

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group
Wednesday, January 2020
5:15pm – Hastings Room

MINUTES

In Attendance:

PNE STAFF
Jeff Strickland: Vice President, Operations, Co-Chair
Karen Massicotte: Vice President, Sales, Co-Chair
Whitney Law: Manger, Community Engagement, Co-Chair
Kimberly Way: Administrative Assistant

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS
Andrea Dowd-Dever
Darci Swinton
Patricia Barnes
Sal Audia-regrets
Steve Canofari
Linda Shuto
Pasquale Balletta
Courtenay Komonasky
Linda Chow
Stewart Anderson-regrets

1. **Adoption of Agenda/Minutes**
 - Previous Minutes distributed earlier by Whitney Law

2. **Introductions/Terms of Reference/Vision Mission and Core Values- Karen Massicotte**

3. **Hastings Park PNE Governance- Jeff Strickland**
 - Brief review.
 - Use of some buildings for community events.
 - Share best practices with the COV in regards to Hastings Park maintenance.
 - Park Board involvement with ongoing Hastings Park plans and use.
 - Community Involvement around governance decision was extensive; the decision is in place and is not up for discussion.
 - There are members of the group who are pleased with the current governance model.
 - Commercial events are usually marketed under the PNE name. PNE Hastings Park name and how it's used depending on the event. There is ongoing education with clients in regards to how the name is used.

4. Topics to Discuss

4.1 Master Plan Info Sessions

- There will be special invites to Master Plan sessions; encouraged CAG members to attend.
- ACTION ITEM: a PDF of the poster to CAG members.

4.2 Aurora Winter Festival Debrief-Jeff Strickland

- Open times changed and early termination of event due to weather.
- Currently looking for ways to use more of the Playland footprint.
- Learned a lot and are looking at what might change for coming year.
- Feedback from CAG as follows
 - LC is not happy about access to the Sanctuary, the amount of garbage and the potential impact to the environment with the use of plastic (flooring for walkways etc)
 - Event planners were very careful when considering the impact of the habitat due to the activation in the Sanctuary-SF
 - There were many expressions of concerns/complaints from community members-DS
 - There was discussion around the CAG as a group meant to share different points of view.
 - Reducing the area/overall footprint of Aurora moving forward-ADD
 - The focus on keeping the Sanctuary accessible during the event was front and centre. There were assets throughout the Sanctuary that needed to be protected, hence the use of security during the day-JS
 - LS was shocked to see how much of the Sanctuary was used during the event and states that she believes the Sanctuary should never be used for events (drones, lighting) Offers the idea that there should be protected areas that are never used for events, the park can be used in a predictable way.
 - CK enjoyed the event and thought that the Sanctuary was used appropriately. CAG was happy to see the Sanctuary getting attention. Rides price point was a bit steep.
 - PB understands sanctuary concerns. Lafarge Lake is similar – stay on the path. Using lighting in green space is not unheard of. Thinks footprint should be minimal. CAG is a big fan of neighbours using the site.
 - DS would like to see the COV move forward with greening more spaces.
 - JF states that we are still in de-brief mode in regards to Aurora and Group will circle back in regards to whether the event will continue and what it might look like.

4.3 Community Events 2020

- Youth Policy Conference will happen in the North Forum.
- Art Project Open House will be held in the Hastings Room.
- Yoga in the Park ideas?
- School groups educational opportunities within the park. PB would like to see children benefit from the benefits of being in nature. Would like to see more connectivity between green spaces.
- WL will be engaging with community schools in regards to enjoying the parks natural assets, getting a feel for interest.
- Guided walks with interpreter perhaps with a small fee. Partnership with specialized fields ie; Lori Stiener? Indigenous culture and education.
- Further ideas include movie nights, opera in the park etc...community picnics, “Fairy Day” at Burnaby Lake, community gardens, pedal pushers cycling programs.

- 5. **For Information**
 - 5.1 **Community Skate**-WL gave update, JS was Santa.
 - 5.2 **Upcoming Community Events**

- 6. **Questions/Community Feedback**

This meeting concluded at 6:45pm

Next Meeting: TDB