

POINT PLEASANT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REVISED MINUTES

November 7, 2013

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Morum, Chair
Mr. Don Awalt, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Windsor
Ms. Nancy Vanstone
Ms. Lisa Ollie
Mr. Peter Duinker
Mr. Will Gregory

REGRETS: Councillor Waye Mason
Ms. Helen Sinclair
Ms. Paula Minnikin
Ms. Annette Hartt

STAFF: Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 5, 2013

MOVED by Mr. Windsor seconded by Ms. Vanstone that the minutes of September 5, 2013 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

Item 8.1 Programs of the Year
Item 8.2 Plan Review

MOVED by Mr. Duinker seconded by Ms. Vanstone that the order of business be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Update from Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks

Mr. Stephen Rice, Supervisor of Major Parks, presented an update to the Committee. He informed the Committee that regular maintenance continues as usual, there are no major projects at this time and there will be no staff changes during the winter months. He stated that requests keep coming in for use of the park for special events; he noted that some event planners are not following the rules and regulations and they have been flagged. Mr. Rice stated the protocols and guidelines on the rental of the property need to be updated.

Mr. Gregory entered the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Rice informed the Committee that the War Memorial website has been down and the survey was completed and the results are on the web.

Mr. Rice also noted that he needs to get an update from HRM staff and Parks Canada and update the Committee at the next regular meeting on the status of the Urban Star Park.

4.2 Update from Mr. John Simmons, Acting Superintendent of Parks

No update at this time.

4.3 By Law Enforcement Update

The By Law Enforcement summary from April 18, 2013 to October 31, 2013 was distributed to the Committee Members. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ollie stated that staffing issues with HRM patrols seems to be improving.

Ms. Vanstone expressed concerns that there are not enough patrols and enforcement is an issue. She stated that a letter was sent to the Off-Leash Committee in May 2013 and no reply has been provided to the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee. She noted that By-Law enforcement was a significant issue raised in the recent user survey. Ms. Vanstone noted that no follow-up has been completed on the recommendations to the Regional Council.

The Committee requested that Ms. Vanstone prepare a follow-up letter to the Off-Leash Committee, By-Law Enforcement staff, and Community Council on behalf of PPPAC seeking follow-up on the recommendations on the compliance strategy.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence from Ms. Allison Delory

A letter from Ms. Alison Delory dated October 17, 2013 was before the Committee.

The letter indicated her request to have water fountains installed in the park. Discussion ensued and the Committee felt they need clarification on ownership of Point Pleasant Park and the Long Term Plan. It was decided that Mr. Duinker would e-mail Mr. Peter Bigelow for clarification. Mr. Morum stated that he would respond to Ms. Delory.

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Programs of the Year

The following is a list of programs the Committee would like to work on for next year:

- Mr. Windsor volunteered to do the Shilling Ceremony with help from Ms. Ollie. The Shilling ceremony is scheduled to take place in June 2014.
- Long Term Plan Review and By-Laws regarding the park.
- Reinstating park volunteers if within the mandate of this Committee
- Review of the dog park on leash/off leash
- Mi'Maq War Memorial, Mr. Alwalt stated he would be giving updates and that recommendations from the Committee would be taken into consideration.

Ms. Ollie left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

8.2 Plan Review

Discussion ensued on the implementation of the forest plan. The committee agreed that they need to ensure that the plan is going as it should and the process of the review is in place. Mr. Rice stated that he would make a request to the Manager, Regional Operations, on how to proceed with the care and maintenance of the plan, also clarifying who is the lead from HRM in regards to Point Pleasant Park. Mr. Rice noted that there have been no annual reports of the plan since it was written.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - December 5, 2013

The next regular meeting of the Point Pleasant Park Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday December 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Office and Maintenance Building, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax.

11. ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Darcy Warren
Legislative Support