

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
5:15pm – PNE Hastings Room

# MINUTES

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In Attendance:

<b>PNE STAFF</b>
Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair
Kate Chong: Co-Chair
Jennifer Campbell: Director, Sales
Rosa Chirico: Administrative Assistant

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes**

**2. Housekeeping/Goals**

- No changes to minutes

**3. Topics to Discuss**

**3.1 Chinese Lantern Festival**

- Throughout Hastings Park- not using the Sanctuary or Italian Garden
- Over 35 beautiful Chinese lantern displays
- Partnering with China Art Show Inc.
- Contract is for one year

Event Details:

- Move-in November 14- December 14
- Operating December 15- January 21
- Soft launch at 2017 Fair
- Official launch & tickets on sale Sept 18
- Live performances in Amphitheatre x2 per night (1/2 hour to 45 min each)
- Children's activities

- Chinese Lantern stories
- Lantern paintings
- Possibility of opening up a few Playland rides (will be confirmed closer to)
- Sanctuary entrance through Gate 15 & 14 for park users
- 2,000 parking stalls per night

Communication/ Community Benefits:

- Hard copy newsletter in Nov & electronic newsletters Oct/ Dec/ Jan to include event details & promotions
- Community Benefits- Possible daytime tours for schools (TBD)/ Partnership with local businesses/ Group Sales rate for community

Other Details:

- Farmers Market will still operate – footprint adjusted this past season
- CircusWest will maintain drop off/pick up through Gate 2
- Extensive directional signage, bike lane detours (one bike lane to be rerouted)
- Park space not accessible is Centre Grounds & Momiji Gardens
- Community Ice Hockey - to park & access behind Agrodome (North side)

Committee Comments/ Actions:

- Will be popular with Chinese/Canadian population
- Make sure parking will not be an impact to community
- Similar time frame as “Enchant”
- Concerns regarding fencing for duration and impact to community and park users/ visually not appealing
  - Fencing company has not been decided
  - Plan is 8ft fencing with scrim; to be built in phases
  - Color of scrim not yet determined
- **Action:** Look into day time access point for park users from west to east(near #12- end of Leyshon lane into Sanctuary)
- Sanctuary is for day time use only
- Discuss using Playland footprint in the future as it is already gated
- Discuss possibility of something ‘free’ to thank community, free zone to entice people in to event
- Note: Chinese Lantern Festival to be discussed at next Open Board Meeting June 8

**3.2 Playland Nights**

- Four evenings in the month of July- 7, 14, 21 & 28
- 19+ environment
- 7pm – midnight
- Announce June 19; media week of June 19
- Have looked at other theme parks and other attractions that hold adult only evenings
- If approved the liquor license will allow guests to enjoy their beverages within Playland (excluding rides and ride line ups)
- Security similar to Fright Nights- bag search
- Lights and sounds similar to Fright Nights

- PNE to monitor bike patrol, sound mitigation and clean-up crew
- This is a trial and will be evaluated after the event run

Committee Comments/ Actions:

- Concern around sound later in the evening, another event during an already busy season

**For Information**

**4.1 Forum – Liquor License**

- Proposed changes to Forum liquor license
- Asking Liquor Board to change to Stadium License (similar to Coliseum) – would allow guests 19+ to access the entire building; not have to remain in fenced beer garden
- This will not increase capacity
- Promoters are not happy with confined Beer Garden

- **Questions/Community Feedback**

- **Action:** Kate to share results of Community Day at Playland from Saturday, May 27 with CAG
- Reminder Neighbourhood letters to be mailed June 1st, Neighbourhood Party on June 28
- Fair Entertainment line-up to be announced on Monday, May 29
- June 8 is open Public Board Meeting
- Next CAG meeting in September

This meeting concluded at 6:45pm

**Next Meeting: September, 2017**