

**RILEY PARK COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION - REPORT**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
CHAIR: Marion Waterston	MINUTES BY: Ann Warrender	DATE: June 25, 2009
<p>PRESENT; Surrinder Bring, Steph Frolek, Claudia Laroye, Erik Lees, Steve Mah, Lisa Pratt, Ed Shum, Keerti Walia, Ann Warrender, Marion Waterston, Matthew Wing, Lilian Wong, Dan Xue, Clay Yandle Staff: Judy Andersen, Tony Syskakis Absent: Stacy Scott Wendy Tupling Guest was attending an APG meeting on behalf of the board.</p>		
#	SUBJECTS AND MOTIONS	ACTION/ DATE
1	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with Marion Waterston in the chair. Minutes of the May 28, 2009 board meeting were approved as circulated. Agenda for the June 25 meeting was approved.</p>	
2	<p>Commissioner Robertson was unable to attend the meeting due to a work related commitment. He emailed a report to all board members highlighting information from the Park Board meeting, June 15 and the Services and Budgets Committee meeting, June 16. Full copies of the reports can be found by following the links from www.vancouverparks.ca.</p>	
3.	<p>Committee reports: Communication Committee: A written report was distributed to all board members. Postcards were sent out to 13, 000 residences to advertise the Riley Park/Little Mountain Community Festival as well as promote registration in summer programs and to increase awareness of our web site. A spike in traffic on our website may be as a result of the mail out. Planning for the fall brochure has started; the committee will be requesting input from the board regarding advertising in the brochure. The committee will also be updating the directors manual. Program Committee: A written report was distributed to all board members. Summer camps are now full, registration numbers have been good. Board members discussed the financial shortfalls of the pottery program. MOTION: Moved that the pottery program be discontinued (classes and club) due to low interest, high expenses, and limitation of the space. Moved by Surrinder Bring, seconded by Erik Lees. Motion carried. A recommendation from the Program Committee to provide \$1000 in honorarium to the artists working with the banner program will be a future agenda item. Strategic Planning Committee: A written report was distributed to all board members. The JOA joint group has met and developed a draft template for future JOA negotiations. We need to clarify if we take our current JOA to the new facility. Judy will ask for the Park Board opinion. The board was in support regarding having a fall session on strategic planning with a professional facilitator. The Strategic Planning committee is meeting next week and will look at a timeline and possible dates for a special working meeting to make an action plan and prepare information for the fall strategic planning session(s). One thousand dollars has been previously approved for strategic planning.</p>	Judy

Pool, Rink and Fitness Committee: A written report was distributed to all board members. The Park Board is gathering information in order to develop a pool allocation policy. **MOTION:** Moved that the Riley Association Board advocate on behalf of the present local groups who exclusively book their aquatic usage at Percy Norman Pool. Also that the board request that the Park Board endeavour to give them priority when pool time at the new facility is allocated. Moved by Matthew Wing, seconded by Claudia Laroye. Motion carried.

The recommendation to examine retaining the existing ice rink was not supported by the board. One of the major challenges to keeping the facility would be the considerable financial costs involved which Judy briefly addressed.

Seniors Committee: The senior programs are looking for more participants. The community garden is growing well and designation signs have been received and will be attached to the garden fence. The recent seniors' BBQ used lettuce from the garden. Ed will make a bee hut for the garden. Approximately one hundred plants are ready to be given away at the festival.

4. **Supervisor's report:**

Judy has asked Andrew Norrie to come to the September board meeting to show the plans for the Legacy conversion.

The Hillcrest pool is almost completed and will be commissioned in August when the pool will be filled for a test of the facility.

On July 27 VANOC will be at Riley Park CC to explain to residents about the impact of the games on the area accessibility and traffic.

Oak Meadows Park opened on June 13. The opening ceremony was a frisbee toss using commemorative frisbees in honor of the ultimate league that will be one of the major users of the park.

We will be receiving \$9000 from the Park Board for an artist in residence grant; we will provide \$3000. Lisa will be doing the community profile required for the grant. Board agreed to start selling yearly memberships in July even though the year officially starts in August.

Judy will be away June 30 to July 3, July 20 to July 24. Tony will be away July 27 to August 14; Dave McKenzie will be away August 4 to August 28.

Chapman Ng is the newly hired Community Youth Worker who will start at Riley on July 13. Judy expressed appreciation to Melissa Burnes for two years of dedicated service at Riley as an acting youth worker.

Lisa

5. **Old and new business:**

Staff benefits: Marion and Judy are putting together a report documenting what other centres are currently offering as staff benefits. The item will be on a future agenda.

Riley Park/Little Mountain Festival: We need four people for each shift. Riley will be providing information about our programs, conducting a survey and selling cotton candy. Also, Riley the Raccoon will be at the festival with Riley the Raccoon temporary tattoos.

Minutes template for committees: Clay will email a template for minutes to committee chairs. Minutes are to be emailed to Clay on the Monday prior to each executive meeting which is the third Thursday of each month.

Vending service: We have received all the back payments from William Tell vending. Greg and a committee will look at proposal from three other vending companies and recommend a choice to the board.

Van Houte coffee vending is also being considered.

Summer meeting schedule: There will not be a board meeting in August.

Clay

Greg

BCRPA conference: Clay reported how valuable he felt attendance at the BCRPA conference was as a learning experience and opportunity to see the 'big picture' as regards to community centres and recreational services. He supported the idea of including more funds in the budget for 2010 so more board members could attend the conference. The money spent would prove to be a good investment in the volunteers we have on the board.

Board members congratulated Clay Yandle for being our 2009 Volunteer of the Year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS THURSDAY, JULY 23 AT 7:00 PM.

Ann Warrender
Secretary

Marion Waterston
President

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