

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2004**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice-Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Research and Planning	- Mark Vulliamy
	Coordinator - Arts and Multiculturalism	- Susan Gordon
	Manger of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Heather Deal was away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 04, 2004 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that Board members participated in the following events that were held in the past week:

- Upfront Garden Award presentation by the Garden Club at VanDusen Gardens;
- Budget Open House at Trout Lake Community Centre
- Community Association Conference at Langara

The Chair advised the Board that Carrie Samoil Ezart, Youth Worker at the West End Community Centre succumbed to breast cancer on October 19. Carrie will be missed by her family and her colleagues at the Park Board.

Finance Committee: next meeting will be on Monday, November 8. The committee will be reviewing the results of the budget open house and the financial statements as at the end of September.

Planning and Environment Committee: next meeting will be on November 2, the committee will receive a presentation from the cruise boat operators.

Culture and Recreation Committee : next meeting will be on November 3, the committee will review the status of the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force and Engine 374 at Roundhouse Community Centre.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that the motion with regard to the street closure around McBride Park was not moved at Council. Council will be receiving reports on the Homeless Action Plan, 2004 Operating Budget, Energy Efficiency Purchasing Policy, City Employee Trip Reduction Strategies - Transportation Demand Management Report and Rent Review on Foreshore Lots in Stanley Park Subleased to Vancouver Rowing Club.

Canadian Parks and Recreation Award to MoreSports

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Bob Gilson, Chair, MoreSports Advisory Committee and Dick Woldring, Coordinator of MoreSports showed a video clip of the award presentation in Halifax at the CPRA Conference. Mr. Gilson presented the Award to the Board and thanked them for their continued support.

Board members acknowledged the hard work put in by Park Board and School Board staff to create this program.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board receive the report for information.

-Carried Unanimously.

Synthetic Turf Playing Field - Site Selection

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff reviewed the public consultation process, source of funding and the technical assessment with regard to the site selection for a lit synthetic turf field at Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Synthetic Turf Playing Field - Site Selection report:

- Jeff Malmgren, Vancouver Field Sports Federation
- Chris Dolman, chair, LPA, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada/Vancouver
- John McBryde
- Karen Cooke, Vancouver Field Sports Federation and the Olympic Club
- Graeme Fell

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

- supports the recommendations in the staff report;
- good to see cooperation between School Board and Park Board;
- need six or more synthetic turf fields for the long term;
- important to have even distribution of synthetic fields in the city;
- synthetic fields are safe for athletes;
- would like to see a track incorporated in the synthetic field development.

Board members thanked staff and the delegations and commended all the groups for working together on the project.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the development of a lit synthetic turf playing field at Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School, subject to concurrence by the Vancouver School Board (VSB), with the source of funding being from City Wide Development Cost Levy allocated for this purpose in the 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan.**

- B. THAT the commitment of funds from the Dunbar, Point Grey and Kerrisdale Soccer Clubs towards this project as required up to \$400,000 be accepted.**

- C. THAT land exchange at Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School be negotiated with the VSB so that the entire field can be developed on park property, with final boundaries and arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

- D. THAT Park Board staff continue to work with VSB staff to facilitate synthetic turf field development on VSB properties at Vancouver Technical and Churchill Secondary Schools.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2006-2008 Capital Plan Process

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 22, 2004 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Staff reviewed the process for submission of projects to be included in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan.

Gail Uthoff appeared before the Board and stated that they were organizing a group from the swimming community and would like to be the representatives for aquatics in the capital plan process.

Board members stated that they are looking forward to the process of reviewing the capital plan submissions.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Donation of Public Art to David Lam Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 22, 2004 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Staff advised the Board that a donor for the sculpture at David Lam Park has been secured and the project will be at no cost to Board.

Ingrid Alderson and Ralph McKnight, board members from the Roundhouse Community Association stated that the sculpture was a good addition to David Lam Park.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,,

- A. THAT the Board receive a donation of funds to commission the fabrication of Khenko, a sculpture by artist Doug Taylor, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the installation of Khenko in David Lam Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to enter into a legal agreement with the artist, the sponsor and, if necessary, the City of Vancouver, on terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Prospect Point Café - Postponement of Rent Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 18, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the postponement of a rent review and a review of the amount in lieu of property tax for the Prospect Point Café for one year until December 1, 2005.

Staff advised the Board that the operator for Prospect Point Café is contemplating some dramatic capital improvements. Staff is recommending that these plans be reviewed by the Planning and Environment Committee before the finalising rent review.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the postponement of a rent review and a review of the amount in lieu of property tax for the Prospect Point Café for one year, until December 1, 2005.

- Carried Unanimously.

2005 Fees and Charges

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2004 recommending that the Board approve the 2005 Fees and Charges to be adjusted as per Appendix A to reflect an inflationary increase and comparable market rates.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve the 2005 Fees and charges be adjusted as per Appendix A to reflect an inflationary increase and comparable market rates.

Staff advised the Board that as per the global budget arrangement with the city, we need to adjust the fees and charges to the current inflationary rate for the City of Vancouver.

Board members discussed the issue and were concerned with the proposed increases to individual admission fees and would like to have further discussions to resolve their concerns.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the 2005 Fees and Charges report be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussions.

- Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera Meeting

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50pm.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Anita Romaniuk
Chair