

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
5:15pm – PNE Hastings Room

MINUTES

In Attendance:

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| PNE STAFF |
| Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair |
| Kim Way: Co-Chair |
| Rosa Chirico: Administrative Assistant |
| <i>Kate Chong: Co-Chair (Regrets)</i> |

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

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- Review of Minutes from May 2017 meeting
- Chinese Lantern Festival (“CLF”)- Comments from committee members
 - Review wording about possibility of opening up Playland rides; reads as expanding into Playland. Rides running during event was not discussed or recommended. Would like to see entire event take place within Playland footprint instead of park space
 - Park space being blocked off – would like to see language tightened up
 - Would like access/ exits points from the Sanctuary on the North/ west and East side for safety reasons
 - Was not aware of time restrictions in the Sanctuary
- Drone Show at 2017 Fair – was not mentioned in minutes
- Hastings Park Conservancy would like to state they would like the Hastings Park Sanctuary not be part of the Fair at the PNE footprint

2. Housekeeping/Goals

- Discussions re: CLF – continue conversation
- Review Agenda

3. Chinese Lantern Festival: Corridors, Local Tickets, Load-in

- First CLF in Vancouver to take place this winter
- One year contract, will review event after first year for opportunity to continue and return annually

- PNE & China Art Show Inc. partnering to produce event (media/operations/ticketing)
- Move-in schedule remains the same (one month build out) – to provide as little impact as possible on site
- Event operating dates: December 15, 2017 – January 21, 2018 (5pm – 10pm/11pm)
- Ticket Prices:
 - Adult (13-64): \$19, Senior (65+): \$14.50, Child (4-12): \$13.50, Buy 3 get 1 Free (limited, multiples of 4): \$14.25, Family Pass 2 Adult & 2 Children \$55.00; 3 under free, Group rates: 10+ people
- Ticket sales limit - set capacity per night
- Review festival zones – Momiji Gardens, Centre Grounds & Main Line, Amphitheatre, Celebration Plaza, Lagoon area
- Confirm Italian Gardens outside of CLF footprint
- Currently, Sanctuary will be accessible along Hastings Street
- Still working on having secondary access to Sanctuary near north end of Sanctuary, looking to have definite answer to feasibility near end of November
- Exit point in Sanctuary still pending
- Extensive directional signage to re-direct park users
- Reconfirmed that Sanctuary closes at dusk
- Ticketholders to use main entrance point @ Gate 1 (potentially at Gate 9)
- Parking will be at Coliseum
- Forum will host a couple of tradeshow during CLF dates
- Possibility of food trucks/PNE catering (i.e. coffee/popcorn)
- Neighbourhood tickets – have started conversation with promoter for discounted tickets (i.e. promo code to defined local community)
- John Brodie, Project Manager, Hastings Park is not involved in the CLF, primary focus is on Master Plan/redevelopment of site (currently, Amphitheatre)
- **Action:** How does CLF fit into Master Plan - John Brodie - @ next CAG Meeting
- **Action:** Confirm City bylaw/parking enforcement officer would be possible during CLF

4. Topics to Discuss

4.1 Community Day at Playland

- Community Day helped with Little League Group
- Raised \$10,000
- Continuing on with grant process
- 2017 Grant Recipients: CircusWest, Dr. A.R. Lord PAC, Hastings Community Centre Association, Hastings North Business Improvement Association, Hastings Park Conservancy, Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre
- **Action:** Kim to send CAG members Hastings Park 1942 Commemoration information
- CircusWest has been positive impact in community
- Community Skate Day – looking at Family Day date, possibly during Christmas break
- Once ice is in, round clock supervision by engineer
- Discuss possibility of coordinating with Hastings Community Centre to promote each other's Family Day event
 - Discussed idea of Centre assisting in skate rentals
 - Community Grant cannot cover skate rentals, but possible to use grant to purchase skates

- Coliseum too expensive to rent out for one time hockey tournaments, discuss option of booking schools/groups for multiple week programs

4.2 Fright Nights 2017 (Bike Patrol, Clean Up Crew, Ticket Program, Traffic Authority)

- Site will be very busy from 7pm-9pm
- Traffic Authority to be present only on busy nights
- Bike Patrol every night for Fright Nights, open to close, monitor community and schools closely
- VPD will be on site
- Neighbourhood Fright Nights Ticket Program in effect

5 Fair Move Out/Park Restoration

- Working on 1 month turnaround
- Park space being restored – 24 yards of soil, 100 kg of grass seed spread site wide
- All greenway planters have been put back, site signage removed, greenway crossing repainted
- 127 hrs spent on turf repair
- Confirmed no major issues/damage during Fair
- Discussion around using Sanctuary during Fair – confirmed that certain parts of Sanctuary are used for programs during Fair
- Reminder that Hastings Access Passes are available to local community during Fair
- No nature walks in August

6 Upcoming Events: Farmer's Market

- **<Bring Forward to next meeting>**

7 Questions/Community Feedback

- No new sports teams to replace the Giants – have had more events and continue with more concerts
- Hastings Race Course concert, Albatross Music Festival Sept 14 & 15, was too loud; difficult to obtain information from Race Track as they were not primary planners
- Corner of Hastings/Cassiar (Empire Fields) – trees & shrubs not properly maintained. Confirmed Parks Board's responsibility
- **<Bring Forward to next meeting>** - Open Board Meetings – discuss community views and involvement
- Confirmed PNE continues to refuse participation with "420"
- **Action:** Kim to send out email re: next CAG meeting date

This meeting concluded at 6:50pm

Next Meeting: November 7th, 2017

Start time: 5:15 pm in the Hastings Room