

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, MAY 06, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, April 22, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair stated that public meetings with regard to the 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan are being held in the Board's three Districts. Community groups and the public are being encouraged to attend these meetings. A video titled "A City for People" showing the benefits of parks and recreation was presented to the Board.

City Council Report

Council approved the Anti-Graffiti Strategy and Operating Budget reports.

Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball Courts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 24, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT the Board reduce the number of permanent basketball hoops at Kitsilano Beach Park from four to two.
- B. THAT the Board lower the two remaining permanent hoops to 6 feet and 8 feet.
- C. THAT the Board provide one portable basketball hoop for 3-on-3 adult play in the area around the lifeguard tower.

Staff advised the Board that on February 25, 2002, a delegation of residents requested the Board to remove or relocate the basketball hoops in Kitsilano Beach Park. The reason for the request was based on the concern that the daytime inappropriate language used by basketball players was having a negative impact on parents and children using the adjacent playground and the night-time noise generated by late evening play was disturbing to the local residents. Staff met with Basketball B.C. and members of the Kitsilano Community Policing Office to discuss solutions to this problem.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Kitsilano Beach Park Basketball Courts:

- Digby Peers, Kits Point Residents Association
- Stuart Parker, B.C. Black Historical and Cultural Society
- Stuart Mackinnon
- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Munna Prasad

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

- reprehensible behaviour at the basketball courts has been escalating;
- this problem has been going on for 18 years;
- mothers do not bring their children to the playground because of the obscene language used by the basketball players;
- polled people using the beach, their opinion was that the basketball court and the playground cannot be side by side;

- it is good to move the basketball hoop away from the children to a supervised area;
- the courts have a lot of history, many well-known people have played on it;
- the courts are a haven for young black men to play basketball;
- understand that the community wants these courts used responsibly;
- there is a tremendous demand for this facility;
- have a mediator to find ways to bring people together to work through the problems;
- residents have been complaining but there has only been band-aid solutions;
- parks are for everyone, have difficulty with the recommendation;
- need public consultation with all stakeholders;
- the Kitsilano Community Centre should be consulted for their views;
- a comprehensive study should be conducted;
- consider having motorised adjustable hoops similar to those at Douglas Park;
- would rather see the youth play basketball than stand around in street corners and getting into trouble;
- there should be more places available for youth to go to;
- need more outreach programs with youth; and
- move children's playground to the pool area and extend the basketball courts.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that although the problem needs to be resolved, they were concerned with reducing opportunities for adult basketball. Staff should consider a variety of solutions such as providing hoops similar to those at Douglas Park. Consultation with other residents in the area and those using the courts should be done.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the matter of the Kitsilano Beach Basketball Courts be deferred to allow a community consultation.

- Carried.

(Commissioners Ledingham and McDiarmid contrary)

Millennium Sport Facility Society Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 18, 2002 recommending that the Board extend the deadline in Clause 14 of the Memorandum Of Understanding with the Millennium Sport Facility Society to June 1, 2003 and that the Board continue the commitment of \$250,000 for the re-location of the lawn bowling facility to June 1, 2003.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Millennium Sport Facility Society Project:

- Alan Webster, President and Michael Sanderson, Vice President, Millennium Sport Facility
- Munna Prasad

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

- thanked staff and Board for their support of the project;
- looking forward to proceeding with the program;
- unfortunately the decision by the Provincial Government has been delayed;
- support staff's recommendation to delay for one year;
- there are a lot of seniors who participate in lawn bowling; and
- ask the Board to approve the report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT THE Board:

- A. Extend the deadline in Clause 14 of the MOU with the Millennium Sport Facility Society to June 1, 2003.**
- B. Continue the commitment of \$250,000 for the re-location of the lawn bowling facility to June 1, 2003.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Festival d'Ete Francophone de Vancouver

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 24, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the use of Coopers Park for Festival d'Ete Francophone de Vancouver event on June 14, 2002 and that the Board grant permission for a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the event from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Benoit Briere and Pierre Rivard
- Munna Prasad

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

- this is a typical outdoor festival;
- goal of festival is to bring the diversity of Francophone music, to Vancouver;
- have been using the art gallery, however, there is a date conflict this year; and
- selected Coopers Park because of its accessibility by local transit.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board approve the use of Coopers Park for Festival d'ete Francophone de Vancouver event on June 14, 2002.**
- B. THAT the Board grant permission for a Special Occasion License in conjunction with the event from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

- Carried Unanimously.

2002 Operating Budget

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 15, 2002 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 \$46,952,800, including \$466,000 for Added Basic costs and a \$100,000 reduction target to be achieved without significant impact on services and staff.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the 2002 Operating Budget:

- Anita Romaniuk, COPE
- Munna Prasad

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

- public process for the budget need improvement;
- leaked documents caused anxiety among staff;
- start budget process earlier and have public meetings in the Fall;
- could have innovative fund raising rather than raise fees; and
- concerned that Community Centres and public were not consulted.

Board members discussed the matter and commended staff on their diligence and hard work in developing and presenting this budget. It was agreed that the timeline for budget should be reviewed.

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 \$46,952,800, including \$466,000 for Added Basic costs and a \$100,000 reduction target to be achieved without significant impact on services and staff.

- Carried Unanimously.

Vancouver Folk Music Festival

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 14, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Munna Prasad appeared before the Board and stated that he hoped the Board would support the Folk Festival's request for an extra day.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve an additional evening concert for the Vancouver Folk Music Festival on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 in the Jericho Park.

- Carried Unanimously.

Increase in Bus Parking Fees in 2003

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve increases to bus parking fees in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park, as outlined in the report, effective January 1, 2003.

Munna Prasad appeared before the Board and stated that he hoped the tour bus companies were consulted on this change.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board approve increases to bus parking fees in Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park, as outlined in this report, effective January 1, 2003.

- Carried Unanimously.

Queen Elizabeth Park - Temporary Licence

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Munna Prasad appeared before the Board and stated that he was concerned with the parked buses with their engines running near residences.

The delegation was advised that the bus parking issue at Queen Elizabeth Park was addressed in a previous report to the Board.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board grant a temporary licence to the Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) for the purpose of constructing pipeline work and rebuilding the Little Mountain Reservoir;**
- B. THAT, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Park Board and the GVWD with respect to the reconstruction of the reservoir, the City grant a permanent Statutory Right of Way in favour of both the GVWD and the City of Vancouver over a portion of**

Queen Elizabeth Park, to the GVWD for the purpose of constructing and maintaining water works and to the City/Park Board for the purpose of constructing and maintaining public utilities, including telecommunications facilities;

- C. THAT, once the form of the temporary licence and permanent Statutory Right of Way has been approved by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver the temporary licence on behalf of the Board and the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver the permanent Statutory Right of Way.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Reconstruction of the Stanley Park S-Curve

Board members received copies of a staff report dated April 30, 2002 recommending that the Board receive the attached Council Report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

That the Board receive the attached Administrative report dated April 30, 2002 with regard to Award of Contract 2002-02, Reconstruction of the Stanley Park S-Curve for information.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

IN-CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham

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

The Youth Week event at Hastings Community Centre was well attended.

Information regarding plans for fundraising/foundation for the Park Board will be discussed at the next staff briefing.

Staff to request a presentation on Private/Public Partnerships at the next Association Presidents' meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair