



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of privilege stating that she was uncomfortable with the current seating arrangement and asked whether the Chair had considered Commissioner Coupar's request to change the seating order from the previous meeting. The Chair advised that the request had been denied.

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STAFF REPORTS

1. Trillium North park site - Concept Plan

Staff from Park Development presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers who were in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Trillium North park site as shown in Appendix 3.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the following be added as "B" to the motion above:

THAT staff be directed to explore the option that any park space lost from the proposed right-of-way be compensated for by the addition of park space to the west of the existing park site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION:

- A. THAT the Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Trillium North park site as shown in Appendix 3;
- B. THAT staff be directed to explore the option that any park space lost from the proposed right-of-way be compensated for by the addition of park space to the west of the existing park site.

2. Boathouse Restaurant Patio

The Manager of Revenue Services presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from six speakers. Three in support and three opposed to the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

- A. THAT the Board approves an expansion of the Boathouse Restaurant to include a 56 seat outdoor roof patio to be located to the west of the restaurant;
- B. THAT subject to the approval of the City of Vancouver Planning for the expansion of the restaurant a modification be made to the Boathouse Restaurant lease in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager;
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver the modification on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball Courts

The Director of Recreation presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers all in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board approve a change to the current policy regarding the operation of the basketball courts at Kitsilano Beach Park, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. A-maze-ing Laughter in Morton Park

Staff from Recreation presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who supported the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board accept the long-term loan or donation of A-maze-ing Laughter - a sculpture composed of fourteen bronze laughing figures by artist Yue Minjin - for continued exhibition in Morton Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Parking Initiatives

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the board approves changes to our fees and schedules for pay parking operations effective May 1st, 2012 as per the attached schedule.

amended

The Supervisor of Business Services presented the report and responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the following be added as "B" to the motion above:

THAT the Board direct staff to develop a policy to ensure a principled, consistent and fair approach to pay parking throughout the city.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board defer the vote on the recommendation until a policy and report on parking is in place.

DEFEATED

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

The amendments having carried and lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed.

FINAL MOTION:

- A. THAT the board approves changes to our fees and schedules for pay parking operations effective May 1st, 2012 as per the attached schedule;
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to develop a policy to ensure a principled, consistent and fair approach to pay parking throughout the city.

6. 2011 Capital Closeout

The Acting Director of Planning and Operations presented the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve 2011 Capital closeout of Park Board projects as described in the attached Council Report (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

1. Motion to Recognise the Accomplishments of Past Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone and the Historical Importance of their efforts.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Both Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone have outstanding records in the Community and as Park Commissioners.

2. 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

3. 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 the Board:

1. Reaffirm that Park Commissioners honour and respect the contribution of these outstanding Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone
2. Endeavor to educate citizens about the long History of The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and accomplishments of this venerable Institution. Further to direct staff to improve Park Board website and printed material to include greater historical content, with specific Biographical information on accomplishments of Citizens who have been honoured with a named Park. In addition to include information where ever possible about the proud history of the Vancouver Park Board and the fantastic contribution of its employees and Park Boards transformational role in the development of Vancouver

defeated

The Committee heard from one speaker who opposed the recommendation.

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Commissioner Loke called a point of order stating that Commissioner De Genova's comments were not related to the motion. The Chair ruled in favour of Commissioner Loke and asked that Commissioner De Genova keep her comments to the motion that was on the table.

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Following discussion, the motion was put and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 10:13 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 10:20 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - March 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - March 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several community activities that took place over the past few weeks including the introduction of food carts in parks and bat houses at golf courses, Sakura Days Japan Fair, Hastings Community Little League Opening Ceremonies and Vimy Day Commemoration.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager advised that at Council this week, the 2011 Capital Closeout and 2011 Annual Financial Report would be presented.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
April 16, 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

Commissioner DeGenova submitted the following notice of motion.

- 1. Creation of a Community Centre Association at Creekside Community Recreation Centre**

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova
SECONDER: Commissioner

WHEREAS

1. Community Centre Associations are essential to the success of Community Centres and the programs and services offered in Community Centres throughout Vancouver;
2. Community Centre Associations help Park Board to facilitate public consultation and engage citizens of Vancouver at a grassroots level;
3. The Park Board has historically had a partnership and good relationship with Community Centre Associations and understands that Community Centre Associations foster direct involvement with individual communities, which contributes to the success of each community centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Board direct staff to put in place a process within six months, to advertise and encourage members of the community to be involved in forming a Community Centre Association for Vancouver's newest Community Centre, Creekside Community Centre. Furthermore, that the Board also direct staff to implement a plan and/or strategy for new Community Centres to ensure that future Community Centres have Community Centre Associations in place either before or soon after the opening of new Community Centres.

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following notice of motion.

2. Proposed Expansion of Trans Mountain Pipeline

MOVER: Commissioner Sharma

SECONDER: Commissioner

WHEREAS

1. Kinder Morgan has recently announced plans to pursue the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline to nearly triple its capacity to transport crude oil through Burrard Inlet;
2. If the proposed expansion occurred, it would result in larger tankers transporting crude oil at a high frequency through Burrard Inlet;
3. The Vancouver Park Board is mandated to provide, preserve and advocate for parks for the benefit of all citizens of Vancouver;
4. The Vancouver Park Board manages 24 kilometers of waterfront along Burrard Inlet, English Bay and False Creek including many beaches and parks such as Stanley Park;
5. The Vancouver Park Board has invested and continues to invest in projects to restore the natural environment around our waterways including the creation of a salt water marsh at New Brighton Park and the restoration of Jericho Wharf;
6. Our waterfront spaces are an integral component of Vancouver's recreational lifestyle;
7. The increase in oil tanker traffic through Burrard Inlet places our waterfront at greater risk of contamination from an oil spill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board is strongly opposed to any expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

ENQUIRIES

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

1. A Board member requested that signage in the parks be more consistent and provided staff with pictures illustrating areas where signage was confusing.

2. A Board member advised that the City was installing free wifi at different locations and suggested that the Bloedel Conservatory be considered a good location as there is an antenna there already.
3. A Board member asked for an outline of the planning process for the skate park at Mount Pleasant Park.

The Board adjourned at 10:35 pm

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