

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1996

PRESENT:	Chair	- David Chesman
	Vice-Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Commissioners	- Malcolm Ashford
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
		- Tim Louis
		- Donna Morgan
		- Vic Kondrosky
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager - Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 11, 1995 were adopted as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Board held on Friday, December 15, 1995 were adopted as circulated.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Killarney Community Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 1996 recommending that the Board authorise the preparation of a Master Plan for the phased redevelopment of the Killarney Community Centre.

Rick Evans, President, Killarney Community Centre Society appeared before the Board and stated that the Killarney Community Centre was rated second worst in the city in 1986 based on the condition and programmability at the centre. The Killarney Community Centre Society Board has lobbied the Provincial Government since then and now have received \$1 million through the BC 21 grant which expires in December of this year. The building is in great disrepair and this is a safety issue. Mr. Evans asked the Board to support the staff's recommendation as it is time to address the problems.

Teresa Whitehouse, President, Riley Park Community Association stated that she was sympathetic to the needs of Killarney however a big project like the one proposed should probably be a separate item on the plebescite and not in the capital plan. Ms. Whitehouse stated that Riley Park Community Centre did not have any renovations done to it for over twenty years and hoped that they will not be excluded in the capital plan.

Board members discussed the matter regarding the need for those community centres that are in relatively good condition to perhaps stand aside in favour of centres that are in need of new capital, such as the Killarney Community Centre and other centres in a similar condition.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board authorize the preparation of a Master Plan for the phased redevelopment of the Killarney Community Centre.

- Carried Unanimously.

RECREATION SERVICES

Khalsa Diwan Parade

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 11, 1996 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Susan Kainer, a member of the Sunset Neighbourhood Preservation Committee advised the Board that she was concerned with the proposed use of Sunset Park during the Khalsa Diwan Parade. Ms. Kainer stated that the parade usually attracts fifteen to twenty thousand people and Sunset Park even with the inclusion of the Henderson School field is not big enough for this many people. Ms. Kainer stated that the park and field could be severely damaged. She was not in favour of the parade route change and is against a large festival being held in a small neighbourhood. She would prefer to have the parade route remain the same as in 1995.

Albert Shaw a resident at 220 E. 53rd Avenue advised the Board that the traffic and parking in his block is severely impacted by the Khalsa Diwan Parade. Mr. Shaw stated that the streets and lanes are filled with cars that there is no room even for emergency vehicles. The parade is very noisy and there are floats with loudspeakers. Mr. Shaw also stated that last year the parade was stationary for almost fifteen minutes.

Board members discussed the matter and the delegations

were advised that the FEST committee will discuss this matter and make recommendations to Council. The Park Board will have this item on its February 5th meeting agenda. The delegations should perhaps approach the FEST committee with their concerns.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the report on the Khalsa Diwan Parade be received for information.

-Carried Unanimously.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

1996 Capital Budget - Advance Approval

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 27, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the 1996 Capital Projects as outlined in Appendix I in advance of the 1996 Capital Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT approval be given for \$1,198,500 of 1996 Capital Projects as outlined in Appendix I in advance of the 1996 Capital Budget.

- Carried Unanimously.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Neighbourhood Matching Fund - Sunset Art Mural Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 18, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee to fund the Sunset Art Mural Project in the amount of \$2,685.00.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee to fund the Sunset Art Mural Project in the amount of \$2,685.00.

- Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Liaisons and Committees

The Chair asked members of the Board to let him know by next week of any changes they wish to make regarding the liaisons and committees each of the Commissioners are involved with. Commissioner Chesman stated that if he does not hear from Commissioners by next week then the liaisons and committees will remain status quo. Commissioner Louis advised the Chair that he was happy to remain status quo.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Morgan requested an outline of the budget process that will be conducted by Council. The General Manager advised the Board that the Finance Committee at Council will be dealing with this matter on Thursday. If the recommendation in the report is established we will continue the budget process as usual which is sending copies of the budget to all the community associations for their input.

Commissioner Louis enquired whether a meeting between Commissioner DeGenova, himself and the Aquarium could be arranged as soon as possible.

Commissioner Morgan advised the Board that the City's Cultural Communities Committee is hosting a "Harmony Award" for a business, agency or individual who has done work in the city to encourage diversity among the various immigrant communities, minority groups or the gay and lesbian community. Commissioner Morgan stated that any nominations could be directed to her and the deadline of the award nomination is January 19. Commissioner Morgan hoped the Board will contribute to the award by planting a tree in honour of the recipient.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants
Warrant #55 in the amount of \$249,746.08, Warrant #56 in the amount of \$459,229.06, Warrant #57 in the amount of \$590,745.28, Warrant #58 in the amount of \$374,185.22, Warrant #1 in the amount of \$506,879.01.
2. Emergency Seawall Closures
Staff information report dated January 4, 1996 was mailed to Board members.

V. Kondrosky
General Manager

Commissioner David Chesman
Chair

