



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Held Thursday, May 20, 2004
Room M.2.004
Richmond City Hall

In Attendance:

Working Group

Danielle Aldcorn
Julie Halfnights
Michael McCoy
Vince Miele
Linda Shirley
Kuo Wong

Olive Bassett
Shawkat Hasan
Bill McNulty
Bob Ransford
Harold Steves
Joann Wong Bittle

Nicky Byres
Jim Lamond
Sharon Meredith
Greg Robertson
Jim Tanaka

Facilitator

David Roach

Recorder

Roxanne Glavina

Staff

Greg Buss
David Semple
Cathy Volkering Carlile

Simon Johnston
Kate Sparrow

Consulting Team

Cheryl Hodgson

1. **Opening Remarks**

Opening remarks by David Roach.

2. **Record of Meeting #13**

The Record of Meeting dated April 15 was approved.

3. The revised definition of "Sustainability" was discussed as a follow-up from the last meeting. Members of the CWG agreed with the final revision, which will be reflected in the final recommendations.

4. Homework Presentations

Members of the CWG had an opportunity to present their personal vision of the Model. A summary of key comments by all who presented is available (Attachment 1).

Julie Halfnights, presented on behalf of Greg Robertson and Kuo Wong. Copies of the presentation and homework grid were distributed (Attachment 2 & 3).

Jim Tanaka presented his model and organizational chart. His notes were photocopied and distributed to the group (Attachment 4).

Cathy Volkering Carlile presented the City perspective of the homework. She outlined a framework for accountability, community involvement and PRCS core business (Attachment 5).

- Comments on the presentation included a member's request that "Prevention" not be included in the City's wellness role, to avoid the cascading of responsibility.

The group was asked to consider what "common ground" they saw in the individual visions articulated by each member (See Attachment 1).

The summary included:

- Trust in the model and values
- Accountability at all levels and for all partners
- Community involvement
- City core services
- Ensure programs are inclusive and meeting needs
- Firming up of business practices in all relationships
- Flexibility
- Personal responsibility
- Responsiveness to grass-roots movements
- Recruitment and fostering of volunteerism
- Build bridges, not walls
- Be open to new constituencies
- Communication still needed to be worked on

5. **Discussion – Next Steps**

The group generally agreed on the following:

- The City's core services need to be clearly defined
- The City service delivery model needs to be broadly understood
- Define decision making

It was agreed that staff would work on blending the models and ideas brought forward and present a service delivery model for discussion at the next meeting.

6. The next meeting has been set for Thursday June 24 @ 5:30pm.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.