



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6:31 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 Erin Shum
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Vice-Chair

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 18, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum abstained)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Britannia Renewal Master Plan

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, introduced the following representatives from the City of Vancouver:

- Danica Djurkovic, Director of Facilities Planning and Development
- Matthew Halverson, Project Manager, Facilities Planning.

Ms. Djurkovic led the review of a presentation providing an overview of the long-term vision for the renewal of the Britannia Community Services Centre and the 18-acre site upon which it is located and highlighted:

- Background
- Engagement overview and Indigenous engagement
- Vision and project values

- Program verification to understand the complex needs of current operations and identify opportunities for additional programming space based on community needs
- Concept options
- Organization and features of the final Master Plan
- Phasing Plan:
 - Will allow incremental renewal of facilities with minimized interruption to existing services
 - Recognizes the Vancouver School Board’s need to align phasing with school space renewal through the Provincial Seismic Mitigation Program
 - Work to be included in each of the five phases
- Next steps.

Ms. Djurkovic, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Ms. Rosa, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Request for confirmation of the Vancouver School Board’s endorsement of the Master Plan
- Community pool:
 - Activities and capacity that can be accommodated at the new community pool
 - Consideration of a combined indoor/outdoor pool in the next phase of the project
 - Use of renewable energy
- Issues to be considered in the detailed design phase:
 - Connectivity between the buildings
 - Height and massing of the non-market housing buildings
- Confirmation that all existing green spaces will be protected and maintained
- Opportunities for the Park Board to work with the Vancouver School Board for programming space in the new school buildings
- Confirmation that public consultation will be undertaken on the art galleries and food hubs as the implementation of the Master Plan proceeds.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed support for the first phase of the Master Plan for the site and requested continued consultation as the remainder of the Master Plan is finalized. The speaker distributed the Britannia Community Services Centre Society’s official response to the Britannia Renewal Master Plan to Committee members. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the City of Vancouver’s “Britannia Renewal Master Plan”, attached as Appendix A, as the basis for renewing and transforming the site over the next ten to twenty (10–20) years.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the City of Vancouver's "Britannia Renewal Master Plan", attached as Appendix A, subject to no loss of green space and to consideration of opportunities to further green the site and create additional green space, as the basis for renewing and transforming the site over the next ten to twenty (10–20) years.

DEFEATED

(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford and Kirby-Yung in favour)

Question on the Main Motion

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the City of Vancouver's "Britannia Renewal Master Plan", attached as Appendix A, as the basis for renewing and transforming the site over the next ten to twenty (10–20) years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Oakridge Centre Redevelopment – New Park Concept

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, introduced:

- Katy Amon, Park Planner, Park Board
- Bill Aujla, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM), City of Vancouver
- Susan Haid, Assistant Director of Planning, City of Vancouver
- Rhiannon Maberley, Westbank Corporation
- Rui Nunes, Henriquez Architects
- Christopher Phillips, PFS Studio.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Amon jointly led the review of a presentation on the design and development of a new park as part of the rezoning of the 28-acre 650 West 41st Avenue (Oakridge Centre) site and highlighted:

- Background
- Redevelopment context
- Redevelopment overview
- New Park Board community centre to be co-located with a library and childcare facility
- Three parallel consultation, design and planning processes
- Consultation program and highlights
- Park vision and design principles:
 - Accessible and inviting

- Lush and diverse landscape
- Light and shade
- Safe and connected
- Innovative
- Flexible
- One park, many parts
- Balance lively and tranquil spaces
- Overview of the park:
 - Unique opportunity
 - Park levels
 - Land use
 - Primary pedestrian circulation
 - Park boundary
- Elements of the proposed park concept:
 - Civic Centre Park
 - Upper Green
 - The Commons
 - The Meadow Gardens
 - The Woodland
 - Pocket Park
- Next steps
 - Detailed design development
 - Phasing
 - Development of Park Operation and Maintenance Agreement with the applicant.

Ms. Amon, along with Mr. Hutch, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Aujla, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Accessibility:
 - Concern with the accessibility of the upper park levels in the event of a failure of the elevators
 - Whether there is an opportunity to construct an at-grade accessibility path between the Pocket Park and the second level
- Design strategies to minimize the shadows created by the height of the buildings
- Programming for the interactive water features in The Commons during the winter months to maintain the usefulness of the concrete areas
- Park maintenance and operation:
 - Confirmation that the park would be designated as permanent public park space under the jurisdiction of the Park Board
 - The proponent will be responsible for repair, replacement, and maintenance of the park to mitigate the liability and risks to the retail and commercial portion of the development
 - The Park Operation and Maintenance Agreement will document the standards and service plan to which the park will be operated and maintained by the applicant

- Whether Park Board employees have been consulted with respect to the contracting out of the maintenance of the park property
- Request for information on the total area of publicly accessible space, including those areas excluded from the total park area calculation such as upgraded sidewalks and streetscapes, pedestrian-only public pathways and public plazas:
 - The Meadow Gardens was excluded from the calculation of the park space as the applicant has requested that it not be publicly accessible to protect the skylight structures of the building
- The detailed design will consider the maintenance and enhancement of views
- The design principle of flexibility is intended to respond to the needs of future residents
- The Park Board's standard Park Naming Policy will be applied
- The Woodlands:
 - Confirmation that the building will be designed to accommodate the loading for the size and volume of trees envisioned for The Woodlands
 - Investigation of the trees that will thrive in a contained soil setting will be undertaken during a subsequent design phase
- Civic Centre Park:
 - Opportunities to create a more publicly inviting design adjacent to 41st Avenue
 - Passive and active barriers will address the concern of the proximity of the playground and children to 41st Avenue
- Opportunities for the Park Board to provide input following the approval of the concept plan
- Confirmation that the City and Park Board will retain the fee simple right to the volumetric air space, equivalent to 2.83 acres, when the buildings are deconstructed in the future.

The Committee heard from two speakers, who both expressed support for the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment and the new park concept. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

The Chair advised that ten emails in support of a 2.83-acre street level park and one email questioning the compliance of the rooftop park with zoning requirements had been received by the General Manager's Office and had been distributed to Commissioners.

The Committee heard from three speakers. One speaker stated that more green space is required at the ground level and noted the need to improve accessibility between the ground and upper levels and within the community garden. The second speaker expressed support for the new park concept. The third speaker submitted a written record advocating for 2.83 acres of street level park space and stated that the rooftop park space does not fulfill the condition of the redevelopment to provide a permanent City park. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to 10:30 pm.

DEFEATED
(Commission Shum opposed)

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to 10:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The final speaker expressed concern that the rooftop park will not result in the conveyance of fee simple title of the park to the Park Board. The speaker, along with Mr. Aujla, responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed park concept for a new park at the Oakridge Centre redevelopment, as show in Appendix A.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to 11:00 pm.

DEFEATED
(Commission Shum opposed)

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed park concept for a new park at the Oakridge Centre redevelopment, as show in Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 10:14 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

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Commissioner Catherine Evans, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair
Commissioner Erin Shum
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

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WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land and the communities that the Commissioners serve. The Chair invited Commissioners to join him in committing to actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and decisions.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board will go into meetings prior to the next Regular Board Meeting, which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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 Board Meeting – June 18, 2018

Due to time constraints, this item will be considered at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

This item was not discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – July 9, 2018

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

1. REPORT: Britannia Renewal Master Plan
2. REPORT: Oakridge Centre Redevelopment – New Park Concept

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 9, 2018, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, the distributed report was not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mackinnon reported that he received a petition for a public washroom in Charleson Park and that he would provide it to staff.

The Chair noted that a Special Board meeting would be held at 6:30 pm on July 19, 2018 to consider the 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Activating Community Space in Chinatown

Due to time constraints, Commissioner Shum agreed to defer the motion to the next meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Learning from Children's Experience with Playgrounds

Commissioner Evans gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation implement a policy and practice of evaluating new playgrounds within one to two years of completion;
- B. THAT this evaluation include reports from children who use the playgrounds and their caregivers, as well as any community organizations that contributed to the construction costs; and
- C. THAT a summary report of these evaluations be published and provided to Park Board Commissioners and the general public on an annual basis.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if the City has consulted with the Park Board regarding the temporary housing project, proposed to be located adjacent to Hinge Park, and if there will be additional funds provided to the Park Board to address safety and maintenance issues that may arise as a result. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that the Park Board was advised of the proposed project but was not consulted. Mr. Bromley will report back to the Board following the meeting between Park Board and City staff to discuss the plan and implications to Hinge Park.
2. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the public consultation process for the use of Nelson Park, given that the Vancouver School Board has approved the construction of the BC Hydro substation beneath the adjacent school. Mr. Bromley confirmed that the Park Board would be undertaking an independent consultation process and a report on the consultation and technical issues specific to Nelson Park would likely be submitted to the Board in November 2018. The consultation timetable and plan will be shared with the Board and the public.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the timing for Council's consideration of the Park Board's decision on the Langara Golf Course drainage upgrade. Mr. Bromley reported that this has not been scheduled and undertook to provide the information when it becomes available.
4. A Board member enquired regarding whether the City has indicated support for the June 18, 2018 Park Board motion to create a public square in Chinatown. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate and report back.
5. A Board member advised that the sand in the bocce court in Victoria Park requires replacement.
6. A Board member enquired regarding the timing for the placement of the memorial plaque on a rock, as was originally intended, at the AIDS memorial in Stanley Park. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate and report back on the expected timing.

7. A Board member expressed concern about the closure of the Kitsilano Park spray park for maintenance during the summer months. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate and address the concern immediately.
8. A Board member enquired regarding the possibility of installing a temporary dog park in the Guelph Park area since the VSB had begun restricting access to school grounds. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, undertook to investigate and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:23 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair