

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>- Clarence Hansen</b>
	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>- Allan De Genova</b>
	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>- Roslyn Cassells</b>
		<b>- Laura McDiarmid</b>
		<b>- Dianne Ledingham</b>
		<b>- Christopher Richardson</b>
		<b>- Duncan Wilson</b>
	<b>General Manager</b>	<b>- Susan Mundick</b>
	<b>Director of Queen Elizabeth District</b>	<b>- Liane McKenna</b>
	<b>Director of Planning &amp; Operations</b>	<b>- Piet Rutgers</b>
	<b>Director of Vancouver East District</b>	<b>- Lori Mackay</b>
	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>	<b>- Anita Ho</b>
	<b>Manager of Communications</b>	<b>- Peter Cech</b>
	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>- Julie Casanova</b>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 11, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair introduced Peter Cech, Manager of Communications who will lead the implementation of the communication plan approved by the Board.

The Chair on behalf of the Board congratulated the Canada Olympic Team on an excellent performance at the recent Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The Chair hoped that the programs and services offered by the Vancouver Park Board will assist aspiring athletes to reach their goal.

The Board recognised retirees and 25 years service employees at a luncheon on Friday, February 22, 2002. It was an opportunity to meet and thank staff for their dedicated service to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

The Board also gave special recognition to Andy Craig who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, February 23, 2002. Mr. Craig is a long time golfer at the Stanley Park Pitch and Putt and he contributes his healthy life to a daily round of golf.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball Courts**

Digby Peers, Philip Cunliffe and Graham Fraser of the parks committee from the Kits Point Residents Association appeared before the Board to request the change of use of the basketball courts at Kitsilano Beach Park. The delegation advised the Board that the basketball players' behaviour and language have a negative impact on park users and residents of the area. The court is also used during the late hours of the evening and there is a safety issue for the local residents as a result of the unlawful activities that occur. Staff have tried several methods to discourage the use of the court after dark but these methods have not been effective.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to address these issues in a report to the Board.

### **Quilchena Park Disc Golf**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 4, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the proposal by the BC Disc society to install a nine hole disc golf at Quilchena Park and that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BC Disc Sports Society to install the course.

Michael McCrae, B. C. Disc Sports Society advised the Board that disc golf was similar to the game of golf. They have good community support for this installation and the game is popular with the schools. There will be no charge for the use of the course.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board approve the proposal by the BC Disc Sports Society to install a nine hole disc golf at Quilchena Park (See Appendix A); subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.**
- B. THAT the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BC Disc Sports Society to install the course, as described in Appendix B.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Commissioner's request to attend conference.

The Chair referred to a conference request from a member of the Board to attend the Animal Rights Conference in Washington D.C.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

**THAT** the Board accept Commissioner Cassells request to attend the 2002 Animal Rights Conference to be held in Washington D.C.

Board members discussed the request and indicated that the conference was not relative to Park Board mandate of managing parks and recreation services.

The motion was put and it was DEFEATED.

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Community Centre Long Range Renewal Strategy**

Board members received copies of a staff report dated February 15, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the long range renewal strategy for community centres as a framework for future Capital Plan and other funding opportunities that may arise.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

**THAT the Board approve the long range renewal strategy for community centres (Appendix A of the staff report dated February 15, 2002) as a framework for future Capital Plan and other funding opportunities that may arise.**

**- Carried Unanimously.**

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**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:**

**(c) labour relations or employee negotiations.**

**- Carried.**

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

### **Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business**

- A member of the Board commented that the information with regard to recycling, pest management and bike racks provided by staff was not adequate. Board members stated that research for information was time consuming and requests for information should be specific.
- A request to provide benches at Wendy Poole Park was received.
- Approval to use the ramp at Vanier Park for the Amphibious Vehicle by staff was not appropriate.
- It appeared that the Hastings Park Conservancy agreement may have been violated by not including the members in discussions regarding the future of Hastings Park. Staff advised the Board that input from the Conservancy with regard to the future of the Park will continue to be heard and accepted.
- Any ideas or topic of discussion that the Board may wish to add to the upcoming 2003 BCRPA Conference should be forwarded to Commissioner McDiarmid who is the liaison to the BCRPA Conference Planning Committee/

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Susan Mundick  
General Manager

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Commissioner Clarence Hansen  
Chair