

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

PRESENT:	Vice Chair	- Lyndsay Poaps
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Anita Romaniuk
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori MacKay
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Manager of Operations – Vancouver East District	- Ron Caswell
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

The Vice Chair advised the Board that the Chair, Commissioner Eva Riccius gave birth to a baby girl over the weekend, Commissioner Deal will be late in arriving to the meeting and Commissioner De Genova is away on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, June 27, 2005 were adopted with an amendment to paragraph 2 on page 8 of the minutes to amend the end of the first sentence to read: there was *some* concern regarding a twenty year lease.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair advised the Board on the following:

- the Monster in the Meadows events in the summer were well attended;
- VanDusen Gardens celebrated their 30 year re-dedication;
- on-line booking for programs at the Community Centres were implemented;
- Car Free Day on September 22;
- 2006-08 Capital Plan is going to Council on September 20, the Board will be reviewing its Capital Plan at the October 3rd meeting.

City Council Report

Council will be receiving a report on the 2006-08 Capital Plan and will determine the allocation for Park Board at this time. Council will also be receiving a status report on the Childcare Protocol. City Council's Planning Environment Committee will continue the discussion of the new Animal Control By-Law.

Planning and Environment Committee: the next meeting will be on October 4, the items on the agenda are Nelson Park Design and China Creek Concept Design.

Culture and Recreation Committee: the next meeting will be on October 5, the committee will be discussing a special event at Creekside Park and an update on the Rain and Shine Festival.

Finance Committee: the next meeting will be on September 26 at 7:00 pm, the committee will be discussing the 2005 Budget Operating Statement, 2006 Operating Budget, 2006 Fees and Charges and the Fraserview Cell Tower.

New Park for Marpole at West 72nd Avenue and Osler Street and Selkirk Street

Board members received copies of a staff report dated August 16, 2005 recommending that the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed New Park and Playground as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

Staff advised the Board that the concept design was presented at a public consultation meeting. This will be a neighbourhood park, with a design element representing a Japanese theme to reflect the history of the area.

Commissioner Deal arrived at this point of the meeting.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

1. Val Anderson
2. Don Larson
3. Graeme Brownlee, St. Augustine Anglican Church

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

- design of the park should take into account the high percentage of seniors in the area;
- this park will provide an opportunity for people in the community to meet each other;
- put a feature in the park that will act as a focus for the community;

- commend staff on recognizing the history of the area;
- provide a place in the park where music could be played;
- provide an irrigation system so that the grass does not dry up;
- consider the possibility of naming the park Joy Kogawa Park;
- the public process was excellent, the two meetings were well attended;
- make sure that the history of the area is recorded.

Board members thanked the delegations and were pleased to know that the community was pleased with the public process. This park will bring the community together in a park deficient neighbourhood and celebrate Japanese heritage.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board approve the concept plan for the proposed New Park and Playground as described in this report and illustrated in Appendix 1.

Board members referred to the matter of naming this park and an amendment motion was proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT a park naming process be undertaken so that the name is ready for the park opening.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Community Garden Policy Review and Licence Agreement Renewals

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 7, 2005 recommending that the Board approve recommendation A to G.

Staff advised the Board that the community garden policy was reviewed with representatives of the community and suggestions on amendments to the policy were made. In order to increase support for the development and operation of community gardens staff will provide assistance wherever resources will allow.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Susan Kurbis
- Muggs Sigurgiersen
- Michelle Hoar

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

- requesting a 20 year lease to approach possible sponsors;
- working on a wetlands project, sponsors reluctant to provide funds with a 10 year lease;
- Cottonwood Community Garden lease should be revised to 10 years;
- the community have invested a lot of time and money on the gardens;
- community gardens are investment for the future generations;
- the Strathcona Community Gardens are popular with four groups

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

- A. THAT the Community Garden Policy be amended as outlined in this staff report;
- B. THAT the Board provide additional support to community gardens as outlined in this report subject to available resources;
- C. THAT effective October 1, 2005, the Board grant to the Urban Diggers Society a 5 year licence to operate:
 - 1) Tea Swamp Park Community Garden,
 - 2) Mount Pleasant Community Garden,
 - 3) Elizabeth Rogers Community Garden, and
 - 4) Robson Park Community Garden;
- D. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Community Garden Licence for the Strathcona Community Garden Society for Strathcona Community Garden, for a term of ten years effective October 1, 2005, pursuant to the terms of the amended Community Garden Policy, with consideration for a twenty year term;
- E. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Community Garden Licences for a term of five years, effective October 1, 2005 for:
 - 1) Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association for Cambridge Park Community Garden,
 - 2) Kitsilano Community Garden Society for Kitsilano Community Garden
 - 3) Strathcona Community Garden Society for Cottonwood Community Garden;
- F. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Community Garden Licence for McSpadden Community Garden for a term of five years, effective October 1, 2005;

- G. THAT all arrangements be to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services and Director of Risk Management of the City of Vancouver.

