

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1996**

PRESENT:	Vice Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
	General Manager	- Vic Kondrosky
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Manager - Park Development	- Nancy McLean
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that Commissioner Wilson was recovering well and has taken an extended vacation. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that Commissioner Wilson appreciated all the expressions of concerns and good wishes he received from everyone.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Fraserview Golf Course Redevelopment: Tree Removal and Replacement

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh advised the Board that Commissioner DeGenova's deferred motion as follows was on the table.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the tree removal at Fraserview Golf Course in accordance with the plans presented at the meeting subject to:

- i. that an independent consultant be hired to review the wildlife management.
- ii. that holes 2, 4 and 5 be kept in their existing envelopes to allow the large stand of approximately 120 trees to remain.

Commissioner DeGenova withdrew his motion.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

WHEREAS it appears by public response that the public consultation process

concerning this redevelopment, first initiated in 1992, was deficient by today's Park Board standards of public involvement and the current expectations of the public;

AND, WHEREAS, this deficiency of public consultation has created unnecessary confusion, misinformation and fear among members of the public;

AND, WHEREAS, the most recent proposal for redevelopment of the golf course calls for removal of 277 trees compared with the original plan to remove 681 trees;

AND, WHEREAS, the Board proposes to hire a Wildlife Management Consultant to recommend measures to eliminate or minimize any negative consequences of redevelopment on wildlife in the forest area of the golf course;

AND, WHEREAS, the contractor, Challenge Construction Ltd., has confirmed that the contractual obligation between it and the Board will not be contravened by a postponement in its tree-removal schedule to a starting date of January 13, 1997;

AND, WHEREAS, this contractual clarification provides a window of opportunity for the Board to outline to interested parties the full details of the revised redevelopment plan;

AND, WHEREAS, the cost of the \$7 million redevelopment will be regained over a period from green fees;

AND, WHEREAS, the revised plan, including a tree replanting program that puts in two trees for each one removed, proposes a necessary and environmentally acceptable amount of tree removal, relative to the benefits of redevelopment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, as quickly as possible before January 13, 1997, meet with one representative from each of the interested groups, being golfers, local residents, Friends of Fraserview, environmental groups, and perhaps others, to hear any further constructive public input and to explain the latest proposal and demonstrate the benefits of the redevelopment to the overall public interest.

DEFEATED

(Commissioners DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh, McDiarmid and Warren contrary)

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the existing Fraserview Golf Course redevelopment plan be amended to incorporate the following changes:

Hole #2 Retain the majority of trees including all conifers at the tee and maintain a setback from the creek acceptable to MOE.

Hole #4 Retain all trees at the green.

Hole #5 Retain all trees at the tee.

Hole #8 Maintain the existing alignment of this hole.

Hole #12 Remove the existing culvert to extend the existing stream across the tee.

Hole #15 Remove the culvert across the fairway to open the stream.

Hole #17 Remove the existing culvert across the fairway to open the stream.

Nancy McLean, Park Development Manager, stated that following the comments received from delegations at the last meeting, staff and consultants reviewed the plan for the site. Ms. McLean explained the different changes in accordance with the motion put forward by Commissioner DeGenova.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner DeGenova thanked the community for bringing the attention of the Board to the sensitivity of some of the holes as opposed to the overall project. Commissioner Chesman enquired how many trees will this revision save. Ms. McLean advised the Board that 63 trees will be saved and 5 of the trees are larger than the 36" caliper. The majority of the trees are larger than the 18" caliper. Commissioner DeGenova enquired how much of the brush area will be saved with the revised plan. Ms. McLean advised the Board that a little more than 3 acres of brush will be saved. Commissioner Warren enquired what percentage of the large trees were being saved. Ms. McLean advised the Board that about 50% of the large trees scheduled to be removed as part of the renovations will be saved. Commissioner McDiarmid stated that the compromise was a good one and thanked the public for their input. Commissioner Yong stated that the public should be given an opportunity to look at the revised plan and comment on it.

The motion was put as follows:

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CARRIED

(Commissioner Yong opposed)
