



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 25, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes

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

RECORDER: Kevin Tuerlings

ROLL CALL

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Commissioner Coupar rose on a point of information requesting that the Board convene a special meeting to discuss and review Committee meeting procedures. The Chair advised that the request had been granted and that a meeting would be scheduled.

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STAFF REPORTS

1. Park Board Signing Authority

The Senior Business Analyst presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who requested staff members sign their full name at the bottom of the staff reports.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the signing authority for Park Board accounts be designated as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Grandview Park - Vancouver Dyke March and Festival Special Occasion License and Vending Request

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

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Board approve adjustments to the Vancouver Dyke March and Festival on August 4th, 2012 at Grandview Park as outlined in this report, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, June 25, 2012, at 7:21 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes

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

RECORDER: Kevin Tuerlings

ROLL CALL

IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

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

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - June 11, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - June 11, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on several events including the Arts and Health Project exhibition, National Aboriginal Day, Voices in the Park announcement, Dragon Boat Festival, Klahowya Village opening, Elms of East 6th Avenue plaque, Little Mountain and Riley Park Festival, Point Grey Fiesta Days, and the Stanley Park Miniature Train fire.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Deputy General Manager reported on a Park Board related item at Council and Committee, the Hastings Park/PNE Master Plan Implementation: New Brighton Park Connection - Adoption of Concept Plan. He also shared two recent awards, one to Hillcrest Centre - a People's Choice Award from the Masonry Institute of BC at this year's Masonry Design Awards, and one to Chair Sarah Blyth - from ProMOTION Plus, recognizing her contributions to girls and women in sport and recreation.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee

June 25, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

Commissioner Jasper submitted the following notices of motion:

1. Use of name Spanish Banks Beach Park

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The recreation/beach area, named Spanish Banks Beach Park when it was leased to Park Board in 1929, was renamed Spanish Bank Beach Park in 2006 in response to public debate as to the proper name;
2. That from a geophysical and navigational perspective, Spanish Bank is the correct name for the maritime area, and was officially adopted on December 7, 1937 on British Admiralty Chart #1922;
3. The use of the name Spanish Banks has historical roots, dating back to the early days in the development of city of Vancouver.
4. The name Spanish Banks continues to be the name most commonly used by citizens and used in City documentation to describe the beach/recreational area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to henceforth revert to the use of Spanish Banks Beach Park in reference to the beach/recreational area held in its jurisdiction.

2. Golf Course Metrics

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Board holds three public golf courses and three pitch and putt courses in its jurisdiction;
2. These courses provide citizens with (181 - golf only) hectares of public open space, several kilometers of recreational pathways, wildlife habitat, and urban forest, and contribute to Vancouver's natural capital;
3. One of ten Greenest City 2020 goals is that Vancouver residents enjoy incomparable access to green spaces, including the world's most spectacular urban forest;
4. That the Board is committed to providing the best value to the public, improving revenue generating opportunities, and exploring opportunities for growth and improvement to Vancouver's public golf courses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to compile and report back usage and revenue metrics for Vancouver's public golf and pitch and putt courses.

Commissioner Loke submitted the following notice of motion:

3. Disinfection of Public Pools

MOVER: Commissioner Loke

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The BC Health Act (section 296/2010) requires that all pools, less than 30°C, maintain a minimum of 0.5ppm (parts per million) of Free Available Chlorine (FAC);
2. Chlorine acts as a residual disinfectant to kill microbes or germs immediately deposited in the pool;
3. There are no public pools in British Columbia that operate chlorine-free;
4. Alternative disinfection systems such as UV (Ultra Violet) and Ozone are complementary to chlorine to provide superior sanitation without adverse health effects;
5. Chlorine in excess of 1ppm (parts per million) have been linked to bronchitis, Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS), pulmonary edema, and can create asthma-like symptoms; additionally, chlorine is an irritant for skin, eyes and the respiratory system;
6. The Vancouver Park Board has led the way by installing secondary disinfection systems at Renfrew Pool, Hillcrest, Kensington Community Centre, Templeton Pool, Killarney Pool, and in the hot tub at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board aims to provide secondary disinfection systems of Ozone or UV (Ultra Violet) technologies at all public swimming pools which it operates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board aims to limit chlorine at 1.5ppm (parts per million) at all public swimming pools which it operates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back with an implementation plan for instillation of secondary disinfection systems outlined in this motion.

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following notice of motion:

4. Recording and live streaming Park Board meetings

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The park board strives for transparency in all deliberations at park board and park board committee meetings;
2. Recent actions and changes to the structure of board and committee meetings by the board may have resulted in confusion to the public regarding the process of participating in meetings;
3. The park board could ensure its meetings were more effective by fully engaging with the public;
4. Advances in technology have lowered the costs of recording archiving and transmitting public meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board direct staff to report back with options regarding recording of park board and park board committee meetings, including options for both a live and delayed web based transmission as well as access by the public to archived recordings of the meetings.

Commissioner Blyth submitted the following notice of motion:

5. Stanley Park Train Station

MOVER: Commissioner Blyth

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Stanley Park Miniature Train Station was built in 1962 and has historic value;
2. Visiting the Stanley Park Miniature Train has been a tradition for many local families and is a popular tourist destination in Vancouver;
3. The Stanley Park Miniature Train has been used since 1997 to help raise over \$1,400,000 for the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund;
4. The Stanley Park Miniature Train is an integral part of the Klahowya Village experience;
5. The Stanley Park Miniature Train burnt down on Saturday 23, 2012;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to make the rebuilding of the Stanley Park Miniature Train Station as a "green building" a top priority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to explore opportunities to raise additional funds for the rebuilding of the train station;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to work with park partners such as SPES and ATBC as well as the public to elicit design concepts for a new train station that would also look at opportunities to generate revenue.

ENQUIRIES

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

1. A Board member asked for an update on the status of the Marketing Committee.
2. A Board member asked why Stanley Park did not have animal-proof garbage containers, and if staff could look into the possibility of implementing them.

The Board adjourned at 8:07 pm

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