

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2010**

- Revised -

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice Chair	- Sarah Blyth
	Commissioners	- Constance Barnes
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Malcolm Bromley
	Director of Stanley District	- Peter Kuran
	Acting Director of Planning and Operations	- Danica Djurkovic
	Acting Director of Corporate Services	- Meg Elliott
	Acting Director of Vancouver East District	- Terry Walton
	Acting Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Recreation Services -Stanley District	- Thomas Soulliere
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Shala Hay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, September 20, 2010 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community events that occurred over the last few weeks: official opening of a portion of Fraser River trail; and official opening of the BMX/Mountain Bike Park at Vanier Park, the first facility of its kind in Vancouver.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The next Services & Budgets Committee meeting will convene on Oct 19, 2010; the agenda has not yet been finalized.

The next Planning & Environment Committee meeting will convene on Oct 07, 2010.

City Council Report

The General Manager advised the Board that, at its next regular meeting, Council will receive four proclamations on: Ride-Share Week; Arts Umbrella Month; Homelessness Action Week; and Chuck Davis Day.

OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- David Peterson
- James Hilborn
- Arthur Hughes
- David Livingston
- Krista
- Joan Leech
- Pat McMillan
- Shauna Affleck
- John
- Keith Jacobson

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

- Thanks the Board for its good efforts in dealing with the problems and issues at Andy Livingstone Park
- Heard from a number of city residents who feel comfortable to be able to use the park again
- Construction of the seawall has turned into a disaster as result of lack of planning
- Would like to know why the staging area is in front of residences, instead of at Second Beach; according to staff, it is because of environmental issues
- Thinks if advance notice was issued to residents they could have worked with the Board and could have provided positive input, so some of these issues could have been prevented
- Residents are unable to sleep due to the loud noise
- The dust has been entering their homes and they were rudely received when they spoke to the operator about it
- Would like to know how the Board could work with a company that treats residents like this
- In future the Board should work closer with residents
- Noticed over the past 10 to 15 years that trees on the boulevard are no longer being replaced
- Near the 1300 block on Cardero Street, a tree was hit by a car about 4 years ago and still has not been replaced
- If this trend continues quite a few trees on the West End would be lost
- Would also like to know why staff has not gotten back to residents on these reports
- Just found out that construction at the seawall has been extended and overnight work will occur for 20 consecutive days

- This will lead to severe sleep deprivation and the human cost of this project also needs to be considered
- Some people have actually left their residences to sleep with friends, to avoid these problems
- Suggests having the staging area moved and trying to find alternative accommodation for residents
- Recently, there was an African music festival at the Roundhouse and the sound amplification was excessive
- Residents were forced to bear the discomfort of having their windows closed during the hot weather to keep out the noise
- The Roundhouse held a party on September 5th or 6th where insulation was used to contain the loud music, which helped the situation considerably
- Would like to know why this is not always done
- Would like to know whether the Centre needs a permit to host these late night events and who issues these permits
- Would also like to see the schedule of upcoming events and to know whether the decibel regulation is being adhered to
- Happy to see repair work is going on at the Roundhouse plaza and would like to know the details of what is being done
- Supports the upgrades to the Centre
- Thanks Commissioner Barnes for attending a community safety event in Andy Livingstone Park at the end of July
- “Respect Your Host Community” was developed to address problems that arose with events in the community
- “Respect Your Host Community” provides a guide that helps event coordinators minimize negative impacts on the community
- Thinks this policy should be used to help residents near the Roundhouse Community Centre
- The main problem for residents with the construction at Beach Avenue is that they were not informed in advance
- Signage was placed at the seawall, but residents did not receive notification, which is unacceptable
- The felled trees at Concord Pacific were supposed to be replaced, but it is almost two years and nothing has happened; would like to know when this might be done
- Would like to know what is the intention for the future of the park
- Concord Pacific’s lease will expire in March 2011 and they might be interested in an extension
- Recommends that the lease not be extended and that the area be transformed into a park
- The noise at Beach Avenue makes it difficult for residents to function at work and can lead to residents losing their jobs
- Thinks residents need to be compensated for this
- Would like to see the public engaged in the budget decision process, as last year public input was not reflected in the final decision

Staff advised that a meeting is scheduled for the following day to discuss the seawall construction project with residents and work with them to address the issues that have arisen.

Staff responded to questions raised by the delegations and advised that other issues mentioned would be looked into.

The Board thanked the delegations for their comments.

STAFF REPORTS

Adanac Park Community Garden

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 23, 2010 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A and B.

Staff advised the Board that the proposal meets the criteria of the Community Garden Policy. The response rate for the public consultation was very low, but the majority were in favour of the proposal. The proposed size of the garden is 125 x 95 feet which will contain 56 plots. Staff advised that due to the size of the park, it would be able to accommodate the current users, as well as the community garden.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Angela Kenyon, Adanac Park Community Garden Society
- Urs Fellmann
- David Jameson

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

- Thanks staff and the Board for bringing this item forward
- The 160 families in the nearby co-op comprise of diverse ethnicities, income levels and ages
- There are young families, low income families and seniors who are interested in obtaining an affordable source of food
- 35 community members are currently committed to using the garden
- Has been sending out notices in different languages and have been receiving feedback from the community
- The main concern expressed by the community is whether the garden would result in more cars on the streets, which would increase traffic congestion, as the streets are so narrow
- However, most of the users would be nearby residents who will walk to the park
- There are two important areas which they hope to address: connecting generation links involving seniors and kids; and accessibility
- The Society has been speaking with representatives from the Disabilities Association regarding accessibility in the Park
- Once the proposal was put together, found the process with the Park Board was quite smooth
- Has been living right beside the proposed garden for a number of years and that area has always been heavily used
- There is not much available space left in the park

- Thinks another location in the park should be selected for the garden, maybe it does not have to be rectangular in shape
- There is also a raccoon problem in the area and would like to know how they hope to address this
- Thinks Community gardens are really private gardens on public land
- Adanac Park, unlike many of the other parks with community gardens, is heavily used – currently there are 3 sports field
- The recommended location is where volley ball, picnics etc currently occur
- Thinks if the Board is going to consult with the public for such a large park, a larger area should be surveyed, as well as existing user groups
- Assigning this space will only serve a few and take away space from the majority.

The board thanked the delegations for their comments.

Board members discussed the report. A few Board members inquired into whether the shape of the garden could be adjusted to minimise its impact on other user groups. Staff advised that this could be done as the shape is not confirmed in the recommendation. A Board member commented that in future more in-depth consultation should be done, possibly involving a larger radius to ensure that sufficient feedback is obtained from the community. A Board member suggested that the Community Gardens Policy be updated since the existing one is from 2005.

Moved by Commissioner Hundal,

- A. THAT the Board approve the use a portion of Adanac Park as a community garden, with all specifications to the satisfaction of the General Manager;**
- B. THAT the Board grant a 5 year license to operate the community garden to Adanac Park Community Garden Society, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.**

-Carried Unanimously.

(Commissioner Robertson was absent for the vote.)

Winter Farmers Market - Riley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 22, 2010 recommending that the Board approve a special event permit for Your Local Farmers Market Society to operate a Farmers Market in the Riley Park parking lot at Hillcrest Park, as outlined in the staff report.

Staff advised the Board that the market would operate from November 06 to April 30 (except on December 25 and January 01) and would contain 50 to 75 vendor tents. Staff will monitor the event during this period and an evaluation will be completed in fall 2011.

Board members discussed the report. Several Board members expressed their support for the market which fosters community building and provides the public with access to fresh produce.

Moved by Commissioner Woodcock,

THAT the Board approve a special event permit for Your Local Farmers Market Society to operate a Farmers Market in the Riley Park parking lot at Hillcrest Park as outlined in the staff report.

- Carried Unanimously.

Allocation of funds from Corporate Sponsorship

Board members received copies of a staff report dated September 22, 2010 recommending that the Board approve the contribution of \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Reserve for the design and production of printed and electronic versions of a Vancouver-wide map showing parks, beaches and key attractions.

Staff advised the Board that there is a need for a map or brochure that describes and markets the wealth of parks and other amenities available to Vancouver visitors and residents. This need was determined based on user feedback collected over a two year period. The maps will be in the form of a pocket booklet that will augment the current marketing plans, as well as a downloadable Smartphone map application.

Board members discussed the report. A Board member inquired, as the services of some stakeholders would be promoted on the map, whether cost-sharing opportunities were explored. Staff advised that in the past this was not successful and, based on the number of stakeholders, if they were all given the option the map may become too cluttered.

A Board member suggested that staff find a way to incorporate the ethnic diversity of the City in the publication. The Board member also recommended having the map available in other languages especially French. Staff advised that there are cost implications to having the map available in other languages; this may be more feasible with the electronic version.

A Board member inquired whether there would be staggered production runs, in case revisions need to be made. Staff advised that it would all be printed in one run, so they will have to ensure that it is done well. Another Board member inquired whether there will be time to have the publication vetted by some of the Board's partners and possibly the new Marketing

Committee. Staff advised that production will occur in spring 2011, so there is still time for this to be done.

Board members recommended that staff consider working with UBC on the publication of maps as there is an opportunity for promotional synergies and look into having parks and recreational facilities included in neighbourhood maps.

Moved by Commissioner Barnes,

THAT the Board approve the contribution of \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Reserve for the design and production of printed and electronic versions of a Vancouver-wide map showing parks, beaches and key attractions.

-Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member mentioned that at Riverfront Park a “No Smoking” sign has gone up next to the washroom, and inquired whether this would be the only sign posted in the park. The Board member also mentioned that residents near Beaconsfield Park would like to know when a park sign would be installed, as this has been promised for some time. Staff advised that they would look into these issues.

A Board member sought feedback from the rest of the Board on whether it would be a good idea for a few members of the Vancouver soccer team that represented Canada at the Homeless World Cup to make a short presentation to the Board on their experience at the Games. A Board member stated that this is a good idea but thought that other groups from Vancouver that represent Canada at similar international events should also be recognized, such as Trout Lake Little League.

A Board member inquired into whether the toxic oak trees at Emery Barnes Park were removed. Staff advised that the trees were removed and will be replaced over the coming weeks.

A Board member mentioned that the hat on one of the totem poles at Vanier Park has gone missing and requested that it be replaced. Staff will look into this.

A Board member commented that several residents have been requesting that signage posted by the Park Board include other ethnic languages and requested staff to look into this.

In-camera Session

Moved by Commissioner Mackinnon,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair