

Large Urban Parks Standing Committee Minutes

When: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 9:30 PM-10:45 PM (UTC+09:30) Darwin.

Where: Internet web conference (GoToMeeting)

Attendees: Alberto Ipas, Chris Hardman, Gil Penalosa, Hooshmand Alizadeh, Lilia Haua, Margaret Gormley, Mark Camley, Patricia O'Donnell, Richard Murray, Sakhile Maphumulo, Peter Verdyck, Kenzo Oguchi, Digby Whyte, Amanda O'Rourke

Minutes:

- Meeting started at 7:03 am EST
- Gil Penalosa asked attendees to give a short introduction of themselves
- Richard gave a short introduction to the formation of the LUP Standing Committee (originating from the Stockholm conference and then collaborating under the umbrella of WUP)
- Richard gave brief summary of Terms of Reference (TOR) definitions:
 - a. LUP Standing Committee- this current group of ~20 people will meet approximately 4-5 times a year
 - b. LUP Executive Committee- composed of Co- Chairs (Gil and Richard) and 2 Deputy Chairs (to be nominated and approved today if possible) and supported by Digby (CEO of WUP) and Amanda (Executive Officer WUP)
 - c. LUP Network- larger group (no limit) of anyone interested in large urban parks. Members of the network must be members of WUP.
- Richard talked about the importance of keeping open lines of communication with other WUP committees but otherwise the LUP Committee is quite flexible and can work independently and define our own mandate
- Richard asked if there were any comments on the TOR.
- Nobody had any objections to the TOR.
- Digby noted that he would add the power of the Committee to create an Executive Committee to the TOR
- Patricia put forward a **MOTION to approve the TOR**
- **MOTION approved**
- Richard gave an overview of the three proposed working parties
 - a. Good practices
 - b. Knowledge/research
 - c. Future events
- Gil added that anyone on the larger LUP network will also be able to join the working parties
- Alberto asked about including a space/platform where anyone on the network could ask questions and anyone could answer. For example- management practices and practical solutions that many on the network could share their expertise/knowledge.

- Richard said something like that would fall under the Good practice working group.
- Chris asked about the “future events” working group and wondered if it fell under the wider scope of WUP and in the LUP Committee may be better positioned as Advocacy. This is a big challenge both at the community and political level for large urban parks.
- Patricia asked about the working parties of WUP and if there was overlap with those of LUP.
- Digby gave an overview of the Knowledge and Standards Committee working groups (benchmarking, minimum park operations guidelines, think tank, applied research). He mentioned that this Committee would be happy for LUP to take a head start on composing a best practices database on large urban parks as they are just starting up. Any other overlap Digby will be aware of as he keeps track of the various committees.
- Patricia asked about a working party addressing climate change and response to extreme events as this is a big challenge for large urban parks.
- Richard said this would likely be a category under the good practices working party.
- Peter said that he has compiled a draft framework for the good practices group that he could distribute to the group.
- Gil asked if there were any other comments on working parties.
- Margaret agreed with the re-name of the third working party to the broader “advocacy and events”
- Hooshmand made a few comments about working parties- suggested an online database and lectures that were accessible and this would help with advocacy efforts. Under applied research he suggested a link to an area that has pertinent scientific journals. He also suggested for events 1-2 competitions per year that highlight innovations in large urban parks.
- Gil mentioned that the “events” working party was to include not just coordinating a LUP agenda for large Congresses but also webinars and other kinds of seminars that link to advocacy efforts.
- Richard spoke about the desire to have a collection of applied research on large urban parks (to be administered by the research working group). This would be a different than the database of “good practices” which includes the more practical management and day to day operations of large urban parks.
- Chris noted an opportunity to explore environmental accounting, such as managing nitrogen
- Richard asked for any volunteers to chair the working parties
- The following people were nominated and **approved as Chairs** of the Working parties:
 - a. *Good Practices*: Peter Verdyck (Co-Chair), Lilia Haua (Co Chair) supported by Margaret Gormley, Alberto Ipas, and Kenzo Oguchi
 - b. *Advocacy and Events*: Chris Hardman (Chair)
 - c. *Knowledge and Research*: Patricia O’Donnell (Co-Chair), Hooshmand Alizadeh (Co-Chair)
- Richard asked for volunteers to be Deputy Chairs of the Standing Committee (and thereby part of the Executive)
- Margaret Gormley and Chris Hardman volunteered as Deputy Chairs
- Patricia moved to approve Margaret and Chris, and Richard seconded.
- **MOTION approved**
- All discussed the timing of next meetings.
- Next Standing Committee meeting set for Thursday March 3rd (Internet meeting). Working parties to talk about progress to date.

- Meeting to discuss LUP agenda at the September World Congress set for Thursday May 26th (Internet meeting).