

**Minutes of Meeting
Culture and Recreation Committee, Vancouver Park Board
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver**

DATE OF MEETING: April 7, 2004

ATTENDEES: Park Board Commissioners
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps
Commissioner Loretta Woodcock
Commissioner Heather Deal

Park Board Staff

Liane McKenna	Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Lori MacKay	Director of Vancouver East District
Susan Gordon	Coordinator Arts and Culture
Terry Walton	Manager of Recreation Services
Daisy Chin	Special Events and Filming
Barbara Joughin	Recorder of Minutes

Guest

Gord Plottel	Co-Chair Joint Operating Agreement Task Force
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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Approval of February 4, 2004 Minutes:

The minutes of the February 4, 2004 Culture and Recreation Committee meeting were accepted as presented.

2. Outdoor Film Series in Stanley Park:

Susan Gordon provided the Committee with information about “Monsters in the Meadow”, a summer outdoor film series proposed for Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park. Three classic horror movies - King Kong, Godzilla, and Frankenstein - will be shown for free at dusk on the last three Friday evenings in August. The Park Board has been involved in showing public non-commercial film in the past, including outdoor movies at Sunset Beach in the 1970's, and a recent collaboration with CBC on the “Looking Back” series. Equipment (screen, projector, sound) will be rented during the initial pilot phase of the project.

The Board will be asked to approve up to \$15,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for this pilot outdoor movie series.

Actions:

- Staff will include a breakdown of equipment costs in the Board report.
- Staff will inquire about the possibility of having additional shuttle service to the bus loop before and after the film showings.

3. Dragon Boat Festival - Use of Creekside Park:

Daisy Chin provided the Committee with an overview of the Dragon Boat Festival. This festival has previously been held in Coopers Park but organizers have requested a relocation to Creekside Park for its 15th annual event on June 18-20, 2004. The event hosts about 180 dragon boat teams, including international teams, and typically draws about 90-100,000 people. Terry Walton explained that staff is recommending this request be brought to the Board for approval because it does not fit Park Board special events policy for closing a park. Circulation on the seawall path will not be maintained during the Dragon Boat Festival. Although this park is intended to accommodate gated festivals in the future, the park is not yet fully developed to this design. The Committee was informed that the City Festival Committee is recommending this site to City Council.

Recommendation:

The Culture and Recreation Committee recommends that the Board approve the request to locate the Dragon Boat Festival at Creekside Park on June 18-20, 2004, subject to the following criteria:

- All parties agree that approval is for a single usage, unique event
- Completion of a post-event assessment of policy implications

4. Joint Operating Agreement - Communication Activities

Lori MacKay and Gord Plottel, co-chairs of the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force, presented a briefing to the Committee about its efforts to prepare recommendations for the development of a new agreement between the Vancouver Park Board and the Community Centre Associations (CCA's) that provide community recreation services in Vancouver.

Three community partnership options have been identified in the report, "Renewing the Partnership", which will be presented as a printed brochure, on the Park Board website, and at stakeholder meetings and a public open house. The report summarizes key information and issues, and emphasizes the relationship between roles, responsibilities and accountability as it explores a range of roles which the Associations and Park Board could assume in the delivery of services at Community Centres.

The Task Force requested that it return to the Culture and Recreation Committee in June after the consultation process, to report back and to receive the Committee's comments and feedback on the options.

5. Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next Culture and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2004, at 7:00 pm.