

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group  
Tuesday – January 19, 2016  
5:00pm – PNE Operations Boardroom  
**MINUTES**

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**In Attendance:**

<b>PNE Staff</b>
Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair
Kate Huffman: Co-Chair
Rosa Chirico: minute taker

<b>Community Advisory Group Members</b>
Sal Audia
Pasquale Balletta
Patricia Barnes
David Bornman
Steve Canofari
Stephanie Lemmo
Linda Shuto
Darci Swinton

**Adoption of Agenda**

No items were added

**1. Housekeeping**

An overview of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) was provided to all members. This advisory group was developed following the 2013 City of Vancouver governance review of Hastings Park. The PNE is looking forward to engaging with this group, getting their views and feedback on multiple items related to Hastings Park.

**2. Introductions**

Each member introduced themselves, providing their background and involvement in the community.

**3. For Information**

3.1 Roles and Expectations

a. Terms of Reference

A hard copy of the terms of reference was provided to advisory members; Jeff Strickland reviewed the roles of the chairperson(s), advisory members, code of conduct and the composition of the advisory group

b. Meeting dates/Timelines

Future meetings dates were shared. This current term is an abridged term as per the current terms of reference. A timeline change has been recommended and will be reviewed by PNE Executive Management Committee

**Action:** Decision on the recommended timeline will be reported back at a future meeting

3.2 Hastings Park/PNE Highlights Sheet

A hard copy was provided to advisory members; previously distributed electronically with the agenda. Kate Huffman reviewed the document highlighting general PNE facts and community related programs.

An advisory member inquired on the current status of the PNE's charity registration and also voiced concerns regarding the Hastings Park racetrack not meeting obligations on the barns and parking and would like to see this area be governed by the PNE.

**Action:** Update advisory members on the PNE's charity status once determined. Provide information on what that means for the organizations and any implications

3.3 New Board Composition/Open Board Meeting Schedule

Jeff Strickland reviewed the new Hastings Park/ PNE board of director's appointments made by Vancouver City Council. The process on how the new open board meeting will work was also explained and what months they will take place.

When open board meetings are announced these will be provided to advisory members and also will be shared through the PNE electronic community newsletter

**Action:** Kate Huffman will forward the website link to advisory members where current board members are listed

4. **Topics to Discuss**

4.1 General Park programming

Kate Huffman reviewed a number of community events/ organizations supported at Hastings Park and park use areas.

Numerous advisory members had additional park programming ideas:

- Build stronger partnership with community centre/ get organizations interacting with Hastings Park more often (environmental groups/ youth groups)
- More interaction with schools and programming onsite
- Have a food truck event (similar to North shore shipyard market)
- Public skating/ skate rentals
- Additional walks around the Sanctuary (i.e.- Bat Walk)

- During holiday season decorate Italian Gardens (Van Dusen gardens was suggested for inspiration)
- Utilize indoor space for sports teams
- Sustainability – utilize Chef’s garden as it continues to develop(i.e. Info sessions)
- Build connection with groups like Arts Umbrella to do events/ programs on site
- Continue Farmers Market onsite/ potential for indoor space

**Action:** Future discussion with advisory members to provide more info on what is currently happening on site and additional feedback on park programming

#### 4.2 Learn to Fish

Kate Huffman reviewed numerous slides on the background of Learn to Fish in the Sanctuary, including usage stats for the past three seasons it has been operating. The partnership between PNE, Vancouver Park Board, City of Vancouver and the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC was also highlighted.

The goal is to continue to provide a safe environment for all users and the ecosystems. Numerous items have been put in place to assist with this.

Advisory members voiced a variety opinions regarding fishing in the Sanctuary:

- Enjoys the use of the dock, great opportunity for youth to learn to fish in the city, wished there was more than one location to fish from. A safety concern was voiced regarding too many people being on the dock at one time. Look at number restrictions/ communication to anglers
- Concern on the introduction of fishing in the Sanctuary, as this was not (this persons interpretation) the intention of the Sanctuary. Feels the Sanctuary is not being cared for to the level it should be. Would suggest speaking to nature biologist Nick Page, Vancouver Park Board.

**Action:** Continue to discuss Learn to fish as part of park programming at future meetings

#### 4.3 Farmers Market

Due to time constraints this items was deferred to a future meeting

**Action:** Farmers Market will be brought back under park programming at future meeting

### 5. **Questions/Suggested topics for future meetings**

Advisory members were asked about what other topics they would like to discuss at future meetings.

- Master Plan- general updates, what projects are being given priority, status of the day lighted stream, racetrack meeting their obligations
- Business Interaction- How the PNE can work with local businesses
- Park Programming- continue to discuss park uses/ ideas
- Make sure to have a goal for the group to accomplish at each meeting

This meeting concluded at 6:50 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 @ 5pm (Hastings Room)