



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 23, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 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
Commissioner Constance Barnes

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

RECORDER: Kevin Tuerlings

ROLL CALL

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board adopt the following reports on consent:

1. Community garden at Woodland Park
2. Proposal for Landscape Enhancement Commemorating Irish Canadian Contributions, in Thornton Park

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee heard from one speaker who was in support of the "Proposal for Landscape Enhancement Commemorating Irish Canadian Contributions, in Thornton Park," and one speaker who was in support of the monument if it is moved to a different park in the area, as to not take away from the importance of the current Women's Monument.

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Commissioner Coupar deferred his "Protection of Vancouver's Public Parks and Green Spaces" motion to a future meeting.

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MOTIONS

1. Discounted Rates and Fees for Persons with Disabilities

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

WHEREAS

1. The majority of persons with disabilities are considered low income and depend on government funding and assistance.
2. Program and user fees at Vancouver community centres and recreational facilities do not currently reflect special fees and rates posted for persons with disabilities.
3. Many persons with disabilities require a care attendant to assist them when using community centres and recreational facilities. Although costs of user fees are discounted for attendants, the cost remains significant and is a burden for persons with disabilities, who are required to cover this cost.
4. Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture have a huge impact on quality of life for persons with disabilities and access to community centres and recreational facilities promotes access to learning, skill building and socialization.
5. The cost of attending Vancouver community centres and recreational facilities is out of reach for some persons with disabilities and impedes their ability to participate in Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture.
6. Currently, the user fees at community centres and Recreational facilities, impede accessibility for persons with disabilities.
7. Accessibility is identified in the strategic plan as an area the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is working towards improving.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and develop a strategy for persons with disabilities, to access Park Board community centres, recreational facilities and programs at a lower rate, similar to the rates offered to children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to ensure Park Board addresses issues of physical accessibility to community centres, Recreational Facilities and Programs in Vancouver.

amended

The Committee heard from seven speakers who were in support of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the first clause of the resolution be struck and replaced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to develop a strategy to reduce financial barriers at all Park Board facilities and programs for persons with disabilities including access exploring options such as, but not limited to, discounted rates offered to children and seniors.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Blyth absent for vote)

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Dog Off-Leash Area Guidelines

A Planner presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendation, 3 in support of the recommendation but opposed to an OLA on the Hadden Park beach, and 2 opposed to the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

- A. THAT the Board approve the Dog Off-Leash Area Guidelines as listed in Appendix A.
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to report back in the Fall with next steps.

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 registered speakers. The "Fall 2012 Fees and Charges Changes" staff report switched positions with the "Seawall and Improving of Public Access to Fraser River" motion. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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2. Food Assets Task Force - Terms of Reference

The Park Planner presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

- A. THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Local Food Assets Task Force.
- B. THAT the Board appoint Commissioners Aaron Jasper and Niki Sharma as co-chairs of the Local Food Assets Task Force.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following be added to the end of the recommendation:

THAT the Board direct staff to report back with an update on the cost and progress of the task force in 1 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

FINAL RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Local Food Assets Task Force.
- B. THAT the Board appoint Commissioners Aaron Jasper and Niki Sharma as co-chairs of the Local Food Assets Task Force.
- C. THAT the Board direct staff to report back with an update on the cost and progress of the task force in 1 year.

MOTIONS

2. Seawall and Improving of Public Access to Fraser River

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

- 1. The Vancouver Park Board currently manages a 22km seawall;
- 2. The seawall is internationally known and recognized as an accessible and vibrant public space for people of all ages and abilities;

3. There is currently a gap in waterfront access between two very popular Vancouver beaches: Kits beach and Jericho; and in places where the beach is public, it is inaccessible for many including those with strollers or wheelchairs;
4. South Vancouver has limited public access to the waterfront, despite increasing populations in neighbourhoods like East Fraserlands and Marpole;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:

- Develop options for connecting the seawall from Jericho to Kits beach;
- Report back on ways to improve public access along the Fraser River;
- Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

amended

The Committee heard from four speakers who were opposed to the motion but were in favour of other options for continuous paths, and sixteen opposed to the motion.

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The Chair called a short recess at 11:00pm. The Committee reconvened at 11:09pm with the same members present.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the motion be severed into two separate motions as seen below:

- 1) THAT the Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:
 - Develop options for connecting the seawall from Jericho to Kits beach;
 - Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.
- 2) THAT the Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:
 - Report back on ways to improve public access along the Fraser River;
 - Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar, De Genova opposed)

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

That the following motion be deferred:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:

- Develop options for connecting the seawall from Jericho to Kits beach;
- Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar, De Genova, Loke opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the proposed amendment replaces the second bullet point of the second motion with:

- Engage an independent consultant to conduct an environmental study on this area before any further steps are taken.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:

- Report back on ways to improve public access along the Fraser River;
- Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS

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vibrant public space for people of all ages and abilities;

3. There is currently a gap in waterfront access between two very popular Vancouver beaches: Kits beach and Jericho; and in places where the beach is public, it is inaccessible for many including those with strollers or wheelchairs;
4. South Vancouver has limited public access to the waterfront, despite increasing populations in neighbourhoods like East Fraserlands and Marpole;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:

- Report back on ways to improve public access along the Fraser River;
- Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

3. Protecting Commercial Bicycle Rentals

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. A robust cycling infrastructure is a key component of the City of Vancouver transportation plan;
2. Many bicycle rental businesses operate in Vancouver, particularly in the Stanley Park area and these businesses improve access and enjoyment of Public Parks;
3. The taxpayer subsidized Public Bike Share (PBS) network will significantly detract from the viability of the private rental sector.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no PBS installations be placed near prominent tourist destinations specifically, but limited to, Stanley Park, the Vancouver Convention Centre and English Bay;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PBS be installed at transit hubs only;

THEREFORE BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any PBS contract will require that no promotional memberships be offered at any time.

amended

The Committee heard from one speaker who was in favour of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the motion's resolution be struck and replaced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board affirm its support for staff, and to engage City staff, to work with local bicycle rental businesses in the design and implementation of a public bike share system and the location of rental stations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

STAFF REPORTS

3. Fall 2012 Fees and Charges Changes

The Senior Business Analyst presented the report and answered any questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve changes to the 2012 Fees and Charges as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 23, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2012, at 12:21 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
Commissioner Constance Barnes

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
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:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - June 25, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - June 25, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
July 23, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

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

1. A Board member asked if staff could treat the grass that has been damaged from use by a film crew and their tents at the Main and 18th park.

The Board adjourned at 12:34 am

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