

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1996

PRESENT:

Chair	David Chesman
Vice-Chair	Duncan Wilson
Commissioners	Malcolm Ashford Allan DeGenova Alan Fetherstonhaugh Tim Louis Donna Morgan
General Manager	Vic Kondrosky
Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	Philip Josephs
Director of Finance	Doug Holden
Director of Operations	Liane McKenna
Director of Planning Director of Recreation	Jim Lowden Allan Argent
Manager -Wildlife Services	Mike Mackintosh
Manager - Public Affairs	Terri Clark
Recording Secretary	Julie Chiu

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 15, 1996 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Chesman stated that subsequent to the last meeting he had not heard from any of the Commissioners regarding a change of committee or liaison responsibilities, therefore we will continue as we did last year. Commissioner Chesman stated that as Chair he would like to be listed as ex-officio on all committees.

RECREATION SERVICES

Pay Tennis

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 8, 1996 recommending that the Board continue the Pay Tennis concession at Stanley Park in 1996 on the six west courts and implement alternatives to pay tennis at Kitsilano that will effectively mitigate Park Board and community concerns about players who sometimes monopolize courts.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board continue the Pay Tennis concession at Stanley Park in 1996 on the six west courts and implement alternatives to pay tennis at Kitsilano that will effectively mitigate Park Board and community concerns about players who sometimes monopolize courts.

John McMillan appeared before the Board to suggest that pay tennis not be implemented at Kitsilano this summer. Mr. McMillan suggested that staff meet with the tennis players in the fall to come up with solutions to the problems experienced at the Kitsilano tennis courts. The summer could be used as a cooling off period for the opposition and frustration to die down.

Board members discussed the matter and felt that the issue was not pay tennis but the monopolizing of the tennis courts. Commissioner Chesman stated that he received many calls from citizens who were harassed when they used the pay courts. The pay tennis was instituted to address a chronic problem of monopolization and create a system to reserve some courts for a small fee, so that families, etc. could use the courts. Commissioner Chesman stated that there is no need for a cooling off period and would amend the motion to include the phrase "prior to May 1, 1996" because an alternative needs to be found before the tennis season begins this year.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the phrase "prior to May 1, 1996" be inserted following the word "Kitsilano" and before the words "that will effectively...."

Commissioner Morgan stated that pay tennis was part of a budget management program. This did not solve the financial nor the recreational problem. Commissioner Morgan stated we should meet with the users and look at improvements such as tennis lessons or covered courts. She would support the amendment as long as it includes that the users will be consulted. Commissioner Chesman agreed to add this to his amendment motion.

The amendment motion now reads as follows:

THAT the phrase "prior to May 1, 1996 in consultation with the users" be inserted following the word "Kitsilano" and before the words "that will effectively...."

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

THAT the Board continue the Pay Tennis concession at Stanley Park in 1996 on the six west courts and implement alternatives to pay tennis at Kitsilano prior to May 1, 1996 in consultation with the users that will effectively mitigate Park Board and community concerns about players who sometimes monopolize courts.

- Carried Unanimously.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Presentation on the Status of the CityPlan Process

Board members received copies of CityPlan in Neighbourhoods report dated November 30, 1995. Ronda Howard, Planner, CityPlan, gave a brief presentation on the status of the CityPlan Process. Ms. Howard referred to the discussion paper "Bringing CityPlan to Neighbourhoods - A Proposal for Discussion" and stated that this discussion paper was broken into four sections: Principles, Expectations, Product and Process. CityPlan is already happening in the greenway plan, integrated service teams, community police offices, transportation plan and new single family zoning. One of the focus of CityPlan is also to work with neighbourhoods for six months to develop a neighbourhood vision. This is being done with present CityPlan staff and community groups through the community centres in the city. It is expected to implement the plan in five years.

Board members expressed concerns on how CityPlan will adjust to the changing needs of a community, costs and access of information on CityPlan by ESL citizens. Ms. Howard stated that the neighbourhood visions being developed will be kept alive through constant contact with communities; the development of CityPlan cost over one million dollars; the CityPlan information has been translated to a number of languages and there are outreach workers from the Planning staff who are working with ESL communities.

