



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 10, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported on the Park Board's 2012 Strategic Accomplishments

STAFF REPORTS

1. Shannon Mews Park Concept Plan

The Manager of Park Development presented the report and responded to questions.

The Board heard from four speakers who requested that the Board consider low allergen gardens, the creation of active play equipment for kids and the inclusion of a dog park.

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

That the Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Shannon Mews public park as shown in Appendix E.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2013 Committee/Board Meeting Dates

The Deputy General Manager presented and responded to questions.

The Board heard from two speakers opposed to the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

That the Board approve the proposed 2013 Committee/Board meeting dates.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board increase the frequency of the meetings to two meetings per month.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED.
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

MOTIONS

1. Leaders in Greening

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board is responsible for providing citizens access to quality green space that supports local biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem;
2. The Park Board has finalized its Strategic Plan that contains as one of its high level directions "Leaders in Greening";
3. The Park Board has existing targets to make our operations more sustainable such as "Zero Waste" and "Zero Carbon", and must make a robust plan to achieve these targets;
4. The Park Board is working on achieving the goals of the Greenest City Action Plan;
5. The Park Board would like to meaningfully engage with the staff, the public and community leaders to take advantage of the best current ideas for developing a more sustainable operation and promote green initiatives throughout the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff direct resources towards establishing the portfolio for a "Sustainability Officer" in the Park Board with the responsibility of overseeing and managing our efforts to become "Leaders in Greening";
2. Staff establish a "Leaders in Greening" Task Force comprised of community experts, staff and Commissioners to make policy recommendations and identify opportunities that would:
 - a. Develop sustainability strategy and actions for the Park Board's "Leaders in Greening" objective;
 - b. Identify performance metrics that would help to measure our achievement of these actions; and
 - c. Engage our partners, volunteers and community groups to work together in greening or educational projects that work to achieve our healthy ecosystem goals.

The Board heard from three speakers, two who were in favour and one who was opposed to the motion.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and CARRIED.
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

2. The Impact of a reduction in staff hours in Vancouver's Community Centres

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. Community Centres are important to all neighbourhoods throughout Vancouver;
2. 900 staff hours were cut from Community Centres in 2012;
3. The majority of Vancouver's 23 Community Centres received a reduction in staff hours;
4. Community Centres have in some cases been forced to close completely, for up to a week, and over holidays and weekends;
5. Community Centres offer services to all citizens of Vancouver and offer specialized services and programs for Vancouver's most vulnerable citizens- including low income, seniors and youth-at-risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The board direct staff to call a public meeting of the Park Board and hear from Community Centre Associations and the public as to how, if at all, this reduction in staff hours has affected neighbourhoods and communities throughout Vancouver;
2. Community Centre Associations and the Public are encouraged to bring forward suggestions as to how, if at all, the relationship between Community Centre Associations and Park Board can be improved.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

That the resolution be struck and replaced with:

That the Board direct staff to assess the impact, if any, of the 2012 budget initiative to reduce community centre hours of operation during low use times, and report back with the appropriate data and information to a future public meeting of the Board.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

Therefore be it further resolved that staff consult with each Community Centre Association from each Community Centre affected by the cuts.

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

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

FINAL MOTION:

WHEREAS

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5. Community Centres offer services to all citizens of Vancouver and offer specialized services and programs for Vancouver's most vulnerable citizens- including low income, seniors and youth-at-risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to assess the impact, if any, of the 2012 budget initiative to reduce community centre hours of operation during low use times, and report back with the appropriate data and information to a future public meeting of the Board.

The Committee adjourned at 9:32 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 9:32 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Commissioner Jasper nominated Commissioner Blyth. Commissioner Blyth accepted the nomination. Commissioner De Genova nominated Commissioner Coupar. Commissioner Coupar accepted the nomination.

Ballots were provided to Commissioners for completion. After counting the ballots, Commissioner Blyth was elected Chair of the Park Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the ballots be destroyed

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Barnes nominated Commissioner Jasper. Commissioner Jasper accepted the nomination. Commissioner Coupar nominated Commissioner De Genova. Commissioner De Genova accepted the nomination.

Ballots were provided to Commissioners for completion. After counting the ballots, Commissioner Jasper was elected Vice-Chair of the Park Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the ballots be destroyed

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Commissioner Niki Sharma was elected Chair of the Park Board Committee by acclamation.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Trevor Loke was elected Vice-Chair of the Park Board Committee by acclamation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - November 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - November 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that several Park Board building projects were recognized recently at the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver's 2012 Commercial Building Awards. The big winner of the night was Hillcrest Centre, receiving the Judge's Choice Award and the Community-Recreation Services Excellence Award. The new Visitor Centre at VanDusen Botanical Garden won the Green/Energy Efficiency Award for creating a living building. Trout Lake Community Centre and VanDusen Visitor Centre also won merit awards in the Community- Recreation Services area; and Cactus Club Cafe English Bay also won a merit award in the Retail category. The General Manager also reported that the Daniel Hospitality Group had been awarded Best Hospitality Company to Work for in BC by BC Business Magazine.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
December 10, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Increasing involvement of Park Board in community amenity contributions process

Mover: Commissioner De Genova

Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Park Board staff inquire with the City of Vancouver as to how the park board and staff could be involved at earlier stages, and include the Park Board more directly in the CAC decision making process;
2. Park Board staff discuss with the City of Vancouver planning department the possibility of a percentage of fees, negotiated as CACs for Parks and Recreation, to come directly to the Park Board, in a separate budget to be spent at the Boards discretion;
3. CAC contributions falling under the category of parks and recreation will be approved by the Park Board prior to being formally presented to the public.

Commissioner Jasper submitted the following notice of motion:

2. Review of park by-laws and increased by-law enforcement

Mover: Commissioner Jasper

Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Park Board staff work with the City's Legal Services Department to review and update all Park Bylaws as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Park Board staff work with the City's Legal Services Department to grant Park Rangers authority to issue a Municipal Ticket Information for the infraction of all Park Bylaws.

The Board adjourned at 9:51 pm

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