

Meeting Notes Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Present: Susanne Dahlin, Levi Higgs, Scott, Lawrence, Maggie, Jim LeMaistre, Ken Paquette, David Parent

1) Meeting with the City

- City Manager and Parks Board GM has requested a meeting the Britannia Board
- Internal discussion is on-going with whom best should attend this initial meeting

2) Field trip

- Committee members Penny Street and Jane Shield conducted a site visit of regional libraries
- Other members attended a field trip to Hillcrest Community Centre, general impressions included;
 - glass cleaning costs were told to be high due to the amount and height of glass in the facility
 - high ceilings and large windows were helpful in making the space feel larger
 - some space seemed under-utilized
 - the space seemed to have high ambient noise
 - facility can be described more as a Sports complex rather than as a Community Centre, little art space.

3) LEED pros/cons

- General discussions ensued concerning the pros and cons of LEED certification for new construction, some of the benefits and challenges that this certification entails

4) Citizen's assembly update

- Final report has been submitted
- The plan is for the report to be presented to Council on June 24th
- The assembly tried to include in the report timelines for points that were deemed very important
- The report indicated that both Templeton and Britannia pools should be retained as important community recreational facilities
- The assembly recommended that a communications liaison be assigned by the City so that the community can be well informed as to what the City is doing with the report.

5) Website

- Committee website to be updated
- Currently planning on putting together a group of volunteers that will help revise the webpage
- The main purpose of the website is to ensure that the public is as well informed as possible on the Britannia renewal process

6) Programming principles

- The Committee Chair has asked Jenny Jung, to start the programming principle guidelines development process
- Jenny reviewed the Parks Board strategic planning tool, which could be used as a guide for the long term programming principles
- The Committee Chair indicated that it is a good start reviewing the Parks and Rec side of the program planning, but there is a need to pull together the Library and Arts and Culture as well.

NOTES – Planning & Development

- Jenny indicated that a needs assessment/survey may need to be conducted using a third party - this idea was supported by the present members of the Committee.
- Discussion ensued about the need to have as an inclusive of a planning and needs assessment process as possible, and ways to engage different groups - including focus groups

7) School Status

- City of Vancouver sponsored a recent report that recommended a specific number of school closures due to low student rate, but did not explicitly name the schools

8) Consultations

- Discussed the need to consult more closely with Strathcona and Hastings community organizations including the business community, in terms of the needs of the Britannia centre renewal given the school community centre catchment area

9) New business

- Questions from the Pool Committee liaison included
 - What is the condition assessment of the pool
 - What should the pool committee focus on in regards to the Britannia Centre renewal process
 - What is the long term vision of the Britannia board for the Britannia Centre renewal

10) Need for more field trips was expressed even over the summer months.

Next meeting July 21st at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.