Commissioner Chesman thanked Ms. Howard for her time and updating the Board on the status of CityPlan.

Commissioner Chesman left the room as the next two items on the agenda, items 3 and 4 were dealing with contracts and could be a conflict of interest.

Vancouver Aquatic Centre Heating and Ventilation System

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 24, 1996 recommending that J. M. Bean and Company be hired to do the design for the proposed improvement and repairs to the heating and ventilation system at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT J. M. Bean and Company be hired to do the design for the proposed improvement and repairs to the heating and ventilation system at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC).

- Carried Unanimously.

Q95-119 Marpole Oakridge Community Centre Office Renovations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 25, 1996 recommending that the Board award the contract for the renovations at Marpole Oakridge Community Centre to the low bidder, Ultima General.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. THAT the Board award the contract for the renovations at Marpole Oakridge Community Centre to the low bidder, Ultima General, for a cost of \$67,909.
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this

point.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural Community Committee - Harmony Award

Commissioner Morgan advised the Board that the Harmony Award is being given by the Cultural Community Committee at City Hall. There are two awards, one is for a business or a group and the other is to an individual who promotes cultural harmony. The Committee wanted a way to permanently recognise this and thought a tree would be nice. Commissioner Morgan stated that she understands that plaques on curbs are only for those who buy a block of trees, however this is an in house committee and the Park Board's participation in this will be recognised. She received a cheque for \$750 from a private donation towards this cause.

Commissioner Chesman stated that the placement of the plaque will be at an agreed upon location between Park Board and Engineering staff.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Park Board approve the planting of two street trees and the placing of two small sidewalk or curb plaques at the site for the commemoration of the 1996 Harmony Award by the Cultural Community Committee at City Hall and further that these be placed at no additional cost to the Board.

-Carried Unanimously.

Donation of Picnic Table by Van City - West 10th Avenue Branch for Trimble Park

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh thanked the staff of Van City, West 10th Avenue branch, who donated a picnic table to Trimble Park.

Mole Hill

Commissioner Wilson left the room as the matter regarding Mole Hill was to be discussed by the Board.

Commissioner Morgan referred to a fax from the Mole Hill

Living Heritage Society and stated that the delegations at Council regarding Mole Hill have been extended to Tuesday and Thursday nights. There is a concern that the Park Board needs to communicate its support for the realisation of non-traditional park space on the open spaces, alleys and possible reclaimed areas on the site. Commissioner Morgan stated that the Society would like a formal statement to be read out by one of the Board members at Council on Tuesday night.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT we communicate our support for the realisation of non-traditional park space at Mole Hill.

Commissioner Chesman stated that he had spoken to Council earlier on this matter. The motion previously passed by the Board adequately explains the Park Board's position.

The motion was put as follows:

THAT we communicate our support for the realisation of non-traditional park space at Mole Hill.

- DEFEATED.

(Commissioners Ashford, Chesman, DeGenova and Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Commissioner Wilson returned to the meeting at this point.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Morgan enquired when the information regarding the cost of the two public information meetings, Aquatic Task Force and Stanley Park Transportation Plan would be available. The General Manager advised the Board that he will look into it.

Commissioner Morgan referred to a letter received from the students of Division 6 of Gordon Elementary School who have been skating at Kitsilano Ice Rink. They think that the signs for renting skates are sexist. Instead of men's and women's skates, they should read figure skates and hockey

skates.

Commissioner Louis stated that he asked for a meeting to be set up between Commissioner DeGenova, the Vancouver Aquarium and himself. The General Manager advised the Board that Dr. Nightingale was working on several dates to see which one would be most convenient.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants
Warrant #2 in the amount of \$426,269.01, Warrant #3 in the amount of \$562,164.73.
2. Lions Gate Crossing - Status
Administrative Report dated January 16, 1996 from the General Manager of Engineering Services to Vancouver City Council was mailed to Board members.

V. Kondrosky
General Manager

Commissioner David Chesman
Chair

