

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

DATE OF MEETING: October 6, 2004

ATTENDEES: Park Board Commissioners
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps
Commissioner Heather Deal
Commissioner Eva Riccius

Park Board Staff

Liane McKenna	Director of Queen Elizabeth District
Terry Walton	Manager of Recreation Services, Stanley District
Greg Eng	Manager of Recreation Services, Vancouver East District
Dianna Smith	Community Recreation Coordinator
Barbara Joughin	Recorder of Minutes

Delegations

Clair Lee	Association Conference Committee
Jessie Smith	Kids Around the World Museum

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Approval of June 9, 2004 Minutes:

The minutes of the Culture and Recreation Committee meeting of June 9, 2004 were adopted as presented (moved by C. Deal, seconded by C. Poaps, all in favour).

2. Approval of July 7, 2004 Minutes:

The minutes of the Culture and Recreation Committee meeting of July 7, 2004 were adopted as presented (moved by C. Deal, seconded by C. Poaps, all in favour).

3. Kids Around the World Museum – Presentation by Jessie Smith:

Jessie Smith gave a presentation to the Committee about building a “Kids Around the World” Museum in Vancouver. She represents a society formed to build and run a children’s museum that offers ‘must touch’ exhibits and programs about the lives of children around the world. Aimed at children aged 1-12, the project’s goals are to encourage intercultural understanding, foster a sense of global citizenship, and promote environmental stewardship in children. There are only five children’s museums in Canada at this time, and all are east of Winnipeg.

The group is currently developing its vision and strategic plan. Next, during its ‘Without Walls’ phase, they will develop simple traveling exhibits for display at community events, libraries and festivals. They will enter into a capital program in 2006-08, and plan to open a museum site shortly before or after the 2010 Olympics. A number of site possibilities are being explored, including Hastings Park and Southeast False Creek. The Committee discussed potential sites, timelines, and partners with the delegation, and noted that locating the desired size of building (20,000 sq ft) may present a challenge to the proponents. Members of the Committee were invited to sign up for an on-line Kids Around the World newsletter.

4. **Community Association Conference – October 29-30, 2004:**

Three members of the organizing committee for the Community Association Conference gave a presentation to Committee members about the event that will be held on October 29-30, 2004.

Delegations:

- Greg Eng talked about the planning committee for the conference and introduced the committee members present at this meeting.
- Dianna Smith gave the Committee some background and history about the Conference. This is the 11th biannual event, initiated more than 20 years ago in response to a need for community association training. It still addresses this need, and is also an opportunity for community associations to get together to share experiences and build understanding about the partnership with the Park Board. The conference will be held at Langara College this year.
- Clair Lee described the content of the 2004 conference. The theme is “Courage to Move Forward”, and focuses on how to face challenges and embrace and change the future. Opening the conference, the keynote speaker on Friday evening is Rob Dunfield, and motivational speaker Sally Abbott begins the Saturday morning program.

Dianna Smith issued personal invitations to the Commissioners to attend, and noted that several Park Board and City staff are leading conference workshops.

5. **Terms of Reference – Sustainable Transportation, Stanley Park:**

Terry Walton told members of the Committee that staff is recommending that the Board consider separating an event to promote alternative transportation with a car-free day in Stanley Park from a special event celebrating Stanley Park, and that separate committees be established to develop the two ideas. Staff suggested that promoting the use of car-free forms of transportation to and from Stanley Park may be more effectively achieved through alternative programs, and said that separating the two projects makes it easier and cheaper to do both. The group brainstormed ideas for a special event in Stanley Park in the summer of 2005 that could become an ongoing community event.

Next steps:

Staff will contract an event organizer, convene a steering committee, and define a concept and budget for a special event in Stanley Park, and will report back to the Culture and Recreation Committee and the Board. Commissioner Poaps said she will sit on the special event steering committee. Staff will continue to work with park stakeholders and will develop a program and steering committee for promoting car-free transportation in Stanley Park.

6. **Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next Culture and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2004, at 7:00 pm.