



**Parks Master Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #6
Parks Training Room
March 6, 2007 7pm**

Present: Larry Hutchings, Bryan Melynk, Helen Tremaine, Lynette Hiebert, Hal Gibbard, Katia Gauvin, Councillor Pam Madoff, Vernon Wiebe

Staff: Alison Meyer, Planner; Deirdre Peters, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Dennis Seed

One member of the Public sat in on the meeting

1. Review of Agenda

- Agenda reviewed and accepted

2. Registration Update

- 40 people registered to date
- various backgrounds
- missing sport groups and naturalist/environment groups
- individual members of the Committee will contact people they know from missing groups requesting that someone attend workshop.
- Will also resend invitation to various groups

3. Update on Fine Tuning of Exercises

- Alison and Gary have fined tuned the exercises
- Agenda was presented to the Committee
 - 10:00am Welcome (time 15 minutes)
 - 10:15am Douglas Patterson (presentation 30 minutes + time for ques.)
 - 10:50am Favourite Urban Park in the World (exercise 20 min)
 - 11:10am Imagining the Ideal Park System - Rainbow exercise (50 min)
 - 12:00pm Lunch (30 minutes)
 - 12:30pm Trends likely to impact Parks (10 min)
 - 12:40pm Current Strengths (10 min)
 - 12:50pm Current Weaknesses (10 min)
 - 1:00pm Key words/sentences -> Vision ->Coin exercise (5 min)
 - 1:05pm What actions should be taken to achieve vision (10 min)
 - 1:15pm Prioritization of Actions -> Parks bucks exercise (5 min)
 - 1:20pm Next steps/Closing/Please fill out evaluation (10 min)
- Timetable is flexible and will likely change a bit to ensure there is enough time for Douglas Patterson's presentation

- Coin exercise is to define 'ideal park system' draw the participants back into visioning for the future
- Feedback:
 - Question on 'Why Best Parks' won't this be applicable to only those with means to travel or recent immigrants? What is relevance to Victoria?
 - Group discussed and spoke to significance of exercise: to broaden the vision and break out of what one experiences locally;...why does a particular park stand out---doesn't matter where it was; to tease out essential values.
 - possibly reword question to "Favourite Park Feature and/or Experience"
 - discussed using the word 'system'
 - facilitator will have instructions to help participants identify what features make is such a special place and the actual location is secondary.

4. Prepare Materials for March 17th Workshop

- Members broke into groups and prepared materials

5. Community Consultation at the neighbourhood level

- the group discussed how we could go about undertaking further consultation at the community/neighbourhood level.
- the group discussed possible ways that we could "group" different neighbourhoods together as it would be too much for staff to attend meetings in each neighbourhood.
- It was agreed that 6 groupings would appear to work.
- Alison said she would contact each association to determine if they had any issues, ideas with how the consultation should take place and what the logical groupings, meeting places and times would be.

6. The Steering Committee asked Cornelia Lange to show the Committee what she had in mind for the "presents from children" idea.

The committee was delighted and thanked Cornelia very much for her ideas and willingness to participate.

7. Helen shared an article she had read about demographics in Victoria and how the number of citizens over 65 is going to increase dramatically. The group discussed this. Bryan said he could supply us with more demographic information from the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Next meeting date: March 20, 2007