



City of Surrey

Parks & Community Services Committee

Minutes - Notes

PRC Boardroom #1
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WED, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008
Time: 7:020 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chairperson: Councillor Hepner
Councillor Gill
Councillor Martin
C. Annable
R. Benson
G. Rai
B. Rasode
G. Rice

School Board Trustee:

T. Allen

Absent:

Also Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
O. Croy, Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
D. Vestergaard, Administrative Coordinator, Parks, Recreation & Culture
H. Dmytriw, Legislative Service
Sherri Gosse, Comm Serv Coord – Cloverdale
Erin Balmer, Comm Serv Coord – Surrey
Hugh Morris, Acting Manager, Athletic Fields and Business Opportunities
Jerome Thibaudeau, Bus Ops Mgr
Lisa White, Community & Leisure Services Manager

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by Gupreet Rai

Seconded by Cliff Annable

That the minutes of the Parks & Community Services Committee meeting held on July 16, 2008, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

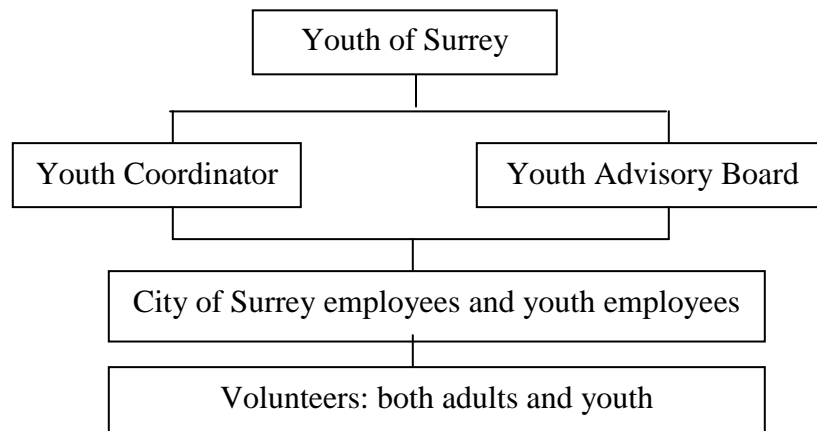
1. Surrey Youth Council

Representatives from Surrey Youth Council (Raphel Kim, Bobbie Dixon, Nissen Huang, Ashley Davies, Ryan Rose, Bill Wu) and Sherri Gosse, Community Services Coordinator - Cloverdale, and Erin Balmer, Community Services Coordinator - Surrey were in attendance to do a presentation on *The Big Chill Place*.

A business proposal was provided on table by the delegation. Following are the comment provided:

- Proposal contains vision
 - *To strive for a youth-driven facility that provides youth with the opportunity to have fun and learn through a variety of experiences in a safe, healthy, and accessible environment.*
- The mission is to strive for a youth driven space that provides youth with the opportunity to have fun and learning
- Demonstrates needs and that the proposed facility fully meets the goals of the Social Well-Being Plan in relation to youth in our community.

- Youth-driven centre will improve the appeal, utilization and cost effectiveness of city provided youth spaces and services.
- Provided survey results identifying the need for an indoor skate/bike park, centrally located, enabling sharing of facilities, accessible via transit, in an area with high density of youth, is affordable, safe, is youth dedicated and is fostering skill development in youth.
- Proposed locations:
 - Green Space near Newton Wave Pool (King George Hwy and 72 Avenue)
 - Across from Surrey Arts Centre (King George Hwy and 88 Avenue)
 - Possible collaboration with School District 36 to build youth centre near secondary school with sharing of facilities:
 - Kwantlen Park Secondary
 - Princess Margaret Secondary
 - Queen Elizabeth Secondary
- Services:
 - Core values
 - Accessibility
 - Social Atmosphere
 - Safety
 - Environmentalism
 - Structural elements
 - Indoor skate/bike park
 - Gym
 - Lounge and concession
 - Multipurpose rooms
- Youth Demo conditions High numbers of large families compared to other areas:
 - Newton shows highest youth population density in 2001 in Newton followed by Whalley
 - Near RCMP
- Suggested organization chart based on Surrey's current employment model:



- Projected construction costs:
 - Indoor skate/bike park \$1.1 Million
 - Facility Construction \$7.7 Million
 - Total \$8.8 Million

To alleviate the financial cost of launching this project, the committee aims to balance government funding for the centre with sponsorship from external sources through grant application, revenue generating strategies and the possible option of a dual-generational facility (for the young and the youth-at-heart). Managing the differences would be through clearly defined usage times by Seniors: daytime use; Youth: after school, evenings and weekend use.

