

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 02, 2011**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Aaron Jasper
	Vice-Chair	- Constance Barnes
	Commissioners	- Sarah Blyth
		- Raj Hundal
		- Stuart Mackinnon
		- Ian Robertson
		- Loretta Woodcock
	Deputy General Manager	- Peter Kuran
	Manager of Park Development	- Tiina Mack
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Tilo Driessen
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Gordon Barber
	Manager of Business Development	- Octavio Silva
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recorder	- Barinder Lalli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 18, 2011 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several events that had taken place over the last few weeks including a celebration for innovative energy-saving strategies and the City's greenhouse gas reduction achievements at Sunset Nursery, the Day of Mourning, the return of the antique fire truck to Stanley Park, the opening of the Creekside Child Development Centre, YouthPolitik, a Strathcona community event, Earth Day, and the Vancouver Heritage Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The last Services and Budgets Committee meeting convened on April 26, 2011. On the agenda were the funding of Summer Playground Programs and the March Financial Statement.

The May 12th 2011 Planning and Environment Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will convene on June 2, 2011.

City Council Report

The Deputy General Manager advised the Board that tomorrow Council will receive a Transportation Plan Update and the 2010 Statement of Financial Information.

STAFF REPORTS

Greenest City Action Team (GCAT) Update

Staff provided the Board with an update on the Greenest City Action Team (GCAT). Staff advised that there are ten broad long term goals which include a green economy, climate leadership, green buildings, green mobility, zero waste, easy access to nature, lighter footprint, clean water, clean air and local food. Staff added that there are ten targets associated with each long term goal to achieve by 2020.

The next steps include Council approving the Greenest City Action Plan (GCAP), preparing detailed funding requests and finally the implementation of specific Greenest City projects.

A Board member inquired how 4000 trees will be planted and paid for as the budget for trees has been reduced. Staff replied that they cannot plant more trees unless they are given more money.

A Board member asked when the bio-diversity aspect of this plan will be incorporated into it. Staff replied that detailed plans have yet to be determined. It is expected that bio-diversity will eventually be integrated into all aspects of the plan.

The following delegation requested to speak to the Board:

- Eleanor Hadley

The following is a summary of comments made by the foregoing delegation:

- Does not see how the City will be 'green' when the City is allowing trees to be cut and constructing buildings to the sidewalk;
- The City is removing green grass along sideways;
- Vancouver is being destroyed by builders and City Hall;
- Vancouver had a vision before and it was beautiful but it is not anymore;
- The construction job at English Bay is leaving a mess.

The Chair called a brief recess at 7:35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7: 42pm.

The Board adopted the following reports by Unanimous Consent:

Construction Contract Award -600 Moberly Road Car Park (Charleson Park Tennis Courts) Repairs

Village Kitchen at Creekside Community Recreation Centre –Award of Contract Amendment of Terms

Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business

A Board member inquired whether it was possible to expedite the approval process for the Dunbar Little League Association's beautification and remediation project at Memorial Field. Staff replied that they will form a license agreement with the Dunbar Little League Association so that they can contract the project out themselves with the usual Park Board approval and inspections. Staff added that this is the same process that was used for the South Vancouver Little League. A Board member asked what the timeline on this would be. Staff replied that it would fit within the Dunbar Little League Association's timeline and that the process is already underway with the Little League finalizing their designs for submission, approvals and confirming the contractor and his insurance.

A Board member urged the rest of the Board to drive along Beach Avenue as tulips have been planted and look beautiful.

In-Camera

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 city.

-Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Peter Kuran
Deputy General Manager

Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Chair