

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
5:30pm – PNE Hastings Room

MINUTES

In Attendance:

PNE STAFF
Kate Chong: Co-Chair
Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair
John Brodie: Project Manager, Hastings Park
Rosa Chirico: Administrative Assistant

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS
Claire Desmarais
Darci Swinton
David Bornman
Linda Shuto
Sal Audia
Steve Canofari
<i>Pasquale Balletta (regrets)</i>
<i>Patricia Barnes (regrets)</i>

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- Minutes will be reformatted going forward
- No changes made to November 7, 2016 minutes
- Will be moving future meetings start time to 5:15 pm

2. Housekeeping/Goals

- Family Day Community Skate
 - Attendance 110 ppl, great turnout
 - Positive comments re: pricing
 - Suggestion to divide and section off ¼ of the rink for younger children or those learning to skate
 - To have bike rack
 - Will be looking at having more in the 2017-2018 season

3. Topics to Discuss

3.1 Hastings Park/ PNE Master Plan – Playland Redevelopment

- Vision: To create a Fair within a Park.
- Goals: Increase green space, Redevelop Playland, Develop “Heart of the Park”, Daylight a stream, amenities & infrastructure.

- Top priorities: Sustainability, connection & greenways, park space, Playland, new flexible building space, heritage resources, operations, parking & vehicle access.
- Out of Scope: Hastings Community Park & Community Centre
- Governance
 - Multiple groups involved:
 - Consulted/ Informed (e.g.- CAG, Vancouver Park board, other tenants & stakeholders)
 - Technical Working groups
 - Steering Committee
 - City Manager & PNE CEO
 - City Council & PNE Board
- Reviewed preliminary Master Plan Schedule; three projects of priority
 - Playland Redevelopment- Phase 1– construction to begin 2018 or 2019, depending on consultants and finances
 - Amphitheatre Renewal – starting stages late 2017
 - Livestock Building Renewal –public engagement; beginning of 2018
- *Questions/ Actions/ Comments :*
 - *Why is HCC out of scope, will there be money from Vancouver Park Board for capital upgrades?*
 - *Who does ECOMM have a lease with?*
 - *Action: Clarification on who governs what areas of Hastings Park- bring to future meeting*
 - *Concern on parking plan and making sure it works for what the park will be*
 - *Should consider having east/west connection through Playland*
 - *Master Plan projects, parameters & decision to be clear to public*

3.2 PNE Community Grant Fund - continuation

- Reviewed purpose and goal
- Community Day at Playland – tentative date May 27, 2017
 - \$10.00 from each regular ticket goes towards community grant fund, to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Reviewed timeline
 - Accepting applications: 4 weeks- March 27, 2017- April 21, 2017
 - Funding allocated by June 9, 2017
- Reviewed qualifications
 - Only for Hastings Sunrise organizations/ recognized groups
 - Special events and programs only
 - Buildings upgrade or infrastructure not applicable
 - For this year, will honour past recipients Circus West and LightWaterDrums
 - Organizations or groups cannot financially benefit from the event or program
- Reviewed application questions
 - Simplify application by merging questions (example: funding amount requested/budget)
 - If applicant is soliciting funding from any other group or sponsor
 - Mission statement would be beneficial
 - Post event recap/pictures required– could be used on PNE social media
 - For tracking purposes, ask how group became aware of funding program
 - Encourage applicants to hold events at Hastings Park

- Involving Community Advisory Group (CAG)
 - Provide input via private survey
 - Survey would be sent out to CAG and Neighbourhood Focus Group, will only state event or program concept and location, no group/ organization or funding information will be shared.
 - Allowing community members to share what type of events or programs they would like to see in the community or at Hastings Park.
 - Following feedback, Community Relations Manager will take feedback to Senior Management team to make decisions on ideas and funding and PNE President & CEO will do final sign off.
 - Bring results back to CAG at May 2017 meeting
 - CAG agreed this was a good procedural format
 - Will review following first year

Questions/ Actions/ Comments:

- *Action: Kate will be reaching out to Vancouver Foundation as they distribute many similar grants*
- *Action: Kate to look at schedule/timing to make sure there is ample time for those interested in applying*
- *Final PNE Community Grant fund plan will likely be presented at the Public Board Meeting on March 6, 2017*
- *School PAC wants to apply to host event- if event is free and not financially benefitting the PAC (i.e.- BBQ event would be fine)*

4. For Information

4.1 2017 Playland Update

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

5. Questions/Community Feedback

Note: next Open Board Meeting has changed to March 6, 2017

This meeting concluded at 6:45pm

Next Meeting: April 4, 2017