- This is a proposed business plan and the proposal contains much foresight and contains some options for funding in preparation for this presentation. Surrey Youth Council would be open to feedback and suggestions for short-term solutions in partnerships with schools while waiting for the centre to be built.
- While researching youth services within Surrey, the youth council members noticed that some areas of Surrey have more services than others.
- The delegation thanked the committee for the funding being provided to Youth and for the opportunity to present today.

The Chair commended the youth delegation on their presentation of their business plan. The presentation is complete and makes our job much easier.

Committee comments:

- Staff will look at funding options such as RCMP *F Project* funding and *safer streets* and we may be able to look at something.
- The different concepts provided in the graph are great and these suggestions will really help staff in itemizing what the youth want.
- The delegation did a wonderful job of the presentation; their transition was fantastic and well done.
- As many schools as possible were surveyed for a total of over 600 people.
- The GM of Parks, Recreation & Culture noted that through this process the youth have learned more about Surrey's services. Upon review it was clear the services available are not equal in all areas of the City. Are those facilities, for example in Guildford, welcoming for youth?
- The youth delegate noted that ultimate goal would be to have a gym, a youth centre and an outside skate park with some shared space with seniors. The Guildford location is an ideal location and encompasses everything.
- The GM of Parks, Recreation & Culture commented that since that model works well, staff will identify where there are some gaps and try to address that in future.
- The Chair requested that staff look at the new 2010 Legacy Facility being developed in Tom Binnie Park as a facility that can provide youth programming and consider the development of additional outside space and a skate park.

- One of the questions in the Youth Council survey was whether there is a barrier for existing facilities? Many youth think that cost is a huge deterrent to youth centre, but the annual fee is only \$5. Lack of promotion is the problem. The Guildford Recreation Centre is idealist of what the Youth Council want. Concern is for an indoor skate park during rain and snow.
- A development at Tom Binnie Park facility in/outdoor would be a \$1.1 Million cost. A covered facility would give it the outdoor look and feel but may provide dual purpose and lower the cost.
- Youth Advisory Council would want to have meaningful input into the operation of youth programs and the facility.

The Chair thanked the delegation and advised them that the next step is for city staff to review the business plan and provide a report to this committee. We will then get back to the Youth Council. This process will take approximately three weeks. The delegation thanked the Committee for hearing them.

Councillor Martin joined the meeting at 7:50 pm.

2. Weightlifting Club

Representatives from the Surrey Weightlifting Club (Surjit Gosal and Mukhtiar Sahota) were in attendance and provided a presentation on the weightlifting club.

Following are the comments provided:

- 15 members in the club; Female athletes as well
- Most athletes live and work in Surrey
- Train at Simon Fraser University (SFU), Burnaby campus
- Would like a facility in Surrey at a recreation centre or gym
- The Club participates in local tournaments and at the national levels, and in Victoria annually.
- The Club have their own coach
- Club is non-profit / no charge
- Weight lifting equipment is owned by the group
- Space needed: 1,000 sq.ft., preferably near Newton, Scott Road or King George Hwy.
- Have not approached the SFU, Surrey campus

In response to queries the following comments were provided:

- There are gym facilities already in the city but want a dedicated space.
- Equipment is owned by the club.
- Coach rents the gym from SFU. Weight sets are locked up at gym at SFU. Equipment is moved only for tournaments.
- Most of the Surrey Weightlifting club members are residents of the City of Surrey. None of the players are students at SFU.
- Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, and South Surrey/White Rock all have their own clubs. South Surrey Club is in Semiahmoo; store their equipment at the Semiahmoo school gym.
- Facility requires a concrete floor.

