



Date: May 15, 2002

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: SAND COURT VOLLEYBALL TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive the Volleyball Task Force Report for information (see Attachments A & B).

BACKGROUND

In 2001, the Park Board conducted a public consultation process for sand court volleyball facility in Jericho Park. The process revealed that the community believes that volleyball is already allocated a large portion of prime waterfront in the general vicinity and that the remaining waterfront areas should be preserved and protected for more passive pursuits. At the January 14th, 2002 meeting of the Vancouver Park Board, the Commissioners passed the following recommendations:

That the Board investigate alternate possibilities for a 12 court sand volleyball facility.
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/recommendations within three months.

DISCUSSION

A Task Force was assembled by staff and met four times during the past three months. A key structural component for the Task Force was balancing broad-based representation with a workable committee size. With this in mind, the committee consisted of:

Clarence Hansen	Chair, Vancouver Park Board
Valerie Halpin Jones	Resident - from the Jericho consultation process
Mark Weintraub	Resident - from the Jericho consultation process
Boris Tyzuk	Volleyball Representative
Tom Caverly	Executive Director, BC Volleyball Association
June Binkert	President, Save Our Parkland Association
Colin Metcalfe	President, Vancouver Field Federation
Marilyn Bell	Member of the SE False Creek Parkland Committee

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It was acknowledged that this membership did not necessarily represent the city's and/or any local community's opinion with regards to possible site selection. However, the membership did represent a broad base of opinion and hopefully this diversity will result in a successful proposal.

The Task Force was guided in its deliberation by a terms of reference which outlined facility requirements, sites for consideration and a work program for the task force. As per the Park Board's recommendation, the objective for the Task Force was to recommend possible site(s) for a sand court volleyball facility for public consultation.

The work program for the Task Force was to:

- identify criteria to evaluate possible sites for consideration;
- evaluate possible sites against criteria;
- recommend sites to Park Board for further consultation.

If approved by the Board, the site(s) would be forwarded to general public for consideration.

The attached report represents the consensus of the Sand Court Volleyball Task Force. Staff would like to thank the Task Force members for their time and commitment to this project.

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