Board members discussed the delegations' request for a 20 year licence agreement for Strathcona Community Garden and there were some concerns that this would create a precedent. A suggestion was made that a clause in the agreement that would allow either party to cancel before the 20 years be included.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the word 'ten' be replaced with 'twenty' and delete the words 'with consideration for a twenty year term' in recommendation D.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT item 3 in recommendation E be deleted.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT a recommendation H be added as follows:

- H. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the community garden licence for a term of ten years, effective October 1, 2005 for Strathcona Community Garden Society for Cottonwood Community Garden.

- Carried Unanimously.

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- Carried Unanimously.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

Whereas in March 2002, the Park Board passed a motion that consideration of closing any existing Park Board pools not be given prior to the new or upgraded facilities being in place and should a significant additional operating cost being incurred as a result of this, this will be brought to the attention of the Board;

Whereas the community consultation process carried out over the Capital Plan 06-08 demonstrated considerable support for the retention of Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool and enhancement of the change rooms at Renfrew Pool; and

Whereas the Mount Pleasant community has indicated a willingness to work with the Park Board and Council to identify external sources of funding to replace the outdoor pool, including the possibility of accessing funding for green technologies such as solar heating;

Therefore be it Resolved That:

- (1) the Park Board request that City Council provide operating funds to keep Mount Pleasant pool open at least until the new aquatic facility at Hillcrest/Riley Park is completed.**
- (2) the Mount Pleasant community, Park Board and Council work together to identify external sources of funding to rebuild the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool, including the possibility of municipal green funds for environmentally-friendly technologies such as solar heating.**
- (3) the Board direct staff to reallocate \$1.4 million in funding from the Park Board's share of the 2006-08 capital plan to renovate the change rooms at Renfrew Community Centre, including family rooms and rooms accessible to people with disabilities.**
- (4) staff report back on October 31, 2005 on revising the recommendation of the Aquatic Services Review to include the retention of the Mount Pleasant and Sunset Pools.**
- (5) staff report back on the financial and service strategy to redevelop two neighbourhood outdoor pools in addition to the plan for a city wide pool, two redeveloped community pools, four neighbourhood pools and four major outdoor pools.**

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Margery Duda
- Rosemary Carnell
- Gail Uthoff
- Nancy A. Chiavario
- Spencer Herbert
- Stuart McKinnon

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

- the motion recognises the will of the community;
- there are insufficient funds to rebuild the pool;
- need to work hard to seek additional capital;
- the citizens are interested to keep the Mount Pleasant Pool open;
- appeal to the Board on behalf of the children who ask you to retain the Mount Pleasant Pool;
- summer programs depend on the availability of Mount Pleasant Pool;
- the motion acknowledges the importance of neighbourhood pools;
- Renfrew Community is committed to provide an accessible facility;
- look forward to working with Park Board to revitalize Renfrew Pool changerooms;
- outdoor pools are important for children's activities;
- the citizens are concerned with losing Mount Pleasant Pool;
- there should be an obligation to families and disabled community;
- pleased to see that the Board is asking for a review of the Aquatic Services Review;
- Sunset is also in need of an outdoor pool.

Board members discussed the motion and there was a concern that addressing Renfrew Pool's request might take funds away from other programs. A member of the Board requested that point 3 of the motion should be amended to ask staff to consider reallocating. Further discussions on the motion followed and Board members recognized the need to provide Renfrew Pool with an accessible change-room. Board members also acknowledged the effort put in by the community to save Mount Pleasant Pool and agreed that no action be taken until the new pool at Riley Park is completed.

Motion 1 to 5 was voted on separately.

Motion 1 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Motion 2 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Motion 3 was put forward and it was Carried.

(Commissioner Anton contrary)

Motion 4 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Motion 5 was put forward and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

The West End Seniors Network thanked the Vancouver Park Board for its ongoing support and help for their programs.

A member of the Board stated that she will be bringing forward a motion regarding \$150,000 required for Marpole Community Centre to complete the pool house.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Eva Riccius
Chair