

MINUTES

In Attendance:

PNE STAFF
Whitney Law: Co-Chair
Jeff Strickland: Co-Chair
Shelley Frost: Co-Chair
Rosa Chirico: Administrative Assistant

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

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- Changes made, accepted

2. Introductions/Housekeeping

- Introductions of Whitney Law, new Community Relations Manager and Shelley Frost, new President/CEO
- John Brodie, Project Manager – PNE Master Plan is committed to attending some meetings re: any new developments

3. Topics to Discuss

3.1 Fair Move Out/Park Restoration

- Fair overall did well, strong second week, great feedback
- Some Neighbours continue to be concerned with unsafe parking issues surrounding Hastings Park during Fair. Concerns raised are twofold: 1 – Safety for individuals walking in traffic soliciting parking sales. 2 – Current bylaws should prevent this activity. Q – who enforces this activity
- PNE maximizes parking onsite during Fair to help mitigate parking from neighbourhood to a PNE lot
- Continue to push need for additional parking in the PNE Master Plan (currently contemplated to utilize the centre infield of the racetrack)
- Restoration of Fair back to park starts day after labour day
 - Portable buildings now off-site
 - Greenspace needs time to recover, has been reseeded
 - Amphitheatre currently still set up for last concert there of the season

- Two weekends of Playland after Fair, CircusWest back in Garden Auditorium and E. Livestock Building set up for film/sets/play
- Large compound at Lot 9B due to lack of storage/space onsite (to house containers, gaming merchandise)

3.2 Ongoing Noise Mitigation

- Amphitheatre redevelopment - looking at new technologies
- PNE continues to have staff out doing sound readings at 10-15 different spots every 15-30 min. during an event
- Sound bylaw does not stipulate that there be no sound, it stipulates the level of sound that cannot be exceeded
 - Bylaw 6555 says *No person shall in an activity zone or an event zone make, cause or permit to be made or caused, continuous sound the sound level of which during the daytime exceeds a rating of 70 on an approved sound meter when received at a point of reception for more than 3 minutes within any 15 minute window.*
- Readings are directly communicated to Event Manager during an event, and Event Manager works with band to lower sound levels where needed
- PNE recognizes 2 recent concerts were challenging re: noise levels, and on one occasion with inappropriate language, and are taking steps to not have this happen again
- Confirmed each show has their own noise technicians/speaker systems
- Weather affects noise level/travel
- Discussion around possible physical, as well as new technology, sound buffers at Amphitheatre (i.e. baffles)
- Time limit has helped with noise – most curfew is 10pm
- Sound has gotten better west of park; problematic at Dundas east of park
- Confirm neighbours can call 311 for complaints; emails are forwarded to Community Relations
- Neighbours can also call PNE's Community Engagement department at 604-251-7708 with any concerns
- Call Community Relations directly to express any concerns
- Amphitheatre redevelopment slated to start 2021

3.3 Basketball Courts

- NBA has inducted a famous basketball star to Hall of Fame and gifted an upgrade to a local community court
- Hastings Park basketball court chosen (located beside Gate 2 on Renfrew)
- There will be an announcement during a special basketball game at Rogers Arena on the 29th
- Design will consist of one (1) outdoor/open space court at Italian Gardens

3.4 Expanded Community Skate Program

- Program runs last Sunday of each month until February 2019
- No rental option for skates/helmets
- PNE has purchased skate aids
- No concession; exploring vending machines
- Group ideas
 - Set different skate times for different levels (i.e. Teen skate night)
 - Community sponsorships (i.e. Tim Hortons)
 - Family rate pricing; would be ideal to align to City family rate pricing

- **<Action>** Whitney to email flyer to group

3.5 Learn to Fish Program

- Extended fishing hours during Fair
- Stocked late Sept/early Oct
- **<Action>** Jeff to forward Fresh Water Fisheries contact to Pasquale B.

3.6 Japanese Problem (Play)

- Sept 13 – 29, 2018
- 75th Anniversary of internment during WWII
- No cost/by donation
- **<Action>** Whitney to send out info to group

3.7 Fright Nights – Community Impact & Safety

- Starts October 5
- Bike patrol every night
- Traffic Authority is scheduled
- Suggestion of having bike patrol stay ½ hour past closing to ensure smooth closing each night

3.8 Upcoming Concerts & Events

- Confirmed site is smoke free zone – with the exception of events where outdoor smoking areas are created
- All buildings - No smoking of any kinds, including vaping
- Review all upcoming events
- **<Bring-forward>** discussion re: cannabis legalization and Hastings Park

4. CAG Application

- Application process begins Oct 12, ends Nov 16
- Looking for 10 members
- Target 5-6 meetings per year
- 1 year term

5. Questions Community Feedback

This meeting concluded at 6:50pm

Next Meeting: November 7, 2018 @ 5:15pm