- Training times run for 2 hours each day, 5 days a week (Monday through Friday)
- The Club has rubber mats on floor, are insured, is always well supervised with a certain level of experience. The Club really needs dedicated space.
- Costs incurred has been original equipment purchased. Parents contribute for the cost of travel. There is no other cost.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. **Don Luymes, Policy Planning Manager** to provide an update regarding the OCP Review.

DEFERRED until October for presentation by Judy McLeod.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Response to Surrey Canadian Baseball Association Delegation**
File: 6140-20

The intent of this report is to outline the potential opportunities for the creation of a Midget diamond at Holy Park. Information will also be provided on the facilities at Lionel Courchene Park.

The following comments were provided:

- Height of fencing to be provided across end of field would normally be 8'. If this is insufficient, netting would be placed closer to the Lacrosse box.
- The caretaker's building is located at Left centre field
- The issue of the city utilizing the parking space at Johnston Heights Secondary will be referred to the GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Director Allen will refer this issue to the School District staff for consideration.
- Staff will undertake a detailed cost analysis for the development of a midget diamond at Holly Park. The project and estimated construction costs will be brought forward for consideration in the 2009 Capital Budget.
- Parks staff will undertake a thorough inspection for the current structural components within Lionel Courchene Park to determine the extent of needed repairs. The repair and renovations estimates will be added to the 2009 Capital Structural Renovations list.

It was

Moved by Terry Allen
Seconded by Rick Benson
That the Parks & Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

2. Information Responding to the Delegation from Bayside Rugby Club

File: 6140-20

The intent of this report is to provide the city's perspective on the potential opportunities as well as challenges with the creation of a rugby field park at Crescent Park in the near future.

The following comments were provided:

- The City will work with Bayside Rugby to explore the concept of the development of a rugby field house and storage space at South Surrey Athletic Park, south of 20th Avenue.

It was

Moved by Terry Allen

Seconded by Barinder Rasode

That the Parks & Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

3. Joint School District No. 36 and City Parks: Parking Issues

File: 5480-01

The intent of this report is to provide the city's perspective on the current status with regards to City Parks and School District No. 36 joint-use facilities focusing on availability of parking. The report highlights the current parking arrangements at Sullivan Heights Park and Sullivan Heights Secondary School. An overview of parking facilities at other joint use sites was also discussed.

The following comments were provided:

- There is a need for parking for kabaddi events at Sullivan Heights Park. Kabaddi patrons seek street parking whilst School/Bell Centre parking lot sometimes sits empty. Staff are researching what lands might be available in the land inventory for an alternative site for kabaddi tournaments.
- Report will be provided to the Parks & Community Services Committee upon completion.

It was

Moved by Councillor Gill

Seconded by Cliff Annable

That the Parks & Community Services

Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

4. Fees and Charges: Seniors, Family Fees and Leisure Access

File: 1810-01

The intent of this report is to respond to questions from the Director Grant Rice regarding the current fee structure as it relates to age categories and current initiatives to provide affordable admissions for families to City facilities and rationale around providing a seniors rate to those who are between 60-65 years.

It was
 Moved by Cliff Annable
 Seconded by Grant Rice
 That the Parks & Community Services
 Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

The following comments were provided:

- This is a well-written report.
- According to Statistics Canada Seniors are at 65, at City “seniors” is 60. Today’s baby boomers are now 60+.
- Grant Rice suggested that we raise the “seniors” age group subsequently by one year per year until 65. Are we subsidizing an age group that doesn’t really need a discount when possibly it is the younger with families who really need the assistance; those over 19 and raising a family, not students, not 60 year olds.
- Why are baby boomers between 60 to 65 paying less than other adults?
- Director Rice suggested that one-year be added annually. *Seniors discount* kicks in at 60, but now would be at 61, then 62, then 63... A fairly extensive review of the model that was created in terms of age ranges, etc. was last done in 2003. To review the policy over the next few months and compare average income to other municipalities.

