

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 09, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Duncan Wilson
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Manager of Recreation Services - VE	- Greg Eng
	Information Assistant	- Carol DeFina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Ledingham did not attend the meeting due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, March 26, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair recognized Councillor Don Lee and former Councillor Alan Herbert.

City Council Report

Staff advised the Board that Council will be receiving the report on the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Pagoda Proposal on Tuesday and the South Vancouver Seniors' Centre on Thursday.

South Vancouver Seniors' Centre

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 2, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendation 1 to 4.

Staff made a presentation to the Board with regard to the process and community involvement in the planning for a seniors' centre at Killarney. This was a unique opportunity for inter-agency community partnership for a funding program and identifying a potential site which would be cost effective to build and maintain.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the South Vancouver Seniors' Centre:

- Anne Judge, South Vancouver Seniors Council
- Billie Miller, South Vancouver Seniors' Network Society
- Himmat Gill, President, Killarney Community Centre Society
- Rick Evans, Past President, Killarney Community Centre Society
- John Pollock, Killarney Seniors' Group
- Gertie Sivertson Collingwood Community Association

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- seniors population is increasing, there is a need for a seniors' centre;
- seniors programs are restricted due to lack of space;
- with a seniors' centre they can expand program and services to seniors;
- need a place for seniors to go, to take pride and ownership;
- seniors need facility where they can help each other;
- Killarney is a perfect fit, it is close to 2 bus routes;
- Killarney is a multicultural community,
- support proposal, give all three parties, equal status in the administration of the centre.

Board members discussed the matter and commended staff on doing a good job in bringing all the groups together.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

1. **THAT the Board approve in principle the development of a 3500 sq. ft. Senior's Centre at Killarney Community Centre subject to the availability of funding from City Council and other sources as outlined in Recommendation 'A' in the attached City Council Report.**
2. **THAT the Board endorse the Provincial Funding application submitted by the Killarney Community Centre Society and that staff assist the parties and determine ways and means to ensure the success of this venture.**
3. **THAT the Board refer this proposal to a consultative process with the local community.**
4. **THAT staff proceed with the development of demolition plans for Collingwood with the provision that alternative space for Collingwood Hall Association be programmed in the new Senior' s Centre or other suitable community space.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - Pagoda Proposal

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 30, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the report.

Staff advised the Board that since the original report was approved in 1999 a considerable amount of further work has been done by the donor, the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Society, their consultants and the Park Board. The cost of the project has escalated considerably and the donor has agreed to increase his contribution to the project. Instead of a programmatic feature in the garden, the concept has changed to a cultural icon or visual identity for the Garden which will not be accessible above the first level. The maintenance costs for the Pagoda is estimated to be \$34,000 per annum, in addition there is a cost of \$4,500 per year for heat and janitorial services. There is a request to Council to approve an additional \$38,500 to the Board's global budget. This request is scheduled to be considered by Council at its meeting on April 10, 2001.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - Pagoda Proposal:

- Peter Kwok, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
- Syrus Lee, Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society
- Richard Lee, Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association
- Joe Wai, Architect
- Cathy Gibler, Volunteers at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- concerned with limited programmability of the pagoda however, the elevator required by the building code is too big and will reduce floor space;
- donor wants to make the pagoda programmable, would like to put in a smaller elevator if possible;
- pagoda will attract visitors to Chinatown;
- pagoda could be the anchor for the Silk Road, it is crucial for revitalization of Chinatown;
- Chinatown merchants urged Board to adopt recommendations;
- the structure will be of concrete base and pre-finished aluminum and fibreglass to keep it a low maintenance building;
- pagoda will be an icon for Chinatown and for the City of Vancouver.

Board members thanked the anonymous donor and the delegations and indicated that there was a lot of support for the installation of a pagoda, however, the Board needs Council's support in providing additional funding to cover the maintenance cost of the structure.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board support the revised Pagoda proposal, subject to City Council agreeing to increase the Board's global budget by \$38,500 to cover the cost of maintenance and operation.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the principles of Memorandum of Understanding as described in this report.**
- C. THAT all design, financial and legal requirements be to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.**

-Carried Unanimously.

2001 Operating Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 30, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the budget initiative outlined in the report to meet a budget reduction target allocated by City Council in response to its approval of the Park Board Global Budget of \$44,698,700 including \$672,900 for new or expanded facilities and a \$330,000 reduction target.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve the budget initiative outlined in this report to meet a budget reduction target allocated by City Council in response to its approval of the Park Board Global Budget of \$44,698,700, including \$672,900 for new or expanded facilities and a \$330,000 reduction target.

- Carried Unanimously.

Award of Contract - Reconstruction of the Second Beach Parking lot and Seawall Pathway (2nd Beach Pool to Bastine Lookout) in Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated March 29, 2001 recommending that the Board award contract T2001-08 to Grandview Blacktop Ltd for the reconstruction of Second Beach Parking Lot and specified sections of the Seawall Pathway in Stanley Park for the tendered price of \$333,336.00.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board award contract T2001-08 to Grandview Blacktop Ltd. for the reconstruction of Second Beach Parking Lot and specified sections of the Seawall Pathway in Stanley Park for the tendered price of \$333,336.00**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

-Carried Unanimously.

Sculpture Exhibits on English Bay

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 6, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board approve a call to galleries for temporary exhibits for up to four months during the summer of 2001 along English Bay, at no cost to the Park Board and with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**

An amendment motion was moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT the Board support exhibits from local B. C. artists.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, McDiarmid, Richardson and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

IN-CAMERA MEETING:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

2001 CPRA Conference

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board approve the travel of Commissioner McDiarmid to Mississauga, Ontario to attend the 2001 CPRA Conference.

-Carried unanimously.

Board Agenda Package Delivery

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that whereas the regular courier delivery of Board packages to Commissioners represents an on-going cost to the organization and whereas technology now makes that practice obsolete, be it resolved that staff provide the Board with a recommendation concerning the potential for electronic delivery of, or access to, Board meeting materials and a status report on the computer equipment already on-loan from the Board to Commissioners.

Fieldhouse Caretaker

Staff was requested to provide an update on the status of fieldhouses and caretakers.

Vancouver City Planning Commission

Board members were invited to attend a presentation by Andrew Sancton, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Eastern Ontario on the pros and cons of the GVRD system and explore changes that could benefit our region.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair