



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 26, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Aaron Jasper*
Commissioner Trevor Loke
Commissioner Niki Sharma

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Kevin Tuerlings

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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Commissioner Coupar rose on a point of personal privilege requesting that the Committee Chair consider past procedure and precedent to allow the opposition members to sit together at the Committee.

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STAFF REPORTS

1. Special Event/Special Occasion License Request: Voices in the Park

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

- A. THAT the Board approve the special event application for Voices in the Park, on September 15, 2012 in Stanley Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

- B. THAT the Board grant permission for Special Occasion Licenses totaling a maximum capacity of 5,500 persons, in conjunction with Voices in the Park in Stanley Park.

carried

The Director of Recreation presented the report and along with representatives of the Voices in the Park concert, responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board does not profit from the charitable event that benefits the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and adjusts the proposed permits and fees to only charge a permit fee at cost for Voices in the Park.

DEFEATED

(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke, Sharma opposed)

The amendment having been defeated, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Request from Walter Linck to remove street tree at 4053 W 20 Ave

Vancouver resident Walter Linck presented his request to the Committee to remove a street tree at 4053 W. 20 Ave. due to it blocking the sun to his property.

General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the Deputy GM and Director of Corporate Services advised the Committee that they will meet with Walter Linck to resolve his issue.

3. Park Board Food Cart Program

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

- A. THAT the Board approves a pilot program to test the feasibility of seasonal street food cart locations in selected parks.
- B. THAT staff work with the Corporate Procurement office to select from the City of Vancouver approved applicants/operators of the Street Food Program for the Park Board pilot program.
- C. THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.

carried

The Manager of Revenue Services and Marinas presented the report and responded to

questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers. One was in support, one was opposed, and one was opposed to signage and marketing in parks.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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At this point in the proceedings the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to accommodate the large number of speakers registered to speak to the motions. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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4. Stanley Park Children's Farmyard

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. There have recently been reports and allegations that Park Board animals from the Children's Farmyard were mistreated, sold and possibly put to death after they were adopted out, and the adoptive legal agreement between the Park Board with at least one individual has been breached;
2. The Park Board has a moral responsibility to these animals and has made a commitment to the animals and the public that these animals would be carefully placed in adoptive homes where they could live out their lives in a sanctuary like environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff to take immediate action and perform site visits and recheck references on all individuals and/or farms who adopted animals from the Children's Farmyard and present these results to the Board and that regular visits and follow-up on all remaining animals is conducted by staff every 6 months, for the remainder of all the animals lives.

defeated

The Committee heard from eight speakers. All eight speakers were in support.

AMMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

Add "1 year" after the phrase "conducted by staff every".

Strike the phrase, "6 months".

DEFEATED

(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke, Sharma opposed)

The amendment having been defeated, the motion was put and DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke, Sharma opposed)

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The Chair of the Committee called a short recess at 9:42 pm. The Committee reconvened at 9:47 pm with the same members present.

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5. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

- A. THAT the Board approves a public consultation regarding the installation of three cellular and electric vehicle charging stations to be located in pay parking lots along Beach Avenue.
- B. That staff report back to the board with the results of the public consultation and recommendations.

carried

The Manager of Revenue Services and Marinas, along with General Manager, Engineering, presented the report and responded to questions.

Following the discussion, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Art Phillips and Discovery Square

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Parks in Vancouver have often been named to commemorate individuals who have made significant contributions to parks and recreation in the city;
2. City Council and the Park Board cooperated on significant park land purchases and recreation facility projects in the early 1970's;
3. Art Phillips as the Mayor of Vancouver from 1973 to 1976 strongly supported this expansion of parks and recreation services as a foundation for the livability of a modern city;

4. Art Phillips' contribution to the city have not been recognised by a commemorative naming of a public place in Vancouver;
5. Art Phillips personally initiated a public donation by surrounding land owners in 1974 to match City funding for a new park in downtown that was named Discovery Square;
6. Discovery Square today is a rare oasis of natural beauty in a densely urbanised neighbourhood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to initiate a naming process for Discovery Square that appropriately commemorates the contribution that Art Phillips has made to the quality of life in Vancouver.

carried

The Committee heard from seven speakers. Six were in support, one was opposed.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. 2012 Operating Budget and 2012 Fees and Charges

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

- A. THAT the Board approve the 2012 Operating Budget of \$55,935,900, as approved by Council on March 5, 2012 and comprised of \$103,808,800 expenditures and \$47,872,900 revenues;
- B. THAT the Board approve the 2012 Fees and Charges as detailed in Appendix I.

carried

The Deputy GM and Director of Corporate Services, along with the Senior Business Analyst, presented the report and responded to questions.