It was
 Moved by Grant Rice
 Seconded by Terry Allen
 That the Parks & Community Services
 Committee request that the ages for “seniors” from ages 60 – 65 be incrementally increased one year at a time starting from 2009.

Defeated**E. NEW BUSINESS****F. STAFF REPORTS****1. Park Renaming – Scott Hill Park to A. Cleaver Park (Proposed)**

File: 6140-20

Parks & Facilities Naming Policy was provided on table. The Naming Policy provides consideration being given to:

- Parks sites traditionally became known by a particular name and became named as that park and that name was applied.
- If approved by Council.
- Current policy provides for making naming after pioneers, and non-sitting politicians.
- Makes provision for outstanding community volunteers naming of parks
- Outstanding service to city by an employee
- Mr. Cleaver was the former Fire Chief, and also is an outstanding volunteer and has been for about 20 years. He has worked tirelessly and to great benefit to the city as a whole. Meets the test in both cases.
- Have a history of naming parks after deceased people and those still living (Darts Hill Garden Park, named after Francesca Darts; RA Nicholson Park near Strawberry Hill; Douglas Park in Fraser Heights; Holland Park)
- Respectfully suggest that this name meets test. Area residents were polled in a survey and returned to us. Mr. Cleaver originally contributed to naming the park Scott Hill Park. The park lies on Scott hill directly west of the main hill on Scott Road.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were provided:

- Al Cleaver has been an exemplary citizen to the city and it's good that we can honour these incredible citizens while they are still here.
- Everybody knows him as *Al Cleaver* and is preferable name for the Park.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Gurpreet Rai

That the Parks & Community Services

Committee:

- a. Receive this report as information; and
- b. Recommend to Council to approve re-naming of the Scott Hill Park site to *Al Cleaver Park*.

Carried

2. Invitation to Host the BC Summer Games in 2013 or 2014

File: 6140-20

In August 2008 Surrey received a request from BC Games Society inviting Surrey to bid to host the biennially held BC Summer or Winter Games in either 2012 or 2014 to be held July 17-20. The Government of BC through the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport will provide \$600,000 for the administration and operation of the BC Summer Games. The hosting community is required to commit resources to the BC Games.

As many as 3,600 participants will take part in the 4-day BC Games with a potential economic impact to the Host Community of \$2.2 million in direct spending.

The City has the capacity to support the BC Summer games through a wide variety of excellent venues and a strong volunteer base. The economic impact and high profile nature associated with hosting these games will help build on

Surrey's success as a leader in Sport Tourism in the Province and create positive publicity for the City.

It was
Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee recommend to Council that:

- a. The City of Surrey submit a bid application to host the BC Summer Games in 2014; and
- b. That staff prepare a Corporate Report for Council's consideration to outline the financial commitments associated with hosting the games that include a minimum financial commitment of \$45,000, plus \$50,000 in additional in-kind services and facilities as stipulated in the bid guidelines and a staffing budget of \$45,000 for a full time Operations Manager for a 9 month period.

Carried

Further committee comments:

- Once we get authorization from Council will approach School District for support.
- Could consider better utilization of Stetson Bowl as a venue stadium with a grandstand for these events.

2. **AHP Matthew Park**

File: 6140-20/M

Residents who live near AHP Matthew School/Park recently invited several members of the Parks and Community Services Committee to a meeting to request changes to facilities at this site.

Issues raised:

- The public washroom has been locked for the last five months'
- Additional benches are requested for the playground area
- An additional covered shelter is requested near the public washroom
- The trees need to be trimmed for clear site-lines.
- The building has been subject to severe vandalism leading to many incidents of closure. Extreme vandalism has been curbed, but the building is still subject to graffiti. Trees on the property have since been pruned.

It was
Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks & Community Services
Committee receive this report as information.

Carried

Committee comments:

- Issues have been brought forth. Vandalism has resulted in the closure of the washrooms. Trees have been trimmed. Staff have been working with

local RCMP and bylaw officers to ensure those issues have been resolved. Future update to be provided.

- Approximately 70 people gather there daily. There are several hot spot parks in close proximity. Until we get that area of parks more in control, we should defer adding covered tables.
- Have explored the possibility of using lock boxes to put fold up tables and chairs but with the turnover of neighbourhoods and who to take responsibility and potential for vandals who take locks and scavenge the boxes as well as the elevated cost of collapsible tables, this option hasn't been advanced.
- Cages with roll down sides are very expensive but staff are exploring that.
- Youth gathering is an issue; these particular shelters were meant to be temporary in nature, and staff take them away for a while to break up patterns of late night use by youth. Just done that North Surrey Community Park next to North Surrey High school.
- This is school district property. We were able to build washrooms, but are having discussion with the Grounds Maintenance Manager of the School District to determine whether the school district would consider allowing extra shelters and benches.
- Terry Allen, School Trustee requested he be copied in on all correspondence to the School District as well as Councillor Hepner so that issues of community and council collaboration are better advanced within the political arena.

3. Verbal Update – Laurie Caven

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Surrey Fishing Dock

A public meeting was held at Bridgeview Community Hall on August 20th to get the community's input regarding the future of the Surrey Fishing Dock located at the foot of 130th Street. The old wharf was removed as a result of damage and a concern for public safety. A few months ago the dock started to lean badly and an inspection determined that the dock needed to be closed. Although the gate leading to the dock was locked someone cut the locks several times and continued to use the dock. A decision was made to remove the dock and hold a public meeting to explore possibilities and see what the public wanted. It was determined at the meeting that the public wants the dock replaced; funds for the wharf project will be set in the 2009 budget – a cost figure has not yet been identified. We are currently in a design phase for the future dock.

Isolated South Asian Seniors' Project

The launch of the Isolated South Asian Seniors' Project at the Newton Seniors' Centre was a great success. The campaign to advertise the Chair Fitness 55+ program to the South Asian Seniors' and Newton Seniors' Centre members was so successful that we have a waiting list.

Staff processed 54 new Newton Seniors' Memberships. There was assistance in translation between staff and the new South Asian members. A staff person led the Chair Fitness 55+ class while another staff person translated the instructions in Punjabi. There were also staff on hand to assist the participants during their workout as this was the very first time many of them had ever participated in a fitness class!

Everybody Active: Increasing Access

FOCUS COMMUNITIES PROPOSAL

The City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recently received a \$10,000 grant, a joint initiative of BC Recreation and Parks Association and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon. The objective of the grant is to address the area of access to physical activity for those between the ages of 35-54 years of age with low socio-economic status.

A portion of the funding will be allocated to the Leisure Access Program review process. This review is necessary to continue to address the changing needs of the community. The changes will be implemented into the Leisure Access Policy once approved.

City staff work with a variety of community agencies and organizations to enhance opportunities for access to programs and services. Although many other agencies and partners will be involved in this process the focus of the committed funds will include initiatives with the African (Umoja Compassion Society) and the Spanish communities (El Salvadorian Foundation).

New Exhibitions Opening at the Museum and Stewart Farm House:

Undies: Shorts, Supports & Foundations

Sneak a "cheeky" look at unmentionables from the past. View corsets, bloomers, petticoats, drawers and long johns from the 1700's to the present.

On display at the Surrey Museum, September 23 - November 1, 2008

The Wonders of Wood

Discover what trees are native to Surrey and how wood was traditionally gathered, milled and prepared for utilitarian and decorative use. View fine examples of pioneer and contemporary carpentry and woodwork.

On display at the Historic Stewart Farm, Stewart Hall, Saturdays and Sundays, September 20 - November 16, 2008

Surrey Art Gallery

The Surrey Art Gallery has three exhibitions opening on Saturday, October 18th from 1pm. to 5pm; each show relates to the theme of Sustainable Architecture. One is a touring exhibition from the Cambridge Gallery in Ontario, the other two are organized by the Surrey Art Gallery staff in co-operation with the Architectural Institute of BC, the UBC School of Architecture + Landscape Architecture, Light House Sustainable Building Centre and the Cascadia Chapter

of the Green Building Council. We received a \$15,000 grant from the Architecture Program of the Canada Council for the Arts to present these shows and we expect a large interest in the shows from a diverse audience of artists, builders, developers, educators and students.

