



Pacific National Exhibition
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MEETING MINUTES

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group
Wednesday April 28, 2021
5:30pm
Virtual Meeting via Teams

Present: PNE Staff

Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Business Development
Jeff Strickland, Vice President, Operations
Salome Valente, Executive Assistant & Manager Corporate Administration

Community Advisory Group Members

Andrea Dowd-Dever
Darci Swinton
Patricia Barnes
Sal Audia
Linda Chow
Steve Canofari
Stewart Anderson

Regrets: Courtney Komonasky
Linda Shuto
Pasquale Balletta

AGENDA TOPICS

1. PNE Update – Karen Massicotte

- Karen presented a review of the PNE's 2020 year and a forecast of 2021. Karen also presented an overview of CAG meetings for 2021.

2. Playland – Jeff Strickland

- Jeff delivered a presentation on the upcoming Playland season and the decision to delay opening until the current Provincial Health Orders are amended.
- The group agreed that the PNE made the right decision in delaying the opening of Playland

3. Parking and Park Safety – Jeff Strickland

- Jeff delivered a presentation on the recent incidents of graffiti, vandalism and theft at Hastings Park. Jeff also presented some updates to park safety and that pay parking was now in effect in Lots 9B, 9C and 16.
- Patricia Barnes shared that the BIA is also facing similar issues and inquired if the PNE had any metrics on timing of incidents and when these incidents are being discovered. Jeff replied that



the PNE has started a monthly dashboard to track these incidents that can be shared with the BIA

- Some of the committee members felt that the lack of activity onsite (both commercial and passive uses) due to COVID-19 was contributing to the incidents and that it should decrease once activity resumes

4. Public Art – Karen Massicotte

- Karen delivered a presentation on public art at Hastings Park
- The group agreed that the Vancity proposed art project would be a nice addition to Hastings Park
- The group had strong feelings that the Hollow Man anti-monument should not be placed at Hastings Park
 - i. The group felt that this would be no different than the Christopher Columbus statue which was removed
 - ii. It was also brought up that there are many opportunities for public art and education around public art and why would this one be picked
- Karen added that further conversations are needed to be had before a decision was made on the anti-monument and appreciated the groups feedback

5. Open Forum – All

- Andrea Dowd-Dever inquired on the Amphitheatre project. Jeff Strickland replied that the project is at the next level of design and PNE staff are looking to take the plan to Vancouver City Council later this year. Jeff also added that he will have a more detailed update at the next CAG meeting