



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at 7:07 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Acting Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes*
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova*
Commissioner Niki Sharma

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth
Commissioner Trevor Loke, Chair (Leave of Absence)

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

RECORDERS: Pat Boomhower, Cheryl Chan, and Laura Goodman

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Sharma reported on the following recent events: The launch of Black History Month held at City Hall and presentation of Canada Post's commemorative stamps recognizing African-Canadian communities including Vancouver Hogan's Alley; the Lunar New Year celebration lunch hosted by the Mayor and Council; and the Winter Games Olympic and Paralympics Legacy celebration held at Creekside Community Recreation Centre (hub of the Athletes Village), which was attended by the 2010 Winter Games' volunteers.

Commissioner De Genova also reported that the Vancouver Police Pipe Band was presented Vancouver's Freedom of the City Award, this day from the Mayor.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Friends For Life Society Lease Renewal

Gordon Barber, Manager of Revenue Services, reviewed the report on the Friends for Life Society's lease renewal of Weeks House located at 1459 Barclay Street. The Vancouver Friends for Life Society is a registered not-for-profit charitable organization which operates a wellness centre for people living with serious illnesses.

The Committee heard from three representatives from the Friends For Life Society, who spoke in support of the report recommendation and the programs available by holding this lease.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the lease of Weeks House at 1459 Barclay Street to the Vancouver Friends For Life Society for 10 years from March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2025, with a 10 year option to renew from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2035, based on the terms and conditions outlined in the existing lease.
- B. THAT all legal documentation be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board.
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documents on behalf of the Board.
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until, all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Community Gardens:

(a) Proposed Community Garden at Creekside Community Centre

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, reviewed the report and noted this is a joint project of Engineering Services and Park Board in partnership with the Creekside Community Centre, the World in a Garden Society and a local resident.

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The Committee recessed at 7:35 pm due to loss of quorum, and reconvened at 7:40 pm and resumed with the staff presentation.

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Ms. Cole responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the Executive Director, The World in a Garden Society, who spoke in support of the report recommendation and described programs offered by the Society.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board support a temporary community garden adjacent to Creekside Community Centre, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Managers of the Park Board and Engineering.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Barnes absent for the vote)

(b) Proposed Expansion of Nelson Park Community Garden

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, reviewed the report and features of the expansion and responded to a question regarding current washroom construction.

The Committee heard from three speakers; two of whom spoke in support, and one who requested clarification about the location.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the expansion of the community garden in Nelson Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and

FURTHER THAT staff amend the current license agreement with the Nelson Park Community Garden Society to include the expanded garden area, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at 8:20 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth
Commissioner Trevor Loke (Leave of Absence)

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

RECORDERS: Pat Boomhower and Cheryl Chan

IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Vancouver Park Board will go into a meeting on March 3, 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 paragraphs:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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

Park Board - February 3, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the minutes of the following meetings held on February 3, 2014, be approved as circulated:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported on Park Board related items at Council meetings this week which include: a Policy Report on a significant development project at Oakridge Centre and to consider sending the rezoning application to a Public Hearing; and a presentation on youth issues from the Vancouver Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee February 17, 2014

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

- 1. Friends For Life Society Lease Renewal
- 2(a) Proposed Community Garden at Creekside Community Centre
- 2(b) Proposed Expansion of Nelson Park Community Garden

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Vancouver Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 17, 2014, as contained in items 1, 2(a) and 2(b).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about parking spaces and accessibility at Margaret Pigott and Trafalgar Street Parks. The General Manager noted he had contacted the Engineering Services' Director of Transportation on the matter.
2. A Board member asked when staff would report back on the Respectful Workplace motion. The General Manager advised early March.
3. A Board member enquired whether the Park Board has been involved in riverfront parklands at the foot of Cambie Street. Staff confirmed.
4. A Board member noted requests from the community for additional dog space around Nelson Park and asked if staff could look into this. The General Manager noted work with the General Manager of Planning on site developments and also advised of work on orphan spaces and the dog Strategy as part of the 2014 list.
5. A Board member noted he received a number of enquiries about the Irish Monument at Thornton Park. The General Manager reported that a memo will be forwarded to Board and noted work is ongoing.
6. A Board member asked about follow-up to the Park Protection motion. The General Manager noted staff will bring an update and that the matter is currently with Legal Services.
7. A Board member asked whether there are any plans for 800 block Richards Park where the Park Board holds the land. The General Manager will discuss further with the member.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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