

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	Acting General Manager	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Manager of Park Development	- Kate Davis Johnson
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Recreation Services	
	- Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Co-ordinator of Arts & Culture	- Susan Gordon
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 03, 2001 were adopted as circulated.

AIDS Memorial

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 20, 2001 recommending that the report be received for information.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the information report on the AIDS Memorial.

- Eleanor Hadley
- Ron Rothwell, Friends of Stanley Park
- Ed Lee, AIDS Memorial Society

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

- opposed to monuments in the park;
- monument should be organic;
- there is not enough information in the report;
- project should not be allowed to go ahead;
- ownership issue is unclear;
- there is a risk of vandalism;
- memorial is a public education tool;
- monument is to not forget those who died but also to continue prevention.

Board members thanked the delegations and reminded them that the report was for information only. The project was approved by the previous Board. A member of the Board suggested that the wording on the plaque to be revised to the following: "This memorial is located in this park as a place of healing and education within an understanding and compassionate city". Board members agreed to this revision.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board receive this report as information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Sponsorship Agreement with Kodak Canada Inc. - Extension

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D in the staff report.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Sponsorship Agreement with Kodak Canada Inc. - Extension.

- Donna Morgan, COPE, Park Committee
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE, Park Committee

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

- corporate sponsorship has failed to deliver cash into the Vancouver Park system;
- review the corporate sponsorship program;
- use an open tendering system for corporate sponsorships that is based on community needs;

- promote local and Canadian owned businesses;
- develop environmental and ethical corporate sponsorship standards.

Board members thanked the delegations and a member of the Board stated that the suggestion to review the environmental and ethical standards for corporate sponsorship has merit.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A) **THAT the Board approve a one year extension to the corporate sponsorship agreement with Kodak Canada Inc, for exclusive supply of film and related product in 2002.**
- B) **THAT Kodak Canada Inc pay the Board a rights fee of \$40,000 in 2002.**
- C) **THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- D) **THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Thornton Park Upgrade Master Plan

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 14, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the conceptual design for the redevelopment of Thornton Park.

Jonathan Lossee, Consultant, presented the design plan for the redevelopment of Thornton Park. The concept for the upgrade is "Layers of Change" in recognition of the diverse history of the area, the original design of the park and responding to the changes taking place in the neighbourhood. The plan also look at safety for park users by

replacing the shrubs with flower beds, improved walkways, a hard surface pedestrian plaza.

Staff referred to a letter received from Heritage Vancouver with regard to the redevelopment of Thornton Park. Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver Heritage Commission was aware of the issues raised in the Heritage Vancouver letter. The Heritage Commission reviewed and approved this plan as presented by the Consultant to the Board.

Board members appreciated the effort made by the consultants to recognize the heritage quality of the park. A member of the Board did not support the plan as it did not address the health and safety of the homeless people.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the conceptual design for the redevelopment of Thornton Park.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Strathcona Park Upgrade Conceptual Design

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 14, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the conceptual design for the upgrade and redevelopment of Strathcona Park.

Commissioner De Genova left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

David Rose, Consultant for the Strathcona Park Upgrade Conceptual Design, presented the plan for the redevelopment of Strathcona Park. The concept plan provides for a wide range of community uses by including walking paths through and around the park, picnic and children's play areas, a basketball court, a small-scale skateboard facility and a grassed performance space. The aim is to create a heart in the existing park, with activities clustered around a central, multipurpose, open-sided covered structure.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the park Board approve the conceptual design for the upgrade and redevelopment of Strathcona Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner De Genova returned to the meeting at this time.

Neighbourhood Matching Fund

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 21, 2001 recommending that the report be received for information.

Staff presented some samples of the various projects funded through the Neighbourhood Matching Fund.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham

THAT the Board receive the report for information

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Beach and Sunset Beach Concessions - Requests for Proposals For New Food Service Operations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 3, 2002 recommending that the Board approve a Request for Proposals call for new food service operations at Kitsilano Beach and Sunset Beach to replace the existing take-out concessions. A member of the Board did not support this recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board approve a Request for Proposals call for new food service operations at Kitsilano Beach and Sunset Beach to replace the existing take-out concessions.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Development of an Outdoor 12 Court Volleyball Facility

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 4, 2002 recommending that the Board discontinue the proposal for a sand volleyball facility adjacent to marginal wharf in Jericho Park and that the Board investigate alternate possibilities for a 12 court sand volleyball facility.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the proposal for a sand volleyball facility adjacent to marginal wharf in Jericho Park be discontinued.**
- B. THAT the Board investigate alternate possibilities for a 12 - court sand volleyball facility.**

Board member discussed the matter and Commissioner Ledingham requested to amend the motion by adding a recommendation C to provide a time-line for staff to work on finding an alternate location.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- C. THAT, in consultation with the Chair, staff be directed to establish a Task Force to investigate alternate sites and, THAT the Task Force be comprised of community representatives and staff and, THAT the Task Force provide the Board with a recommendation / or recommendations within three months.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

A vote was taken on the main motion as amended and it was Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

There was an enquiry regarding the status of the seawall in Stanley Park. Staff advised the Board that the engineers have recommended the seawall should remain closed until repairs are completed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Liane McKenna
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair