

## 2. Time Limits on the length of Park Board Meetings

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

### WHEREAS

1. Regular and Special Park Board Meetings are open to the public and are crucial to open and transparent decision making;
2. The special Park Board meeting held on February 4, 2013 did not adjourn until 3:13am on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013;
3. Meetings that continue late into the evening or extend into the next calendar day can compromise the safety of citizens who depend on active forms of transportation or public transit to attend Park Board meetings;
4. Studies have shown that sleep deprivation produces impairments in cognitive function and these impairments can effect decision making;
5. Park Board meetings follow the Park Board procedural bylaws and when those are silent the City of Vancouver's Procedure Bylaw is used;
6. The City of Vancouver's Procedure Bylaw states that "regular meetings must adjourn by 10pm, unless the council members present unanimously pass a resolution to extend the meeting by one hour or less":
7. Both the Park Board and the City of Vancouver's procedure bylaws are silent on the extension of Special meetings.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Board direct staff to recommend changes to the Park Board procedure bylaw which will limit the time of Regular and Special meetings to 10:00pm unless the Park Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting to a specific time.
- B. Staff bring forward recommendations in a staff report to the Board for discussion at the April 8, 2013 Park Board meeting.