

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan De Genova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 22, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Commissioner Warren advised the Board that Council approved the Preliminary Budget estimates without further cuts, the final budget will be approved in April. An information report on the Vancouver Indy will be going to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budget on March 25th, 1999. Council also approved the 1999 moorage rate for an increase of 1.5% for Heather Marina.

DELEGATIONS

Roundhouse Turntable Plaza Completion

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 12, 1999 recommending that the Board complete the development of the Roundhouse turntable plaza as outlined in the report.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh welcomed former Commissioner Evelyn

Atkinson. Ms. Atkinson asked the Board to accept the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society's recommendation to rehabilitate the Turntable using the capital funds provided by Concord Pacific Developments Ltd. It is important that the history of the 1800' s working turntable be saved and protected. Ms. Atkinson stated that she also appreciated the idea of maintaining the integrity of the Roundhouse turntable for future considerations. Ms. Atkinson extended her personal gratitude to Park Board staff for their expertise and co-operation with special mention to Jim Lowden, Svend Lojstrup and Rudy Roelofsen.

Board members discussed the matter and enquired how the space could be used for programming. Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District advised the Board that there will be two small amphitheatres for various small group programming and when not in use for programming it could be a passive recreational space.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board complete the development of the Roundhouse turntable plaza as outlined in the report.

- Carried Unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

Vancouver General Hospital Open Space/Universal Gardens

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 12, 1999 recommending that the Board endorse the efforts of the Universal Gardens Society to establish a Universal Garden/Park at the Open Space to be created by the Vancouver General Hospital as part of it's redevelopment plan and that the Board reaffirms its support for the commitment to the existing Open space agreement under which the Vancouver General Hospital is to create 5.1 acres of Open Space to include the relocated existing tennis courts.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

- A. THAT the Board endorse the efforts of the Universal Gardens Society to establish a Universal Garden/Park at the Open Space to be created by the Vancouver General Hospital as part of it's redevelopment plan.**
- B. THAT the Board reaffirms its support for the commitment to**

the existing Open Space agreement under which the Vancouver General Hospital is to create 5.1 acres of Open Space to include the relocated existing tennis courts.

- Carried Unanimously.

Community Centre Associations - Promotional Video

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 12, 1999 recommending that the Board contribute a maximum of \$7,500 towards the cost of a promotional video to be produced by the Community Associations with the funding allocated from the Corporate Sponsorship Account.

The General Manager advised the Board that the video will give a high profile to the Park Board's services and its partnership with the Community Associations. Commissioner Yong asked if the video could be produced in various ethnic languages. Terri Clark, Public Affairs Manager advised the Board that a voice over could be done so that the video may be available in different languages.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT THE Board contribute a maximum of \$7,500 towards the cost of a promotional video to be produced by the Community Associations with the funding allocated from the Corporate Sponsorship Account.

- Carried Unanimously.

Stanley Park Totem Pole Visitor Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 18, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Jim Lowden, Director of Stanley District, reviewed the design for the Stanley Park Totem Pole Visitor Centre with the Board. One of the major components of the design is crowd management and creation of an interpretative centre for native culture.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board receive the staff report dated March 18, 1999

regarding the Stanley Park Totem Pole Visitor Centre for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

ENQUIRIES

Off Leash Dogs

Commissioner Wilson read an excerpt from an article which was originally published in the New York Times and reprinted in the National Post regarding off leash dogs. The article referred to the animosity between the dog owners and the authorities of New York City.

Communities in Bloom

Commissioner McDiarmid advised the Board that the kick-off for the Communities in Bloom was very successful and she also wanted to publicly thank Commissioner Warren for attending the ceremonies. Commissioner McDiarmid asked the Commissioners to talk to their community about the Communities in Bloom project which is a good way to beautify the City of Vancouver.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Park Board Year 2000 Status**
Staff report dated March 8, 1999 recommending that the report be received for information.
2. **Automated Registration and Point of Sale Project**
Staff report dated March 15, 1999 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair