

RILEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
CHAIR: Marion Waterston	MINUTES BY: Ann Warrender	DATE: March 26, 2009
<p>PRESENT; Surrinder Bring, Steph Frolek, Claudia Laroye, Erik Lees, Steve Mah, Lisa Pratt, Stacy Scott, Greg Tucker, Wendy Tupling Guest, Keerti Walia, Ann Warrender, Marion Waterston, Matthew Wing, Lilian Wong, Dan Xue, Clay Yandle.</p> <p>Commissioner Ian Robertson, Staff: Judy Andersen, Tony Syskakis</p> <p>Absent: Ed Shum</p>		
#	SUBJECTS AND MOTIONS	ACTION/ DATE
1	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with Marion Waterston in the chair. Marion welcomed Commissioner Robertson and all the newly elected board members. Minutes of the February 26, 2009 board meeting were approved as circulated.	
2	<p>Commissioner Robertson spoke on several current items of Park Board business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners have received an invitation to the Community Association Conference. Marion reported that associations have agreed to contribute to the cost of providing complementary registration for the commissioners. <p>Moved by Greg Tucker, seconded by Erik Lees that Riley Park Community Association contribute \$20 towards the cost of the commissioners' registration costs.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Pleasant Community Centre will be moving to Main and 8th location with the opening likely in September. Parents raised the issue of child care availability in the Mount Pleasant area. The Park Board voted to keep the community center open at a cost of \$11, 000. Cost to be borne by Mount Pleasant Community Centre. • A proposal to rebuild Trout Lake CC on the current site was supported by the commissioners. Cost saving will be approximately \$ 2 million. • The Stanley Park Forest Management Plan will guide how to manage Stanley Park as an entire ecological system. The effects of the major wind storm in 2008 are still evident but most of the clean up has been completed. • The Park Board is facing budget cuts and will need to cut \$9 million a year. One of the services to be suspended will be the free Stanley Park shuttle at a savings of \$240, 000. • There will be further public consultation regarding the future of the Jericho Wharf. • Artificial turf renewal is planned for Andy Livingstone Park. <p>Commissioner Robertson answered questions from board members on a variety of topics.</p>	
3	<p>Old business:</p> <p>Direct Access Grant: Our application has been denied. Given our current financial status we are ineligible for reconsideration.</p> <p>Hillcrest Park: The Park Board has indicated they would like to see the updated JOA agreement in place before we move to the new premises. At this time it seems unlikely we will be ready to sign an agreement in the near future as we have yet to begin serious work on the task. Erik Lees suggested that having the JOA signed ahead of time would prevent any issues developing when the new centre is occupied.</p> <p>The process for naming the legacy building and the pool will be similar to the park naming procedure. Public consultation will be a major part of the process.</p>	
4.	12th Annual Community Association Conference, April 3 and 4, Sunset Community Centre:	

	Directors were asked to indicate if they would be attending the conference. The Association will pay the registration fee which is \$50 for the full registration.	
5.	BC Recreation and Parks Association Conference, May 27-29, Whistler, BC: Wendy Tupling Guest and Clay Yandle will represent the association board at the conference.	
6.	Supervisor's report: Judy reported that the ice will be removed from the rink on March 30. The pool will be closed for two weeks in early June for maintenance. The new brochure which includes programs for both spring and summer has been a very positive change. Some summer programs are already full. The Park Board has installed a bee house for mason bees. Flowers will now be planted around the bee house. Tony reported that we have received funding from the Summer Jobs Grant and have been tentatively approved for sufficient funds to hire five students for summer programs.	
7.	New business: Neighborhood Matching Grant Proposal: Surrinder brought forward a proposal that we make an application for \$7750 from the matching grant program. We would need to pay for half of the amount. The goal of the proposal will be to enhance the look of Riley centre prior to the Olympics by having ten banners displayed. The banners would be designed with art work related to the theme of neighborhood attractions and sports. Surrinder will work on getting the proposal ready to submit by the deadline. Hillcrest Park art installation: VANOC is in charge of the process to select art for an installation at 29 th Avenue and Ontario. The work is to be a welcoming, legacy piece of aboriginal art. Website: Clay reported that more people are spending a longer time on our website. Community groups may request a link from the Riley Park Association website. Committee representation: All board members are expected to join at least one committee. To ensure a compatible match, directors were urged to review the list of committees, look at its terms of reference and possibly attend a meeting and then make a decision regarding which committee(s) they would prefer to work with.	All directors
8.	Marion reported that she had received a card from Daphne Holmes thanking the board for recognizing her at the AGM for her many years as a director.	
	There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9: 40 pm.	
	NEXT BOARD MEETING IS THURSDAY, APRIL 23 AT 7:00 PM.	