



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Commissioner Erin Shum

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – June 4, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Kirby-Yung was absent for the vote)

Agenda Varied

By consensus, the agenda was varied to consider the Chair's Report following consideration of the remainder of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: African Descent Festival – Licensed Area

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, introduced Jenny Jung, Supervisor of Special Events and Filming, Park Board.

Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation on the proposal from the African Descent Society Vancouver to serve alcohol at the African Descent Event on July 21 and 22, 2018 and highlighted:

- Background of the African Descent Festival
- Proposal
- Key considerations
- Preliminary licensed area site plan.

Mr. Silva, along with Carmanah Honsey, African Descent Society Vancouver, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on; the rationale for the request to license only a specific area of the site; accessibility of the licensed area; sight lines from the licensed area to the stage; and concern with the potential encroachment upon and use of the Women's Memorial Monument for seating.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from the African Descent Society Vancouver, organizers of the African Descent Festival, to obtain a Special Event Permit with a maximum capacity of 100 guests from the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, to serve alcohol at their event in Thornton Park on July 21 and 22, 2018, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Langara Golf Course – Drainage Improvement and Consideration of Alternate Uses

The Chair advised that the General Manager's Office had received one letter in support of completing the entire drainage upgrade project in 2019 and two letters in support of the Park Board continuing with the planning initiatives that are currently in progress.

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, jointly provided a presentation on the options to undertake the Langara Golf Course drainage upgrade project and the response to the March 14, 2018 Council motion regarding potential alternate park land uses for Langara Golf Course and highlighted:

- Background of Langara Golf Course
- Drainage upgrades:
 - Contract and timing
 - Scope of work
 - Procurement considerations of the April 30, 2018 Board motion
 - Park Board policy regarding authority to award and to sign contracts
 - Four scenarios to undertake the drainage upgrades
 - Financial analysis
- Options to respond to Council's March 14, 2018 motion:
 - Option 1: Develop a Langara Golf Course Master Plan
 - Option 2: Continue with Park Board planning initiatives that are currently in progress.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Mack, along with Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, Joan Probert, Supervisor, Commercial Operations, Park Board, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Steve Jackson, Director, Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The rationale for the recommendation to proceed with the drainage upgrade project prior to completion of the VanPlay strategy
- Breakdown of golf revenue derived from the three championship golf courses and the three pitch and putt courses
- Rationale for the holes being considered for the drainage upgrades in scenarios 1, 2 and 3
- Rationale for the establishment of the Golf Reserve Fund in 2001
- Opportunity to daylight streams within the scope of the drainage upgrade project
- Concern that increasing the green fees at Langara Golf Course following completion of the drainage upgrades will be charging users for costs when they have already contributed to the Golf Reserve Fund
- Opportunities to improve the design of holes during the drainage upgrade project
- Explanation of the difference in the cost per hole of the four drainage upgrade scenarios
- Cost and scope of the Langara Golf Course Master Plan.

The Committee heard from three speakers. Two spoke in support of retaining Langara Golf Course as an 18-hole course with the perimeter walking path and all spoke in support of upgrading the drainage of all 18 holes. One speaker urged the Park Board to continue with its planning initiatives and to retain its independence from the City. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that City Council authorize staff to enter into a contract with NMP Golf Construction Inc., for \$3,074,590.75 plus inflation, to complete the recommended drainage system upgrades at Langara Golf Course, with the entire project to now be completed in 2019; and
- B. THAT, with respect to the Council motion made on March 14, 2018, regarding potential collaboration with the City of Vancouver on the future of Langara Golf Course, the Board, in lieu of undertaking a master planning process specific to Langara Golf Course, direct staff to continue with the relevant Park Board planning initiatives currently underway, including VanPlay, VanSplash, and the Track and Field Strategy, as well as with the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at events in the community that occurred in May and June 2018:

- May 15: Naming of fifth City poet laureate, Christie Charles

- May 18: Media unveiling of the \$3.3 million renovation of Kits Pool
- May 20: 131st anniversary celebration of Engine 374 at the Roundhouse Community Centre
- May 23: City's proclamation of the Year of the Queer celebrating the contributions of the LGBTQ community to arts and culture
- May 27: 21st annual Salmonberry Days Community Fair
- May 27: Third anniversary of the spill of 2,700 litres of toxic bunker fuel into English Bay by the MV Marathassa
- May 30: Annual LINK event showcasing dance residencies from community centres across the City
- May 30: Open house regarding the expansion of Cooper's Park
- May 30: Open houses to refine strategies and actions to make non-motorized watercraft recreation safe, accessible and inclusive
- Jun 02: Marpole Community Festival
- Jun 02: Champlain Heights Community Festival
- Jun 02: Celebration of the unique works that Arts and Health participants have produced highlighting ways to think about and serve the aging population
- Jun 06: VanPlay community dialogue
- Jun 07: KitsFest media launch
- Jun 09: 13th annual Moresports Soccer Jam
- Jun 12: Media event announcing the Canada Day Drumming celebration with participation by 12 cities
- Jun 12: Review of the draft 2019–2022 Capital Plan and shared priorities with community centre association (CCA) representatives and other stakeholders
- Jun 15: Reconciliation in Action event to explore the meaning of reconciliation and the role all can take in making reconciliation a reality.

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair