

Date: September 9, 1996

SUBJECT: SUNSET ICE RINK

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the temporary transfer of \$225,000 from the Lower/Upper Zoo Redevelopment Project to fund the Sunset Ice Rink Repair, to be repaid in the 1997 Capital Budget.

BOARD POLICY

The General Manager is authorized to make fund transfers of up to \$50,000 per capital account. Transfers over \$50,000 must be approved by the Board.

BACKGROUND

On May 18, 1996, Sunset Rink was shut down to overhaul the ice plant equipment and repair the boards. At the time it was found that the slab had heaved and cracked causing several of the brine lines to be severed. This rendered the ice making system inoperative and the facility unusable. The Board was given two information reports in June and July outlining the problem together with estimates of the costs associated with possible solutions. The least costly of the two options outlined was to install a new sand floor and re-use the existing floor as a heating slab. This was originally estimated to cost \$325,000 but by sub-contracting the work ourselves this has been reduced to \$225,000. In order to get this heavily used facility up and running as early as possible, the work was commenced early in August and is expected to be completed at the end of September. This is three months earlier than originally estimated.

The 1997/99 Capital Plan includes \$225,000 for Sunset Rink. In order to fund this project in 1996 it is being recommended that \$225,000 be borrowed from the existing Upper/Lower Zoo Redevelopment Funding and that this be repaid when the Sunset Rink funding is approved in the 1997 Capital Budget.

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