

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Duncan Wilson
	Acting General Manager	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Acting Director of Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Sheryn Gajjar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members referred to Page 6 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 16, 2001 and stated that the motion to ask the City to withhold consideration of granting an extension to the PNE should read:

“THAT *the Board request* the City withhold consideration of granting an extension to the PNE licence at Hastings Park, subject to.....”

The minutes were adopted as amended.

City Council Report

Council will be dealing with the Downtown South report on July 31st, and on August 2nd, 2001 will deal with a request for extension of the Molson Indy for another 3 year term, and a report on funding of sustainability studies for South East False Creek.

STAFF REPORTS

Concept Approval - Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Forecourt

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 18, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the design concept for the courtyard area in front of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park. Staff gave a brief description of this project and advised that Council has approved \$80,000 for this project.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Board approve the design concept for the courtyard area at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park.

- Carried Unanimously

Support for City-wide and District Recreation Services

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 19, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information. Staff gave a brief description on the restructuring of City-wide and District Recreation Services. The Community Association Boards, user groups, staff and CUPE 15 have been consulted in this process. The proposal is to have staff more accessible to the public.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board receive the report on Support for City-wide and District Recreation Services for information.

- Carried Unanimously

2001 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 20, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information. A Board member queried the over-expenditures in Queen Elizabeth and Vancouver East Districts. Staff explained that these districts have more facilities in comparison to Stanley District. Staff were commended on keeping finances close to budget. A Board member pointed out that a similar report should be done on additions to facilities and parks.

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Moved by Commissioner Richardson

THAT the Board receive the 2001 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts report for information.

- Carried Unanimously

Downtown South - Update on Development Cost Levy (DCL) Revenue and Provision of Neighbourhood Facilities and Amenities

Board members received a Development and Building policy report dated July 17, 2001 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A to D. Staff gave a brief review of the funding background and the park design. Park features include:-

- Lots of trees
- Large oval lawn
- Special water features which will help with acoustics and create a sound barrier.
- Well lit areas
- Two ornamental pools
- Numerous benches and ledges
- Trellis covered areas

The Board thanked staff for their work on this project.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen.

- A. **THAT Council authorize the expenditure of \$1.45 million from the Downtown South Development Cost Levy Reserve for the completion of Phase 1 of the southern park (see map on page 9) for demolition, landscape design, landscape construction, and planting to be let by the Park Board, source of funds to be the Downtown South Development Cost Levy Reserve;**
- B. **THAT the overall design for the proposed new park in Downtown South as illustrated in Appendix A be approved in principle;**
- C. **THAT the Director of Real Estate Services be instructed to deliver vacant possession of the properties required for Phase One at the earliest date possible.**

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- D. THAT Staff review the Public Benefit Strategy for the Downtown South and report back with spending and funding options, prior to January 31, 2002.**

-Carried Unanimously

Van East District Sports League

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 30, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the report for information. Staff gave a presentation entitled Van East Sports "A Special Sport and Recreation Initiative". A request has been submitted to HRDC for a grant of \$187,000 for 12 staff. A member of the Board asked if there is adequate field space for this purpose. Staff responded that they have to be creative and flexible in this respect. The Commissioners extended their congratulations to staff on their work and effort in this initiative. A member of the Board pointed out that inner city schools are also doing an excellent job in this initiative, so Park Board staff can work with them to encourage children and youth participation in recreational sports.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board receive the Vancouver East District Sports League report for information.

- Carried Unanimously

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Ian Eisenhardt Visit - Board members thanked staff for their work on making Ian Eisenhardt's visit a success. Special recognition was given to Mark Vulliamy for coordinating the visit.

Request for funding - Kensington Community Centre - A Board member queried a request for \$2,000 for weights for Kensington Community Centre. Staff advised the Board that the matter is being dealt with.

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2001 National Urban Forestry Conference -

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board approve the travel of Commissioner Richardson to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2001 National Urban Forest Conference, Wednesday September 5th to Saturday September 8th, 2001.

- Carried Unanimously

Transit Strike - A member of the Board stated that the transit strike has affected community centre programs and suggested that the Board make a motion to encourage the two sides to solve this dispute as soon as possible. Board members agreed that a letter be sent from the Board through the Chair, if the issue is not settled within a week.

Corporate Sponsorship Funds - A member of the Board suggested that before the Board breaks for the summer the Board should allocate some funding to the Co-existing with Coyote Project. The Chair recommended that the Board wait until we hear from the Provincial Government on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Piet Rutgers
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair