

October 16, 1997

SUBJECT: VANDUSEN GARDEN - REALLOCATION OF NNR

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the reallocation of \$25,000 from the 1997 NNR for VanDusen Botanical Garden for Shaughnessy Lake to the glassed roof enclosure project at the Garden.

BACKGROUND

In 1996 the Shaughnessy Estate Residents Association requested that the lake bordering their property and VanDusen Garden be cleaned. At that time the Park Board agreed to consider a cost shared clean up on the condition that both parties could raise the required funding.

In May 1997 the Park Board approved \$25,000 of NNR funding for this project, however Shaughnessy Estates recently informed staff that they have not been able to raise their portion and it is not likely they will be able to any time in the near future.

DISCUSSION

Since there is insufficient funding available to clean the lake and no advantage to doing only part of the job, staff reviewed other priority projects at the Garden in conjunction with the VBGA. The highest priority was to complete a glassed roof enclosure over the entrance deck where tours gather, a small food service cart is set up and the volunteers display and sell seeds. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$45,000 and will be cost shared by Sprinklers Restaurant (\$10,800), the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association (\$8,800) and the Park Board.

This glassed roof will improve weather protection, will enhance the comfort of our visitors and volunteers and encourage purchases from the food cart and the volunteer seed area.

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