, 2003 were adopted as amended.

The Chair thanked the Mount Pleasant Community Association and staff for hosting the Board meeting. The meeting was well organized and attended by a large youth contingent.

The Chair stated that this week was dominated by the announcement that Vancouver was chosen as the Host City for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. This is an enormous event which will have a huge implication on the parks and recreation system in the city.

Board members attended the Canada Day celebrations hosted by various partners in the city such as Sunset, Strathcona and Hastings Community Centres and at Portside (CRAB) Park.

### **Finance Committee**

The Chair of the Finance Committee reported that they had an interesting meeting on the last Thursday in June. They discussed various avenues of fundraising. If the weather continues to be good the revenue target could be met. The next meeting will be in the first week of September.

### **Planning and Environment Committee**

The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee stated that the next meeting will be on July 17, the public are invited to attend. The agenda for that meeting will be the Killarney Pool renovations and Ultimate Frisbee.

### **Culture and Recreation Committee**

The Chair advised that the Culture and Recreation Committee met on July 2 and discussed the special events permitting process, reviewed the ice rink allocation policy and late night opening of our facilities.

### **Protest in Victory Square Park**

The Chair advised the Board that she along with the General Manager and the Director of Stanley District met with Ingrid van der Kloet and Teresa Gray, representatives of the group camped at Victory Square.

Representatives of the group camped at Victory Square were present at the meeting and asked if they could address the Board.

- Teresa Gray
- Joey
- Peter
- Robert

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

- camped at Victory Square to protest homelessness in British Columbia and Canada;
- political action taken by the Anti-Poverty Committee;
- funding being cut from health-care and education and put towards the Olympics;
- demand an end to the two year limit on welfare;
- there seems to be a undeclared war on the natives;
- now that all the homeless are in one spot they feel safer;
- need washroom facility open in the night or provide a port-a-potty;
- asking the Park Board to assist them in their cause to get social housing;
- bring the attention of the Provincial Government to the seriousness of this issue;
- they have been keeping the park clean;
- drug addicts use this park and they want it back;
- the campers are keeping the drug dealers out of the park.

The Chair thanked the delegations for their presentation and advised them that they were in violation of the Parks Control Bylaw and cannot stay in the park. The Chair advised that the group is aware of the critical timeline to have the park construction completed on time for the November 11, Remembrance Day ceremonies. In order to achieve this goal the construction must begin by July 15.

### **Downtown South Park Naming Information**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff advised the Board that the naming process for the Downtown South parksite was highly promoted in the neighbourhood. There were prominent signage at the park and flyers were sent to the residents. There were 241 submissions and staff also contacted City Archives to gather historical information with respect to the park's surrounding street names and the adjacent Yaletown neighbourhood.

Paul Winn and Constance Barnes representing the Committee for an Emery Barnes Memorial appeared before the Board to request that a park similar to Brockton, where sports groups and families can gather be named after Emery Barnes, a former MLA of Vancouver Centre. The delegation stated that Mr. Barnes was a community leader in social justice and sports and he worked with youth. Mr. Barnes was a professional athlete and a social worker involved with numerous local organizations.

Paul Lewand, Mark O'Hara and Ross Harvey appeared before the Board to request the naming of the Downtown South Parksites as Glen Hillson Park. The delegation provided members of the Board with an information package on Glen Hillson. By naming the park in memory of Glen Hillson the Board would be recognizing his contribution in the lives of many people who struggled with the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Mel Endelman and Don Evans, Rotary Club, asked the Board to consider naming the Downtown South Parksites Rotary Centennial Park. The Rotary Club has partnered with the Park Board on various projects such as the bike route at English Bay and other projects in the City. The Rotary Club contributed financially to the development of this park and will continue to partner with the Park Board on the next phase of the park which they hope would be built on the concept of a family park with a playground.

Sgt. Steve Gibson, Vancouver Police Department, requested the Board to consider naming the Downtown South Parksites as Constable Robert McBeath Park. Sgt Gibson gave a brief overview of Robert McBeath's background and his receipt of the Victoria Cross for his contributions in World War II. Constable McBeath lived in the 1300 block of Hornby Street and was one of 16 Vancouver Police Officers who died in the line of duty.

Board members thanked the delegations for their presentation and the Chair advised that the Board would be reviewing all the submissions.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the Board receive for information, the report dated June 26, 2003 regarding Downtown South Park Naming Information.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society - Receiving the Financial Plan for the Expansion Project**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 2003 recommending that the Board receive the financial plan submitted by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society for the expansion project.

Staff advised the Board that the financial plan provided by the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society was satisfactory and the payback schedule is attainable.

Robert Asbeek-Brusse, Treasurer, along with Joe Wai, Architect and Henry Tom, Chair of the Building Committee, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society, presented the financial plan and project elements to the Board. The Society felt that with the improved facility their revenue will improve and they will be on track with their loan re-payment.

Board members thanked the delegation for a detailed financial information and look forward to the opening of the renovated facility.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova

**THAT the Board receive the financial plan submitted by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society for the expansion project.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **Yaletown Park Proposal at 901 Mainland Street**

Commissioner De Genova advised the Board that he was working on an adjacent property and will leave the room on a possible conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 27, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the proposed development of three residential towers at 901 Mainland Street includes the proposal for a park on top of the parkade. Jane Durante, Landscape Architect, presented the concept design of the park which was developed in consultation with staff from the Roundhouse Community Centre. The park is envisioned to be a gathering place for all seasons with a strong presence of bricks and granite.

Board members discussed the plan and was pleased to see that the plan addresses the issue of sustainability. They would like to see the park completed in Phase I of the project so that the residents can enjoy the park.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

- A) **THAT the Park Board endorse the acceptance of an Air Space Parcel for a public park of 18,000 ft<sup>2</sup> as part of a development proposal for 901 Mainland Street, subject to legal arrangements for ownership to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Parks and Recreation. The terms and conditions of the agreement are to be drawn to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and that the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute the agreement and any plans, it being noted that no legal right or obligation will arise or be created until execution of the agreement;**
- B) **THAT the Park Board endorse the proposed design concept for the park in principle; and**
- C) **THAT the Park Board request Council to authorize the expenditure of \$460,000 from the Downtown South Development Cost Levy Reserve for park construction.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

### **East Fraserlands Planning Program - Interim Report**

Commissioner De Genova returned to the room at this time to advise the Board that he will be removing himself from the discussion of this report on a possible conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 2003 recommending that the report be received for information.

Staff provided an overview of the development scenario resulting from a major re-zoning planned for East Fraserlands. The development scenario include three parks along the waterfront, a green corridor connecting to Kinross Ravine Park and a walkway /bikeway along the river.

Board members discussed the plan and a member of the Board felt that the Park Board was underachieving in terms of park space and would like to have the standard of 2.75 acres per 1,000 residents applied in this development area.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

**THAT the East Fraserlands report dated June 26, 2003, be received for information.**

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board need to make it clear to Council that the amount of park space at East Fraserlands is not enough and direct staff to seek the normal park standard of 2.75 acres per 1,000 residents.

Board members discussed the motion and concluded that this proposal will go through the public consultation process. The Board will review the results of the public process and direct staff accordingly.

The amendment motion was put and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners Deal, Riccius, Romaniuk and Woodcock contrary)

**The main motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business**

A member of the Board referred to the Financing Growth Report at Council and stated that two Councillors had indicated that Park Commissioners expressed an opinion on one of the recommendations that was different than the Board's decision on this recommendation. As the Board consulted with and heard from stakeholders prior to making a decision, it is important that all Board members represent the Board decision to members of Council.

A member of the Board stated that she has been receiving emails announcing the sale of cheap beer at Clark Park. No other member of the Board had received any similar email.

There was a question as to when the planning of South East False Creek would be on the agenda. The Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee advised that this will be discussed at the next staff briefing on July 14.

There was a suggestion that a member of the Park Board be appointed as liaison to the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Heather Deal  
Chair