

## Report of PPPAC Meeting – Thursday, Jul 12, 2007

**Present** – Anne West, Kate Greene, Allan Robertson, Stewart MacMillan, Peter Bigelow, Brian Phelan, Duncan Morum, Harald Norve, Gerrie Masters, Leanne Chisholm

**Regrets** – Janet Kitz, Vivek Tomar, Phil Read, Paul Doane, Sue Uteck.

- 1) **Welcome to new PPPAC members** – Allan Robertson welcomed four of the five new PPPAC members – Leanne Chisholm, Gerrie Masters, Duncan Morum, and Harald Norve. All members, old and new, introduced themselves and gave brief indications of their backgrounds and interest in Point Pleasant. The Contact List was distributed and updated (copy attached).
- 2) **Master Plan update** – Stewart MacMillan gave a brief update on the consultants' progress in preparing the Master Plan. He indicated that, while it had been planned to present the first three chapters at the current meeting, production problems are evident. The presentation of the draft of the first three chapters was postponed to the next meeting.
- 3) **Signage policies and practice** – Allan presented a series of pictures of signs at the main entrances to the Park. He felt the signage was inconsistent in style (sizes, colours, layouts, fonts, and spacing), and sometimes in messages. Also, some entrances had no signs. He stressed that the signage was 'inherited', and that no staff or committee members were responsible for the current situation. In response to a discussion about signage and communication guidelines in the Master Plan, Brian Phelan pointed out that the report of the June meeting indicated that a new signage system was not to be included in the Master Plan. This is wrong, and the issue will be addressed in the Plan.
- 4) **Request re memorial sculpture** – Allan reported that a letter had been received asking about the possibility of a memorial sculpture in the Park. Peter Bigelow indicated that the request was being considered by the HRM Public Arts Policy Committee, as the subject sculpture could be placed in locations other than in the Park. Stewart MacMillan referred to the Memorial policy developed by the PPPAC. A copy of the draft policy is attached. One will be sent to the consulting team as well.
- 5) **Request for base camp parking lot for film production** – Staff had received a request from a film production company to use the parking lot for overnight parking of film production vehicles. Because the issue of early closing of the lower parking lot has received a fair amount of unfavourable publicity, it was felt the PPPAC's opinion should be sought. Staff reported, however, that an acceptable solution had been reached, as there are many precedents of using the outer portion of the lower parking lot for similar uses.
- 6) **Meeting with Shakespeare by the Sea staff** – Allan and Stewart reported on a brief meeting with Elizabeth Murphy, the manager. There were no outstanding issues, other than an agreement to keep communication between PPPAC and the theatre company open.
- 7) **PPP Website** – Stewart reported on development of the website. There were many positive comments from committee members. He is pleased with the approach and professionalism of the consultants assisting with its development.
- 8) **New Works Supervisor** – Brian reported that staff is very pleased with the successful candidate for the position of Works Supervisor, effectively the Manager of Point Pleasant Park. The person is highly qualified and has considerable experience in managing urban parks. He will visit Halifax during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> for a final decision and to see HRM 's major parks.
- 7) **New growth** – Anne West reported that the newly-planted trees are growing rapidly – presumably due to the great amount of rain we've received since their planting.