

MINUTES

In Attendance:

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- No changes

2. Introductions/Housekeeping

- Review CAG application process
 - New – 2019 group will include 10 members (currently 8)
 - Application deadline - November 16, 2018
 - Darci to inform Hastings Park Conservancy of CAG application process at their next AGM
 - Reminder to get info out to neighbourhood groups and neighbours
 - Suggestion of 2 year terms, for future consideration
 - Decision of 2019 members will be made mid-December

3. Topics to Discuss

3.1 Chinese Lantern Festival (“CLF”)

- Successful event last year
- 2019 dates – Feb 1 – March 31
- Review map and new CLF layout for 2019
- Event to include more detailed signage (detour route signs, north/south bike route)
- 36 new lanterns
- Main entrance will be Playland main gate
- Parking will be across from Playland (Hastings/Windermere)
- Better accessibility for park users to Momiji Gardens and Sanctuary during CLF, Miller Drive to remain open

- 2019 CLF will capture Lunar New Year, Spring Break and potentially better weather
- Available for school tours via Group Sales Department
 - Suggestion to let schools know well in advance for opportunity to plan and attend
- Group is positive about new footprint

3.2 Cannabis and the PNE

- PNE Security determine if recreational or medical
- Group suggested website wording around recreational or medical cannabis allowance is confusing and leaves too much room for unforeseen issues
- Suggestion of more detailed signage with information at different points of park
- Cannabis policy up at pne.ca (under FAQs)

3.3 Dogs and Leashes

- Concept only – question of off-leash area for dogs at park
- Pros
 - Safer area for dogs
- Cons
 - Not enough green space
 - Site not well lit
 - Sanctuary is off limits
 - Interaction with other dogs – compromises safety of people using park
 - Too much traffic onsite, unsafe for pets
 - Leaves site messy
 - Noted that New Brighton has an off leash dog park

4 For Information

4.1 Fright Nights Recap

- Record season
- Traffic authority was monitoring street parking
- Clean-up crews working each morning to clean up surrounding area
- Group continues to see traffic issues from Cassiar to Nanaimo
- **Action:** Follow up with John Brodie, Project Manager, PNE Master Plan regarding parking report
- Group noticed more garbage in lanes – reminder to call Whitney with any issues in neighbourhood

4.2 Basketball Courts Update

- Steve Nash Family Court
- Colors on court display Nash's NBA accomplishments
- Used every day by local schools
- Commented that this is not lit at night

5 Questions Community Feedback

- Discussion around using buildings for more events in general by renting them out – commented that our site and greenspace are beautiful
- Questions around homeless/squatters on site- confirmed site is secured 24/7 by security. Group is impressed by cleanliness of site

- Japanese Problem (Play)
 - PNE open to return of play, as long as no conflict with any other bookings
 - Group feels earlier advertising of play would generate more attendance/interest
 - Discussion around holding play during Fair time
- Terry Fox Run
 - Greatly appreciated by local schools, guest speaker was a positive experience for all
 - Community using facility is a great idea

This meeting concluded at 6:45pm

Next Meeting: TBD