

June 26, 1997

SUBJECT: MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board establish a Millennium Steering Committee to research the scope of possible and planned Millennium celebrations being considered for the year 2000 and recommend an appropriate role for the City in participating in and supporting these activities.

THAT this Steering Committee report back to the Board and City Council during December, 1997.

THAT the Board request from City Council a budget of \$7,750 to support the work of the Steering Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Millennium Year 2000 is just 30 months away, and already many groups are contemplating the kinds of activities or projects that could be organized to celebrate the birth of a new century. Without a doubt, the City will be asked to participate in many of these celebrations through the provision of facilities, coordination of events, or the direct organization of some events. It is important therefore, that the City begin the process of determining the scope of activities that are being planned and determine an appropriate role for the City.

DISCUSSION:

This report is recommending that the Board take a lead role in organizing a Millennium Steering Committee with a mandate to explore the ways in which the City and Park Board may participate in the planning, co-ordinating, hosting, monitoring and promotion of Millennium celebrations. This Committee would be asked to prepare a report describing the scope of activity that is being planned and proposing the kind of civic organization that would be most appropriate to support Millennium projects. An appropriate operating budget will also be recommended.

The membership of the Steering Committee would consist of a representative from City Council, a Park Commissioner, a representative from the Vancouver School Board, and citizens representing the arts, multicultural community, sports organizations and the business community. During July, staff will present a proposed list of members to the Park Board and City Council.

Staff resources will be required to assist the work of the Steering Committee,

as well as funds to host meeting and planning sessions during the six month period of the Steering Committee's work.

Budget

Staff Costs	\$6,750
Meeting & Misc.	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$7,750

The Steering Committee would be expected to present a final report with all of its recommendations during December.

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