



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2019

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 30, at 6:30 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

- Commissioner Tricia Barker
- Commissioner John Coupar
- Commissioner Dave Demers, Vice-Chair
- Commissioner Camil Dumont
- Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
- Commissioner John Irwin
- Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
- Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
- Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
- Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

STAFF REPORTS

1. False Creek Flats Arterial - Community Panel Presentation

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Policy, Planning and Environment, Park Board, introduced the False Creek Flats Arterial project, the Community Panel process and the next steps in the selection of an arterial route.

Mr. Shearer introduced Suzanna Haas Lyons, Chair, Flats Arterial Community Panel.

A video on the Flats Arterial Community Panel was viewed.

Ms. Haas Lyons led the review of a presentation on the Panel's recommendation:

- The Panel process was facilitated by the Jefferson Centre, one of the foremost global practitioners in deliberative democracy
- Key characteristics of the community panel methodology
- Timeline and mandate of the Panel process
- Four key route alignments, with variations, considered:
 - Malkin Avenue

- National Avenue
- Prior/Venables
- William Street
- Stakeholder engagement
- Panelist recruitment and selection process:
 - 21 local and six city representatives were randomly selected to match census demographics on age, gender, ethnicity and location
 - 15 local business representatives were randomly selected for business type, size and location diversity
- Panel process:
 - Learning and site tour in Sessions 1 to 4, followed by a public workshop
 - Assessment of route alignments during Sessions 5 and 6, followed by a public workshop
 - Development of the recommendation in Session 7
 - Six key factors to guide learning
 - Parks, recreational spaces and community gardens was the ranked second in importance in the determination of the Panel's recommendation
 - Information considered in the development of the recommendation
- The Panel's recommendation is the National-Charles route.

Panelists Laural Gaudette, Karen Fung, Dustin Harrison and Yun-Jou Chang shared information on the Panel's work and reflected on their experiences.

Ms. Haas Lyons continued with the presentation:

- Findings from the post-process survey questions asked of the Panelists:
 - Were those affected represented in the Panel?
 - Did you have an opportunity to express your views?
 - Did you hear from a variety of perspectives?
 - How much did you learn?
 - How satisfied are you with the Panel recommendation?
 - How much impact will the Panel have on the final recommendation?
 - How likely is it that the Panel recommendation will be adopted?
 - Should the Panel recommendation be adopted?
 - Were the facilitators biased?
 - How satisfied are you the process?
 - Would you participate in a community panel process in the future?
 - Should the City use a community panel process for future decisions?
- The recommendation is the conclusion of the Panel process.

Ms. Haas Lyons, along with Mr. Harrison, Mses. Fung and Gaudette and Andrea Lum, Panelist, responded to questions from Board. There was discussion on:

- The number of residents willing to participate in the Panel process compared those of other projects facilitated by the Jefferson Group in similarly populated locations

- The Panelists' response to the question regarding the likelihood that the Panel recommendation will be adopted acknowledges the complexity of the selection of the arterial route
- Accessibility and quantity of the technical information provided to the Panel
- Concern that there was insufficient group time to process the information and to collaborate on the development of the recommendation
- Panelists initially explored other arterial route options but focused on the alternatives provided to develop the recommendation
- Whether there were gaps or withholding of information required to inform the decision:
 - Significant amounts of Information were available on the more fully formed options and less on others
 - The Panel's desire for more information was recorded however, in some instances, City staff were unable to provide the information requested
 - The National-Charles option was put forward by the community, therefore, there was insufficient time and resources to assemble the same amount of information and analysis as provided for the other options
- Panel consideration of the suitability of the an "S" curve adjacent to a park
- Approximately 55 hours were devoted by each Panelist
- There were five Panelists who stepped down prior to completion due to time constraints
- The priority placed on retaining access to the local bus service
- Whether community impacts of the access to the new St. Paul's Hospital site was considered.

The Board adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair