



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Held Thursday August 21, 2003, 5:30 p.m.  
Room 2.004  
Richmond City Hall

**In Attendance:**

Working Group

Olive Bassett  
Julie Halfnights  
Shawkat Hasan  
Jim Lamond  
Michael McCoy  
Bill McNulty  
Vince Miele

Sharon Meredith  
Bob Ransford  
Greg Robertson  
Linda Shirley  
Jim Tanaka  
Kuo Wong

Facilitator

David Roach

Recorder

Mary Lou Phillips

City Staff

Greg Buss  
Dave Semple  
Kate Sparrow  
Denise Tambellini-Abraham

**Absent:**

Danielle Aldcorn  
Joann Wong Bittle  
Nikki Byres  
Harold Steves

**1.0 Opening Remarks**

David Roach welcomed members and outlined the agenda. He identified the two significant exercises of this meeting:

- ◆ To come up with a list of community values
- ◆ To begin crafting a vision statement

## **2.0 Record of Meeting No. 3**

The Record of Meeting of the July 17, 2003 session was adopted as circulated.

## **3.0 Business Arising**

### **3.1 Revised Work Plan**

Copies of the revised work plan were distributed to the CWG. The work plan was revised to reflect the discussions of the previous two meetings. There was a question regarding time allotment for presentations from community-based groups such as aquatics, sports groups etc. CWG members were reminded that there is a 15-minute presentation window for community-based presentations during each meeting. Any group wishing to make a presentation should contact Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services at 276-4183 to be included in the agenda.

Some comments arising out of the discussion of the revised work plan included:

- time allotted for future visioning
- interest in addressing a key topic at every meeting, such as governance/ownership of facilities and programs
- getting to know a little more about the organizations

The Chair clarified with the CWG whether they would like to address a key topic at each meeting and this was agreed to by consensus.

## **4.0 Community Presentation**

Copy of Lesley Wood Bernbaum's presentation attached to this Record

### **4.1 Richmond Public Library Board – An Overview**

Lesley Wood Bernbaum, Chair, Richmond Public Library Board delivered an oral presentation. The 2002 Annual Report was included in the agenda package. At the end of the presentation there was a short discussion period. Comments, questions and ideas included:

- Dealing with the physical confines, what could be done make the Library more of a gathering place?
- Consider reading sections in parks; “story time in the park”, “story time at the pool”
- The Community Arts Council recently made a proposal to the City regarding the empty space at the Cultural Centre
- Can we utilize libraries in schools?
- Can more libraries be incorporated into Community Centres, as they are in Steveston?

## **5.0 Creating the Future Vision – *Establishing Direction***

### **5.1 Exercise No. 1 – Values Short-listing**

The CWG broke into three groups to brainstorm and identify the top 8 values based on the community at large. This is fundamental to creating the vision and will represent the foundation of the community.

Each group presented their list of values.

#### **Group 1**

1. Plan and maintain a built environment that encourages and promotes opportunities for social interaction and supports civic engagement and healthy lifestyles
2. Encourage and promote responsible stewardship of our heritage built form and natural environment
3. Recognize the importance of equality of opportunity and diversity of individual choices
4. Enhance and maintain safety and security of the person and property
5. Recognize value and celebrate the community's diversity
6. Promote the principles of civic engagement, volunteerism and community initiative in a comprehensive approach to collective services and programs
7. Manage our civic resources to maintain that delicate balance between access and affordability for all
8. Respect the past – don't be slavish to it – and build the future.

#### **Group 2**

1. Leadership and input from community
2. Financial sustainability, including assets maintenance
3. community & Council working together to a common goal and vision
4. Responsiveness to community needs (accessible)
5. Pro-active planning of council with community consultation
6. Valuing diversity (in all the ways we differ)
7. Volunteerism
8. Valuing the environment (preserve and enhance)
9. Cultural diversity as part of our heritage
10. Lifelong learning opportunities
11. Healthy lifestyles
12. Community Centres

#### **Group 3**

1. Cultural Diversity & Preservation - includes arts, heritage, ethnicity
2. Cost Effectiveness
3. Accessibility and Affordability
4. Progressive Planning to meet the future needs of all age groups
5. Environmental sustainability
6. Community Wellness and Safety and Education

7. Community Cooperation & Partnership includes respecting each other – business, university, centres, ownership & pride
8. Maintain Our Urban/Rural Realm

The CWG agreed on a list of 9 community values. They will be compiled and distributed at the next meeting.

It was noted that although community centers were not identified as one of the 9 stand-alone values, they have played an important role in the community.

## **5.2 Exercise No. 2 - Vision Statement Development**

The CWG again broke into three groups to craft a future vision statement that will set the direction for Richmond's quality of life. The vision statement should:

- be memorable
- be inspirational
- be achievable (within the 10-year duration it's meant to serve )

The draft vision statements were as follows:

### **Group 1**

"A dynamic island community inspired by its rich diversity."

### **Group 2**

"Community coming together

Community/civic engagement...volunteerism

Working together to create a safe, healthy, vibrant place where the natural environment, the heritage resources and the promise of the future contributions of the citizens are cherished

Where everyone has equal opportunity and access to all the community offers

Where we plan to balance our resources with our needs and involve citizens in shaping the plans, programs and services

Sustainable."

### **Group 3**

"To create an environment which encourages, promotes and values accessible parks, recreation and cultural opportunities for all."

## **6.0 Summary & Closing**

A values and vision statement will be drafted and presented at the next meeting.

Round table:

Vince – went really well

Olive – no final remarks

Linda – glad to see we're moving ahead faster

Sharon - great energy, outcome positive

Kuo - looking forward to moving ahead

Julie – meat

Kate – lots of commonality – confidence to move forward – jellying

Greg R – give us data or give us death

Jim T – on the same page

Shawkat – with winter coming things will pick up

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be held Thursday September 18, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.**

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David Roach, Facilitator