

# Meeting summary notes

## East Vancouver Port Lands and Liaison Committee

<b>Date</b>	2020-02-25
<b>Time</b>	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Online via Webex
<b>Chair</b>	Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Members</b>            Barb Fousek, BCA            Harry Mah, BCA            John Hawthorne, BCA            Andrew Pask, City of Vancouver            Kirsten Behler, City of Vancouver</p> <p><b>Regular participants</b>            Kristen Romilly, Avant building</p> <p><b>Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</b>            Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Advisor</p> <p><b>Guests</b>            Jack Tupper, Landscape Architect I, Vancouver Park Board            Jenny Konkin, EVPL resident            David Plackett, EVPL resident</p>
<b>Regrets</b>	Regan Elley, Planner Naomi Horsford, Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Peter Idema, Viterra Mike LoVecchio, CP

Agenda topic	Discussion/Action items
<b>1. Presentations</b>	
1.1 Dusty Greenwell Park improvements by Jack Tupper	Jack Tupper provided an update on <a href="#">the improvements suggested to Dusty Greenwell Park</a> and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack first presented to the EVPL in August 2020 to canvas for ideas and provide a better understanding of the possible improvements. He received more ideas from community members afterwards.</li> <li>• It was clear from the feedback received that the park is unique and well loved. Park Board wants to ensure that it continues as a one of the city's gems.</li> <li>• The goal of the improvements are to beautify the park, improve accessibility and create a habitat hotspot</li> <li>• Using the \$50,000 donation from Columbia Containers for the updates to Dusty Greenwell Park, the Park Board is going to move forward with the following improvements:</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New accessible footpath</li> <li>- Improved seating with arm rests, potentially moving benches around for optimal views</li> <li>- Creation of wildflower meadows to highlight the unique space. There is the possibility of planting native flowers, as well as adding bird boxes and/or bat boxes to make the park a nature hub.</li> <li>- Addition of a split rail fence in between the park and the road to help limit the erosion from cars. The fence would also be used along the footpath. The fence cannot be used to designate an off leash dog area within the park.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside of the budget, the Park Board is committed to removal of the invasive blackberry bushes and raising the canopies of the trees within the park</li> <li>• Park improvements will begin in the spring 2021</li> <li>• Raising of tree canopies will occur in the coming weeks and pruning of blackberry bushes has started already</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some meeting participants expressed the desire for a viewing platform to address the impacted views from Columbia Containers silos. In reviewing the letter from the Park Board to Columbia Containers regarding the donation allocation and use, it was specified that the improvements would be used for items such as gravel pathways, fencing, park benches and planting. Jack also explained that an elevated viewing platform was well out of budget but will review the potential for a ground level viewing platform, however, Park Board needs to balance the cost of installation of any viewing decks with site safety and futures resources required for upkeep and maintenance. The north-east corner of the park was highlighted by community members as a prime viewing location.</li> <li>• There was some concern expressed about ongoing maintenance of the blackberry bushes. It was explained that some areas will be left to grow naturally and some areas are not on park land.</li> <li>• Meeting participants also expressed some concern that the eroded sidewalk should be fixed. It was explained that the conditions of the sidewalk need to be addressed with the City of Vancouver.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> City of Vancouver to look into sidewalk improvements around Dusty Greenwell Park as part of transportation plans in the area</p>

## Action items

Meeting Date	Action Item	Lead	Status
February 25, 2021	City of Vancouver to look into sidewalk improvements around Dusty Greenwell Park	Kirsten, City of Vancouver	In progress
December 8, 2020	Park Board to provide update on next steps for Dusty Greenwell Park updates	Andrew, City of Vancouver	Complete
January 23, 2020	EVPL Members to participate on a South Shore tour	Naomi/Alycia, Port Authority	On hold until post COVID