



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 7:02 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Niki Sharma (Sick Leave)

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager

RECORDERS: Pat Boomhower and Cheryl Chan

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Proposed Public Art for Guelph Park - Dude Chilling Park

Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, and jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, reviewed the report, and along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board accept the donation of the *Dude Chilling Park* sign, a site-specific artwork created for Guelph Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

2. Kiteboarding Pilot Program - Update

Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, and Sean Healy, Aquatic Supervisor, provided an update on the kitesurfing pilot program, safety, public education and the next steps, and responded to questions.

3. Festival of Lights and Bright Nights - Update

Gordon Barber, Manager of Revenue Services, and Ken Maguire, Supervisor, Business Services, provided an update on the success of the Festival of Lights held at VanDusen Gardens which supported the Make A Wish Foundation, and the Bright Nights in Stanley Park which supported the British Columbia Firefighters Burn Fund.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support and commended the work on the Festival of Lights.

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 7:37 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes, Acting Chair
Commissioner Sarah Blyth
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Commissioner Trevor Loke

ABSENT: Commissioner Niki Sharma, Chair (Sick Leave)

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager

RECORDERS: Pat Boomhower and Cheryl Chan

IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on February 17, 2013, at 6:00 pm, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to the following paragraph:

- (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 and Park Board if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Park Board - December 16, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 16, 2013, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board - January 20, 2014

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the minutes of the following meetings held on January 20, 2014, be approved as circulated:

- a) Park Board Committee
- b) Regular Board meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager noted Park Board related items at Council and its Standing Committee this week include the Greenest City update, Oakridge Transit Centre policy planning, Great Northern Way Campus Plan, two motions regarding the Killarney Seniors' Centre, and discussion on the Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee February 3, 2014

The Board considered the report containing recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee. Its items of business included:

1. REPORT: Proposed Public Art for Guelph Park - Dude Chilling Park
2. UPDATE: Kiteboarding Pilot Program
3. UPDATE: Festival of Lights and Bright Nights

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 3, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Vancouver Sport Network Liaison

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is tasked with facilities, spaces and tools to accommodate a broad range of sports in the City of Vancouver;
2. The Vancouver Sport Network is an official advisory body of the City of Vancouver which works with sports groups, professional sport and recreational advisers, and stakeholders with an interest in sport in the City of Vancouver;
3. There is not currently an official liaison between the Vancouver Park Board and the Vancouver Sport Network;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Chair of the Vancouver Park Board appoint an official liaison to the Vancouver Sport Network; and

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board supports the ongoing work of the Vancouver Sport Network and recognizes its vital role as an organization which champions sports in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Heritage Actions

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Heritage Buildings, Parks and Facilities are highly valued by Vancouver residents and are an important component of neighbourhood character;
2. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a Heritage Action Plan on December 4, 2013 to update the City's existing Heritage Conservation Program and proceed with several "Quick Start Actions" including regulatory changes, process improvements, proactive outreach to senior levels of government and updates to the City's Heritage Register;

3. The overall goal of this comprehensive update to Vancouver's Heritage Conservation Program is to strengthen the policies and tools available to staff and to Council to protect key heritage resources throughout the City;
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation holds many assets with heritage value including buildings, spaces, and gardens;
5. The Vancouver Heritage Commission at its regular meeting on January 13, 2014 unanimously passed a motion to support efforts by the Vancouver Park Board to identify and plan for the conservation of its heritage resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff be directed to compile a registry of Park Board buildings and sites with significant heritage value.
- B. Staff be directed to work in conjunction with the planned City of Vancouver (COV) Vancouver Heritage Register update.
- C. Staff be directed to develop, in conjunction with City of Vancouver (COV) heritage staff, an overall Historical Context Statement for the Park Board.
- D. Staff be directed to create individual Statements of Historical Significance once such buildings and sites have been identified.
- E. Staff provide updates to the Vancouver Heritage Commission to keep the Commission advised of progress.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT this matter and motion be referred to staff before committing to the Park Board.

carried

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During discussion, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The General Manager responded to questions.

Motion to refer to this matter to staff was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Expediting the Completion of South East Seniors Centre

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation voted unanimously on May 4, 2009, to allocate land next to the Killarney Community Centre in order to build a seniors centre in South East Vancouver;
2. Vancouver City Council unanimously approved a \$2.5 million funding contribution toward the South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre on February 1, 2011, as part of the 2011 Capital Budget.
3. The Province of British Columbia announced a \$1.3 million funding commitment toward construction of a new seniors centre in South East Vancouver on April 15, 2013;
4. The Government of Canada announced on January 7, 2014, that it will contribute up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, toward a 10,000-square-foot seniors centre facility in South East Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund, a program established in 2007 to fund projects from 2007 through to the end of 2014;
5. The Mayor of Vancouver announced on January 19, 2014, that he will introduce a motion to use surplus funds from the City's operating budget to cover the anticipated funding shortfall for the Killarney Seniors Centre.
6. South East Vancouver is home to 1/3 of Vancouver's Senior Citizens;
7. Killarney Seniors Centre will provide opportunities for recreation and resources to 27,000 seniors in East Vancouver;
8. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested the Centre should be built to 10,000 square feet to serve the growing population of Vancouver Seniors;
9. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested that a commercial kitchen is necessary to provide hot meals to seniors and will help the centre to provide resources for cultural events;
10. The Killarney Seniors Society has suggested that a separate elevator inside the centre is essential for many of the Seniors who will use the facility;

11. The anticipated cost to complete a 10,000 square foot Killarney Seniors Centre, including a commercial kitchen and separate elevator, has not yet been presented to Park Board Commissioners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Vancouver Park Board direct the General Manager to work with Park Board and City Staff and report back within 30 days with an estimated total cost of a 10,000 square foot Seniors Centre, including a commercial kitchen and separate elevator.
- B. Park Board direct the General Manager to work with City Staff and report back to the Park Board with a timeline for architectural drawings and a projected date to begin construction of the South East Seniors Centre.
- C. Staff explore the possibility of including a roof top garden on top of the South East Seniors Centre which would be ideal for events at the centre and for the general enjoyment of seniors and would help the Park Board to meet its goal as a leader in greening.
- D. Park Board, in a formal letter to Mayor and Vancouver City Council, commit to assist in expediting the construction of the South East Seniors Centre.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT this matter and pending motion be referred to staff before committing to the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Appreciation for the Federal and Provincial Governments for contributing funds to the Killarney Seniors Centre**

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. The Province of British Columbia has committed \$1.3 million toward construction of a South East Vancouver seniors centre;
2. The Government of Canada will contribute up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, towards a 10,000-square-foot seniors centre facility in South East Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund;
3. The South East Seniors Centre, when completed, will serve 27,000 seniors in Vancouver's East Vancouver neighbourhoods;

4. The South East Seniors Centre could not be completed without the generous contribution of funds from the Federal and Provincial Government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Chair of the Park Board write a formal letter, on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, to the Prime Minister and Vancouver South MP Wai Young, expressing thanks and appreciation for the Federal Government's generous contribution to the South East Seniors Centre.
- B. The Chair of the Park Board write a formal letter, on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, to the Premier and Vancouver Fraserview MLA Suzanne Anton, expressing thanks and appreciation for the Provincial Government's generous contribution to the South East Seniors Centre.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the motion be amended by adding paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 to the Whereas to read:

5. Lorna Gibbs, President of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Art & Cultural Society, has been working towards building a much needed community centre for seniors in Killarney for over 15 years;
6. In 2009, Commissioner Raj Hundal brought forward a successful motion to allocate the land needed to build Killarney Community Centre;
7. In 2011, with the leadership of City Councillor Raymond Louie, Council approved 2.5 million with hopes the Provincial and Federal Governments would match funding;
8. In 2014, Mayor Gregor Robertson announced 1.2 million to complete the project;

and to add paragraph C to the Resolved:

The Chair of the Park Board write a formal letter, on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, to the Mayor, Councillor Raymond Louie, and former Commissioner Raj Hundal, and Lorna Gibbs of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts & Cultural Society, expressing thanks and appreciation for their generous contribution to the South East Seniors Centre.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT "and Killarney Community Centre Association" be inserted in C before the phrase "expressing thanks".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the pending motions be deferred to the next meeting to ensure no one is inadvertently omitted.

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the amendment be amended to include Councillor Ball.

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

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

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS :

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2. The Government of Canada will contribute up to one-half of the total eligible costs, to a maximum of \$2.5 million, towards a 10,000-square-foot seniors centre facility in South East Vancouver through the Building Canada Fund;
3. The South East Seniors Centre, when completed, will serve 27,000 seniors in Vancouver's East Vancouver neighbourhoods;
4. The South East Seniors Centre could not be completed without the generous contribution of funds from the Federal and Provincial Government;
5. Lorna Gibbs, President of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Art & Cultural Society, has been working towards building a much needed community centre for seniors in Killarney for over 15 years;

6. In 2009, Commissioner Raj Hundal brought forward a successful motion to allocate the land needed to build Killarney Community Centre;
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- B. The Chair of the Park Board write a formal letter, on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, to the Premier and Vancouver Fraserview MLA Suzanne Anton, expressing thanks and appreciation for the Provincial Government's generous contribution to the South East Seniors Centre.
- C. The Chair of the Park Board write a formal letter, on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, to the Mayor, Councillor Raymond Louie, former Commissioner Raj Hundal, Lorna Gibbs of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts & Cultural Society, and the Killarney Community Centre Association, expressing thanks and appreciation for their generous contribution to the South East Seniors Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion with regard to the Code of Conduct gift policy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request for Leave of Absence - Commissioner Loke**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT Commissioner Loke be granted Leave of Absence from all meetings to held on February 17, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Briefing Date

The Board agreed to March 3, 2014 as the date for the Robert's Rules of Order workshop.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update given the changes to liquor requirements and a report on the effects of the provincial changes on Park Board.
2. A Board member enquired about a recent media report about Jericho Park which had no mention of the original lease. The General Manager offered to find out about the lease for Aberthau mansion.
3. A Board member noted concerns raised by The Hastings Park Conservancy with regard to the fishing issue in Hastings Park. The General Manager advised that a memo has been completed to report back and will be forwarded to the Board shortly.
4. Two Board members requested a status update regarding a January 2014 inquiry on whether an analysis of estimated cost overruns with respect to the Killarney Seniors Centre had been done and if so, requested a memo with information advising of the amount.

The Board adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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