Surrey Arts Centre

2008/2009 – Theatre Season Brochure

This is also the time of year when the Surrey Arts Centre launches its theatre season (*please hand out the theatre brochure*) and this includes our 19th year of working with the Arts Club on Granville Island to present the Surrey Spectacular Series. We have already sold 2,350 subscriptions and a total of 7,426 tickets to the series. In addition we have a wide variety of other fabulous shows including various forms of dance, choral music and comedy to "entertain you close to home".

Newton Fitness

Laurie and Lisa White met with two individuals who are active participants from the Newton Wave Pool. In the meeting staff heard that the Newton Fitness Centre is very busy particularly as more and more people are moving into the Newton area and are becoming more active there are longer line ups for the weight room equipment especially the cardio treadmills, elliptical and bikes. Staff will be rearranging the fitness room to accommodate more cardio equipment to help in the immediate future to alleviate the current wait times for equipment - with rearranging we expect to be able to add three more cardio pieces at the maximum within the existing space available.

Pickleball Tournament

This year the South Surrey Recreation Centre hosted 87 players at the second annual tournament opening the age limit to 45+. The doors opened at 7:00 am for breakfast and sign up with games beginning at 8:00 am. The upstairs hallways were set up for spectators and they were overflowing with chairs and cheers for the family and friends who were supporting their favourite players. The day flowed from lunch and door prizes with final games at 5:00 pm followed by a delicious catered Greek dinner served at 6:00pm in one of our gymnasiums. A great day was had by all participants, staff and volunteers.

Beaver Creek Park

A petition had gone to Council with some concerns about crime by residents around Beaver Creek Park. At the same time staff were conducting a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) review and will be doing modifications to the park, working closely with the Newton RCMP and Bylaws. Staff will be getting back to the residents.

November Date Change

Due to the election falling just prior to the November 19, 2008 P&CSC meeting the date has been changed to November 26, 2008. This will also be combined with the December meeting. Therefore on November 19 and December 17 the Committee will no longer be meeting. **The new date is November 26, 2008.**

G. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gurpreet Rai queried the status regarding the Fraser Heights courts, all weather fields, extending the Guildford Athletics Club to one third on the north side.
 - Manager, Parks noted that the fixed quotes for tennis courts were substantially more than expected.
 - Cost to extend park to the north was far greater than budget so was eliminated. That funding will come out of the next base budget for parks and does not need approval from this committee as it will be part of the base budget for 2009.
 - Hjorth Road Park – the new all weather all gravel field coming on line very shortly as the weather deteriorates. Provision has been made for two minor backstops, both on the west side, two oriented northwest and southwest (much like the Cloverdale Park).
- Summer soccer took a great leap forward in terms of community representation. This year there were 6-7 soccer teams. Received recognition from White Caps for being “all inclusive”. A formerly “small” barbeque was held and \$15,000 funding was provided by Country Lumber. Open to all communities. The White Caps and RCMP got involved, Mayor and Council were invited. 5,000 kids were there. This snowballed into a large event and approached the City for permits to hold in centre of park (and thanked city and staff). In future if we know this is going to be so big will plan it better.

The Chair thanked Gurpreet Rai and Councillor Gill for obtaining the donation from Country Lumber.

H. CORRESPONDENCE**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Calendar of Events
File: 7710-01

- Opening of Newton turf and Hjorth turf is scheduled for October but are waiting to get a bit closer to that date and check on the weather. Will give it a few more weeks for additional construction work to be completed.
- SSLC - Ice Grand Opening is scheduled for October 18, 2008.
- Members of committee were invited to come to any of the openings.

J. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Parks & Community Services Committee is Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

November / December meetings will be a combined to November 26, 2008.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Gill
That the Parks and Community Services

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks and Community Services Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson, Linda Hepner, Parks &
Community Services Committee