



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday December 10, 2013

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Peter Mitchell, Serj Sangara, Marcia Jacobs
Mike Thorne, Dan Marriott, Terry Kehoe, Warren Karsgaard, Don Fisher,
Tony Shaw, Jared Hulme, Donna Marsland, Mike Fletcher,
Bill Shayler, Bob Jackson, Gary Rosval. Robbie Jacobs.
Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler,(City staff,) Jennifer Scott (Oval), Jordan Mottl
(Oval)

Regrets Ivan Wong, Doug Long, Barb Norman, Stuart Corrigan, Sanjeet Sadana,
Jack Hamilton, Councillor Bill McNulty, Mike Romas (Oval)

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm
2. Guest – Serena Lusk to provide an update on the Older Adults Centre and Aquatic Centre replacements in Minoru Park

Serena opened her presentation by referring to the budget approved on December 9th for \$79.6M which included \$5.7M for the field amenities, aquatic centre and integrated older adults centre in Minoru Park. Serena confirmed that the aquatic and older adult centre would total 109,000 sq.ft, however, there was no design at present. There would also be a multi-purpose artificial turf in the north of the park.

Serena then presented two options for consideration and input:

Option 1: will provide more space for the field sport users and Latrace field will be left as it is together with the sandcell field and a new artificial turf field plus another artificial turf field somewhere else in the City. There will be less impact on the trees, less parking and less impact on cricket.

Option 2:

Grandstand Seating and washrooms at the north, covered players area and new lighting.

Jim emphasized that Sports Council should be involved in the design meetings and user fees are not to be used unless this goes to Sports Council first as \$600,000 from the users fees was

mentioned in the budget. Serena responded that \$5.7 M is new money and the \$600,000 was not identified as user fees or for any specific project and if user fees are used it will come to Sports Council for approval.

Questions were asked as follows:

Will the new artificial turf field be built at the same time as the construction?” Response was Yes.

Questioning loss of sport fields in Richmond overall. Response: There will be more field space in the new construction at Minoru.

What groups get to have input into the design? Response: first would be Sports Council and then other groups if they want to provide input.

Lack of changing rooms and washrooms at the weekends as there are very limited facilities in Richmond, in fact, Hugh Boyd has no change facilities at all. Security in change rooms needed to be addressed. It is very hard to host tournaments with no change rooms, this is not possible at present. Response: There will be 8 change rooms in the new building.

There would be a need to secure the new field so that the public do not take shortcuts.

Warm up area also needs to be included.

Serena confirmed that Option 1. will be worked on and a report back to Sports Council and City Council with further details before any decisions are made.

Jim emphasized the need for more multipurpose fields and asked that committee members from Sports Council be included in the design phase so that they can bring back information directly to Sports Council.

Bob enquired if the tennis courts would disappear due to the new Safety Building and firetrucks as in some of the plans some of the tennis courts are used for parking.

Serena responded that no space will be taken away from the tennis courts as the fire hall operations can relocate as there is capacity at other locations.
Presentation concluded at 7.20 pm.

Garden City Lands

Gregg provided an overview from the results of the Open House held at Lansdowne Mall. Five display boards covering the suggestions received were displayed and Gregg provided details on each. Questionnaires were also circulated for completion by Sports Council.

Garden City is a 137 acre site and three options had been identified as possible uses: *In Nature, Off the Grid and On the Grid.*

Gregg asked for input from Sports Council as to the community space use as a report would be going forward to Council in the New Year.

Gregg answered questions and presentation concluded at 7.30 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from November 12, 2013: Moved Don Fisher, Seconded: Peter Mitchell, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Staff Update**

Gregg reported on Richmond City Baseball improvements at No. 2 Road and Blundell, curbing poured, posts are in, drainage in and fences and turf in the New Year and hopefully all to be completed by February 20,2014.

Gregg announced that Dave Semple was in hospital for back surgery and was recovering well.

4. **Sport Hosting Update**

Bids in progress

- 2015/2016 PAC WEST College Basketball Championship
- 2015-2018 Swimming Canada Events
- 2017 Karatedo World Championship
- 2015 Handball Canada National Championship
- 2017-2027 Women's National Volleyball Team

Secured events

- 2014 Football BC Selection Camp
- 2014 Pan Am Taekwondo Championship

Other news

- Jennifer Scott has taken another position with Tourism Burnaby as the Manager, Sport Tourism. Jen's last day with Richmond Sport Hosting is December 20. Jim would like to thank Jen for all of her hard work in advancing many sport hosting initiatives and being involved in the community, specifically KidSport Richmond.
- Richmondsporthosting.ca is undergoing a refresh, updated imagery, content and more engaged social media.

Jim wished her good luck.

5. **Facilities Task Force Report**

Jim stated that the report was nearing completion and will be circulated to everyone by the end of January 2014.

6. **Sports Awards**

Jim emphasized the importance of submitting nominations as only two had been received from Kajaks and Hockey. Terry then handed in a nomination so 3 in total have now been received.

7. **KidSport**

Bob circulated stats to date and continued by providing details. Bob confirmed that the information circulated is also submitted to KidSport BC. \$40,000 in funds had been disbursed for 2013. The grant had been reduced from \$250 to \$150 due to lack of money, however, funds are pending from different sources. Bob referred to the fund raising event being planned in 2014 which will help KidSport tremendously.

Bob confirmed his new email address as bejackson43@gmail.com

Jennifer then provided details on the Fund Raising Banquet scheduled for March 6, 2014 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport "Creating Community Champions". The committee is currently in the process of developing a framework and strategy and actively seeking sponsors from the sporting and business communities. Tickets will be \$150 with a regular table of ten costing \$1400 plus other speciality tables at a higher cost.

Jared continued by providing an update on sponsorship and circulated informational brochure.

8. **. Trust Fund** – no report.

9. **. Correspondence**

Jim referred to the letter of complaint received in regard to the changing rooms at Minoru Park and confirmed that the matter had been dealt with by staff and a letter of apology sent.

10. **Round Table** (highlights)

Robb:

- Two races, Cozumel Ironman, club member did well and Arizona with two members completing the course

Mike:

- Fishing season done
- Archery doing well with beginners class. St George's School adding to curriculum
- Boat ramp at No. 2 Road with thanks to the City
- Would like lockers and looking for some. Bob suggested he contact Rmd School District
- Air gun doing well

Jordan:

- Oval 5 yr anniversary celebrations Dec. 12 – 15 The Oval turns five Thursday, December 12 and is celebrating with a month of membership savings and 4 days of program and

service discounts, complimentary fitness classes, free clinics and O Cafe Happy Hours.
Check it out: www.richmondoval.ca/five.

- Christmas camps for kids
- Ignite Program – multi sport training

Terry:

- Football wrapped up
- Spring start up in March

Tony:

- Table Tennis Tournament Jan 12, 2014 at the Oval with both team and individual events

Don:

- Curling is busy
- Lots of rentals for Christmas and New Year
- Roar of the rings, qualifiers going to Sochi, Russia to represent Canada in curling

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: January 14, 2014.