

MINUTES

In Attendance:

PNE STAFF
Kate Chong: Co-Chair
Shelley Frost: Co-Chair
John Brodie: Project Manager, PNE Master Plan
Raya Pledge: Administrative Assistant
<i>Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair (Regrets)</i>

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS
Linda Shuto
Pasquale Balletta
Patricia Barnes
Shawna Faber
Steven Cohen
Darci Swinton
Sal Audia
<i>Steve Canofari (regrets)</i>

1. **Adoption of Agenda/Minutes**
 - No changes

2. **Introductions/Housekeeping/Goals**
 - Introductions: John Brodie, Project Manager – PNE Master Plan
 - Shelley Frost took a moment to thank Kate Chong for all her hard work and congratulate her on her new endeavor with the Kidney Foundation of BC & Yukon

3. **Topics to Discuss**
 - 3.1 **Master Plan Update with John Brodie**
 - Reviewed the Master Plan Vision & a visual of the projects of what I completed/current & future
 - Playland Redevelopment Project- currently in Phase 2- Business Case
 - Refresh market analysis/ Confirm redevelopment scenario/ Identify project delivery strategy/ progress design/ Develop more reliable cost estimates
 - There has been a contracted theme park consultant (Forrec) that is assisting with the refresh market analysis & scenario
 - Looking at all possibilities in funding, including P3(Private/Public Partnership)
 - Hoping to go back to City of Vancouver City Council in early 2020
 - Amphitheatre Renewal Overview – preliminary planning looks at the whole heart of the park, arborist and other assessments done with consideration to future layout and existing infrastructure

- Ideally to create a space to be used by community programming as well as concerts and other suitable events. Some design elements include covered areas of seating as well as stage
- Anticipate Amphitheatre construction to take place alongside Playland Re-Development- but be completed before
- Key takeaway is sound mitigation – comments from committee included identifying that sound from certain types of shows is amplified especially for residents east of Cassiar. This was acknowledged emphasizing the need to look at directional sound control and buffers in the renewal design. Changes in possible sound technology were also discussed. Still in initial stages and will continue to inform as project progresses
- Explanation around Playland re-development and costs for infrastructure updates. Costs will be relevant in future as project moves ahead due to contingency % shrinking as more details are finalized. The PNE is paying for these updates and take loans from the city however; these are repaid in full plus interest. Not using tax payers money
- CAG member expressed that she hoped the stream would also progress and was advised that current projects are Playland redevelopment and Amphitheatre renewal but that stream is still part of overall heart of the park planning.

3.2 Chinese Lantern 2019

- 2018 event was overall successful- lots of learnings, busiest days had over 6,000+, weather and competing events were challenging
- The promoter is interested in coming back for 2019, to fall more over Chinese New Year & spring break vs. winter holiday break
- The PNE is currently working with the promoter on a new layout for 2019, PNE staff is interested in getting advisory members feedback on what their top priorities for the new layout are
- Most notable challenges were lack of North/South thoroughfare through the Sanctuary area to Miller drive area, and re-direction signage for cyclists and pedestrians
- CAG member expressed that she felt the footprint was too large and that the event lasted too long. Others mentioned that they appreciated the PNE looking at alternate footprints and asked that we please minimize restrictions to park spaces where possible.
- Farmers Market was happy with location adjustment to their footprint
- Key takeaway from recap on the 2018 Lantern Festival was the layout not cutting off main entrances into park spaces i.e.- west side of Sanctuary & Momiji gardens
- Moving forward- taking feedback from today's meeting, discuss with operational staff & promoter, bring a few options to the open public board meeting on June 11, 2018 & have follow-up with CAG members in September 2018

3.3 PNE Community Grant Survey – In person

- Second year of the PNE Community Grant, received 8 applications for 2018
- Community Day at Playland 2018- taking place Saturday May 26, 2018- regular operation but \$10 from each regular ticket will go towards the grant (maximum of \$10,000)
- Survey provided to CAG members in person & electronically to Neighbourhood Focus Group
- Requested further information on groups applying i.e.- general description of event & expected number of attendee's
- Possibly next year do a slide with info on each group/event would help determine which are good candidates

- Clarification on fundraising aspect, the event has to be free to attend but could the funding support a portion of the event that is free, while a few other areas has a fundraising aspect (i.e.- PAC school Fair)
- Continue to promote these events via electronic newsletter to encourage community involvement

4. For Information

4.1 The Fair at the PNE Release

- Provided some highlights around the entertainment and summer night concert series line-up
- Comments around what the PNE can do to help with safety around Lot 16 & neighbourhood parkers. People are literally jumping in front of moving vehicles. Danger to themselves and others moving through the area
 - This is a city bylaw issue and reports around safety concerns should go through 311

Action: Kate will mention this concern again to City of Vancouver bylaw to focus on

5. Questions Community Feedback

- Overall thanks to Kate Chong for her dedication and time invested in creating good community relationships and keeping dialogue going. We will miss her dearly and the new person has big shoes to fill!

This meeting concluded at 6:52pm

Next Meeting: September 18, 2018 @ 5:15pm