Following the report and questions from the Committee, the motion was put and CARRIED.
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)
(Commissioner Jasper absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 11:13 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, March 26, 2012, at 11:16 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes, Chair
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sarah Blyth
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Trevor Loke
Commissioner Niki Sharma

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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Commissioner Coupar and Commissioner DeGenova requested that it be noted that at the previous meeting it was recorded that they voted in favour of the budget, however they were voting in favour of the amendment and not the recommendation. As it was the first meeting in a new structure they were unclear of the process and asked that their actual position be documented.

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1. Committee Meeting - February 27, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - February 27, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community activities that took place over the past few weeks including the Diversity Health Fair, International Women's Day, Akali Singh Sikh Temple recognition, the arrival of the Herons in Stanley Park for the twelfth consecutive year, and the memorial service for former President of Trout Lake CC Association, Chris Payne.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager advised that at Council this week, the Community Plans terms of reference and the West End Mayor's Advisory Committee recommendations would be presented.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
March 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the recommendations of the Park Board Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Motion to censure Commissioner Jasper

Commissioner Coupar submitted the following notice of motion.

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar
SECONDER: Commissioner

WHEREAS

7. Commissioner Jasper has recently made public comments regarding naming of parks, and was quoted in the Georgia Straight as follows, "We don't want to return to the days where Park Commissioners are naming Parks after themselves, which is really what we saw with George Wainborn Park and Andy Livingstone (Park) - a bunch of Commissioners sitting around deciding which Park they were going to name after themselves." ;

8. It has been confirmed that the quote was recorded and was accurately transcribed;
9. The statement by Commissioner Jasper is insulting and demeaning to deceased Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone and their families and attempts to tarnish the legacy of these outstanding Park Commissioners;
10. Both Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone have outstanding records in the Community and as Park Commissioners;
11. Commissioner Wainborn was the longest serving Commissioner in the History of The Vancouver Park Board. He was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada, and was awarded Freedom of the City, by the City of Vancouver. Among his accomplishments and service to the community were:
 - Founding Member Kitsilano Showboat
 - Managed Vancouver's 75th Anniversary Celebration
 - Started the Annual Carol Ships
 - Represented Vancouver at the Seattle World's Fair and coordinated Vancouver Special day at the World's Fair
 - Instrumental in the creation of miniature Railway in Stanley Park
 - Director of Nanaimo Bathtub Race
 - Participated in the Heritage Preservation of Brock House
 - Chaired Park Board Centennial Committee, highlighted by the closure of Stanley Park to cars
 - Awarded BCRP Outstanding merit award
 - Received the Tourism Vancouver Harold J Merilees Memorial award in recognition of a person "who has made an outstanding contribution to the International awareness of the Greater Vancouver area to the World"
 - Former Director Kitsilano and Mount Pleasant Community Associations
 - Life member Hastings Community Association
 - Former Lacrosse Commissioner, player referee and coach for local lacrosse and soccer leagues
 - Initiated Christmas lighting of Beach Ave Trees
 - Honorary Member of the VPD Mounted Squad
 - Supervised the writing of the first history book on Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, "The first 100 Years"
 - Recipient of Kitsilano and Vancouver Good citizen Awards
 - The only Canadian ever named by the United States National Recreation and Parks Association to receive their National Service Award. Serving over 30 years as an Executive member of the NRPA
 - Longest serving Director/Governor of the PNE Board, over forty years; recipient of recognition award and lifetime pass in 1991
 - Served as a liaison to Theatre under the Stars Board
 - Served as liaison Commissioner to City's Special Committee on Disability
 - Twenty Five year member of Kitsilano Lions Club
 - Member of the Vancouver Pioneers Association;

12. Commissioner Andy Livingstone also had a long history as a Park Commissioner and Community Volunteer:

- Board Chair Hastings Community Centre
- As Park Board Chair was instrumental in preventing the Four Seasons Hotel Group from developing a Hotel complex at the entrance to Stanley Park
- Instrumental in the creation of Devonian Park at the entrance to Stanley Park
- Negotiated with CPR Chair Buck Crump joining the Honourable Grace McCarthy and Mayor Tom Campbell in talks which led to the creation of Van Dusen Botanical Garden
- Directly involved as PB representative in the acquisition and development of Brock House
- Long time board Member of Vancouver's Youville Residence a care facility for seniors and continued to advocate for seniors for many years after his service to the Park Board ended;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Commissioner Jasper be:

1. Censured by this Board and,
2. Apologise to both the families involved and the Vancouver Park Board and staff.

Failing that, this Board hereby asks Commissioner Jasper to tender his resignation to the Chair.

ENQUIRIES

Staff advised that they would provide Commissioners with responses to the following enquiries:

1. A Board member asked for an update on the new website and its public consultation abilities.
2. A Board member asked for an update on the usage of park field houses.

The Board adjourned at 11:36 pm

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