

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee
MINUTES

February 10, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Murray Wilson
Mr. Phillip Read
Mr. Harald Norve
Ms. Lisa Olie
Mr. Chris Crowell

REGRETS: Councillor Sue Uteck

STAFF: Ms. Carolle Roberts, Landscape Architect
Mr. Brian Phelan, Superintendent, Parks and open Spaces
Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator
Mr. Rudy Vodicka, Coordinator, Real Property Policy
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Pam Lovelace, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35pm in the Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2010

Amendments:

Item 4.1.2

- The wall should be approximately 100 metres *long* rather than *high*
- The bullet *Landscaping on the Fort Ogilvie and Cambridge Batteries led to the discovery of original bases and fortifications* will be replaced with *Original building foundations were unearthed during the landscape work at Fort Ogilvie and Cambridge Battery. Staff are working with an archaeologist to survey and record the foundations*
- *Power washing* will be removed from the tenth bullet

MOVED by Mr. Norve, seconded by Mr. Awalt, that the minutes of November 18 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Item 6.3.1 Summer Performance Festival presentation was moved to the top of the agenda.

The agenda was accepted as amended.

6.3.1 Summer Performance Festival – Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator

A document titled About the Eyelevel Summer Performance Art Series 2011 was submitted.

The Eyelevel Gallery Call for Submissions document was submitted.

Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator, introduced the organizers of the Eyelevel Summer Performance Series, Director Michael McCormack and his colleague Ms. Sarah Burwash.

The presenters requested input from the Committee on potential use restrictions in the Park that they should be aware of during the organization of the Summer Performance Festival event. The series is planned to take place on the last weekend of June 2011.

Mr. Read entered the meeting at 4:41pm.

A discussion ensued regarding the event. Highlights were as follows:

- Mr. Morum requested further details on how the performances will relate to the Artist in Residence work already taking place in the Park.
- Mr. Awalt noted that it's important to stop activities that misrepresent cultures and asked what specific cultural performances the organizers had in mind.
- The organizers do not have specific activities in mind as they are requesting submissions from artists.
- The Eyelevel staff assured the Committee that the selection process would be sensitive to the needs of Park visitors. The performances do not aim to be disruptive.
- Mr. Phelan requested that coordination of bookings be made with Shakespeare by the Sea.
- Ms. Olie asked what kind of emphasis would be placed on the historic and interpretive nature of the Park when selecting the performances.
- The work will be selected on how it responds to the Park, although the selection process has not yet been finalized.
- Mr. Morum asked whether artists would receive reference and/or guidance materials on the Park prior to making their submission.
- Mr. Rice suggested the Eyelevel staff familiarize themselves with the Point Pleasant Park website and offer it to the artists as a reference tool.
- The deadline for submissions is March 15, and the selections will be made by the end of March.
- Mr. MacLellan offered to coordinate details and vet material on behalf of the Committee as their next meeting may not happen until after the selection. Mr. MacLellan will send the details to Mr. Rice.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES/STAFF UPDATES

4.1 Staff Updates

4.1.1 Construction

Ms. Roberts provided a verbal update on construction activities to the Committee.

4.1.2 Winter Maintenance Program

Mr. Rice provided a verbal update to the committee on the Winter Maintenance Program.

A discussion on the update ensued and the following points were raised:

- Ms. Olie asked if there was significant rut damage from the December rains, similar to what occurred a few years ago.
- Mr. Norve noted that there has been significant improvement to winter access.

- Mr. Morum expressed that he had personally heard from runners in the Park and that they are generally satisfied with the snow and ice clearance. A few years ago the Park did not have dedicated staff and that appears to have made a difference.

4.1.3 Fortification Stabilization

Mr. Phelan provided a verbal update to the committee on the Fortification Stabilization.

Ms. Roberts read a submission from Ms. Nicole May, Landscape Architect.

A discussion on the update ensued and the following points were raised:

- Mr. Read requested an update on the fish tanks.
- Ms. Roberts will take the request for an update on the fish tanks back to Ms. May for inclusion on the next agenda
- Mr. Morum requested a list of activities with associated dates to be added to the minutes.
- Mr. Read asked if there would be sound associated with the visitor tour markers.
- Mr. Vodicka suggested that this was something staff was working on but not until a later phase.
- Discussion followed as to the logistics of how to make the spoken word project work.
- Mr. Read expressed concern of having printed leaflets all over the park.
- Mr. Crowell suggested that there are many technology tools that could better enhance the visitor experience.
- Mr. Morum requested that staff complete the spoken word project.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Tree Planting Program – Ms. Cassandra Naas, Communications Nova Scotia

Correspondence dated February 4, 2011 from Ms. Cassandra Naas, Communications Nova Scotia, was before the Committee.

A discussion on the correspondence ensued and the following points were raised:

- Mr. Morum asked staff whether or not the funds referenced in the correspondence could be accepted. Mr. Rice responded that yes, the Park can accept the monies.
- Mr. Morum asked staff to respond to the author of the letter.

- Mr. Crowell asked if there was a community intention with the program. He would like to know if there are opportunities to engage people with the Park by planting trees.
- Staff is working with Tree Canada and will make contact with the author of the letter.
- Mr. Morum made mention of a program that was devised by staff to offer people an opportunity to plant trees in the park but it has not been executed.
- In addition to the timeline presented by Mr. Vodicka, Mr. Morum requested a work plan including all upcoming activities and dates, including Shilling Ceremony and People in the Park program.

Discussion of the Shilling Ceremony followed, including who would be on the guest list and where the ceremony could take place in the park.

6.2 Petitions

6.3 Presentation

6.3.1 Summer Performance Festival – Mr. Jamie MacLellan, Public Art Facilitator

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting. Please see page 3.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Committee Members

7.1.1 Follow up re: Enforcement of By-law A-300 – Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership - Chair

Mr. Phelan reported that Animal Control staff was notified and the Committee's concerns were handed to the Off-leash Committee. As a result, Animal Control has agreed to increase their presence in the park. Mr. Phelan indicated that he sits on the Off-Leash Committee, but it has not met for a few months. He advised that he would invite Mr. John Charles, Planner, to the next meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Crowell requested annual information on the number of incidents and issues reported.

7.1.2 2011 Work Plan – Chair

Mr. Morum requested that all dates mentioned at this meeting be incorporated into the minutes in order to have a listing of work plan items.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Global Water Dances

Correspondence dated February 7, 2011 from Ms. Susan Cook was submitted.

Mr. Awalt acknowledged Ms. Cook as a professional dancer and choreographer.

Mr. Morum noted that this event was scheduled on the same weekend as the Summer Performances and the Point Pleasant Park rent due date of June 24, 2011.

Ms. Olie suggested that the Water Dance could be an artist submission to the Summer Performance event.

The Committee generally agreed that this appeared to be an event to support.

Mr. Morum requested that Mr. Vodicka take the issue to the appropriate staff.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 10, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Pamela Lovelace
Legislative Assistant

Information Item

1. Proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule