

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Vice-Chair	- Allan De Genova
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Recreation Services -	
	 Queen Elizabeth District	- Diane Murphy
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Recreation Services -	
	 Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Communications	- Peter Cech
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Richardson was away on vacation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A member of the Board referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 08, 2002, and stated that she would prefer to have the minutes reflect that the information provided by staff under the Enquiries section was based on a Commissioner requesting the information.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, July 08, 2002 were adopted as amended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

City Council Report

The Park Board Light Vehicle Fleet and Allocation of Community Amenity for Quilchena Park reports were approved by Council. Council will be discussing the reports on the Olympic Bid and Pesticides Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver at its meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.

Millennium Sports Facility

Alan Webster and Katherine Tam representing the Millennium Sports Facility appeared before the Board to extend their appreciation to Commissioners and staff for their hard work and for supporting their plans to build a multi-use sports facility. The Millennium Sports Facility received approval for \$1.7 million infrastructure grant, their project is now a reality and look forward to the ground breaking ceremony. The delegation presented an interactive poster of the new facility to the Board.

Kitsilano Yacht Club- Renewal of Operating Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board renew the revised Operating Agreement with the Kitsilano Yacht Club for five years from May 2002 - May 2007, subject to the approval of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board renew the revised Operating Agreement with the Kitsilano Yacht Club for five years from May 2002 - May 2007, subject to the approval of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.

- Carried Unanimously.

Still Creek Rehabilitation and Enhancement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board reaffirm the objectives for Still Creek in the Grandview-Boundary Industrial Area as detailed in the report.

Staff gave a brief overview on the reasons for preserving and enhancing Still Creek in the Grandview-Boundary Industrial Area. The Board and Council in the late 1980's endorsed the idea to protect and daylight Still Creek. As the Grandview-Boundary industrial area is transformed in the upcoming decades, the City has an opportunity to ensure that Still Creek is part of a larger recreational and natural corridor connecting Renfrew Ravine Park to Burnaby Lake and the Fraser River.

Shannon Campbell, Still Creek Committee, appeared before the Board and stated that their group had been working toward the goal of enhancing Still Creek. She asked the Board to endorse the recommendations in the staff report.

Board members thanked Ms. Campbell and the Still Creek Committee for their work towards the enhancement and preservation of Still Creek.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board reaffirm the following objectives for Still Creek in the Grandview-Boundary Industrial Area:**
- **to maintain the creek as an open watercourse and reclaim culverted portions of the creek;**
 - **to enhance the appearance of the creek as an amenity for the area;**
 - **to provide for a continuous public pathway parallel to the creek; and**
 - **to improve the storm water management capabilities of the creek related to water flows and water quality.**
- B. THAT the Board endorse the 10 year and 50 year action plans contained in the Still Creek Rehabilitation and Enhancement Study dated March 2002 as the basis for reviewing rezoning and development permit applications, for guiding possible real estate acquisitions by the City, and for developing more detailed plans for Still Creek.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Beach Restaurant and Take Out - Acceptance of Proposal from Peter Barnett

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D.

Peter Barnett and John Hemsworth presented the design rationale to the Board. Mr. Hemsworth indicated that the design was based on understanding their client base, creating a year round operation, complimenting the existing facilities and being environmentally sensitive. They will with the assistance of staff lead a public consultation process.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Kitsilano Beach Restaurant and Take Out - Acceptance of Proposal from Peter Barnett:

- James Chan, Kits Point resident
- Ryal Smith, Kits Point resident
- Elizabeth Gram - letter read by daughter
- Peter Partaik
- Janet Wong
- Diana Yang
- Anita Romaniuk
- Robert Spevakow
- Tzipora Mann

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

- do not need any more restaurants;
- new restaurant will increase noise and traffic;
- residents can not find parking in front of their house as a result of illegal parking by visitors;
- excessive noise past midnight;
- do not commercialise Kits park;
- park is a space for quiet time and recreation;
- park is already used to capacity;
- there are 14 restaurants within 300 feet
- concerned with increased commercialism of the park;
- would like to see a more detailed criteria for the proposal;
- happy to see energy efficient and environmentally friendly concept;
- have a review after five years instead of ten years;
- public consultation is required;
- a progressive idea on the part of the Park Board;

- will bring in extra revenue for the city;
- most of the customers will walk to the restaurant;
- looking forward to a place where we can have a nice meal and watch the sunset;
- most people will be from the neighbourhood
- member of Kits Point Residents Association, supports the proposal;
- better facility will attract better clientele, reduce crime in the area; and
- need to have waste baskets for garbage generated from the restaurants.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that Kits Beach is a popular destination for residents and visitors of Vancouver. With regard to the parking problems experienced by the residents in Kitsilano, it was suggested that Parking Enforcement should be contacted to increase patrols in the area to discourage illegal parking. The proposed restaurant could be a positive catalyst and will enhance the safety of the area.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Board accept the proposal from Peter Barnett to construct and operate a restaurant and take-out at Kitsilano Beach.**
- B. THAT the Board approve a series of on-site public information days this summer to solicit feedback and opinion from park and seawall users concerning this proposal.**
- C. THAT the Board grant to a corporate entity with Peter and Shirley Barnett as the principals:**
 - (a) a licence, to use the designated site for the construction of the restaurant, subject to the completion of the Development Permit design package to the satisfaction of the Board and subject to the issuance of the appropriate permits.**
 - (b) an offer to lease the restaurant subject to the completion of the Development Permit design package and subject to the completion of construction of the restaurant to the satisfaction of the Board.**
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences 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.**

- E. THAT once the form of the licence and the offer to lease have been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

The Board recessed at 10:05 p.m

The meeting resumed at 10:15 p.m.

Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board approve the attached City Council Report dated July 09, 2002 entitled Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver.

Staff presented the principal findings of the report prepared by Park Board staff and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority on Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver. The challenge is to educate the public to embrace the Integrated Pest Management program for private property. An Integrated Pest Management program based on the programs developed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities could be offered to homeowners. The ban on cosmetic use of pesticides would require a regional approach to enact a pesticides reduction.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver:

- Liz Haan, Master Gardener's Association of B.C.
- Scott Braithwaite-Nelson
- Loretta Woodcock

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

- the Master Gardeners educate people in an environmentally responsible approach;
- do not need herbicides to maintain lawn and gardens;
- start the ban in 2003, no need to wait;
- public is already on side;
- public education program will reduce the use of toxic chemicals;

Board members discussed the matter and extended their full support to educating the public on Integrated Pest Management practices.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid

THAT the Board receive the attached City Council Report dated July 09, 2002 entitled Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver for information.

After further discussion, an amendment to recommend Council to implement options 1 to 5 in the Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver report was suggested.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board endorse options 1 to 5 in the report dated July 2002 prepared by Planning and Operations, Vancouver Park Board and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority on Pesticide Use Options for Private Properties in Vancouver, and;**
- B. THAT the Board recommend that Council implement option 5 - "Prohibit the cosmetic use of pesticides within the city" in two years.**

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried Unanimously.

2002 Financial Statements - Operating Accounts

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 2002, recommending that the Board adopt the plan recommended by staff to balance the 2002 Operating budget.

Anita Romaniuk, COPE, Parks Committee appeared before the Board and stated that it was possible the shortfall in rinks and pools was a result of the seniors' fees being raised. She was also concerned with the 50% reduction on NNR spending as it might have a negative impact on staff.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board adopt the plan recommended by staff to balance the 2002 Operating budget.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Joint Operating Agreement Task Force Terms of Reference

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board endorse the Terms of Reference for the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force and approve the allocation of \$10,000 over a two year period to fund the work of the Task Force.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Anita Romaniuk, COPE Parks Committee
- Gord Plottel

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

- do not see any representation from CUPE Local15 and 1004 on the committee;
- public consultation should be done before finalizing the agreement;
- urge Board to pass the recommendation;
- it has been 23 years since original agreement was drafted and it is time to review;
- majority of the Community Associations have endorsed the terms of reference;

- questions on process was raised but not on objective of the study;
- there is a process to provide ongoing communication to Community Associations.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board endorse the Terms of Reference for the Joint Operating Agreement Task Force and approve the allocation of \$10,000 over a two year period to fund the work of the Task Force.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Ice Allocation Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 11, 2002, recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- Carried Unanimously.

Empire Bowl Fieldhouse

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 2002, recommending that the Board award a contract for the work of tender T2002-10, Empire Bowl Fieldhouse to CDC Construction Ltd., at a cost \$484,672 plus GST.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board award a contract for the work of tender T2002-10, Empire Bowl Fieldhouse, to CDC Construction Ltd., at a cost of \$484,672, plus GST.**
- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

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

Permit to Use Oppenheimer Park

Staff provided an update on the special event permit requested by Living Waters Mission. A permit was requested and granted to this group for the use of Oppenheimer Park on July 21, 2002. There are no Board approved policies that restrict access to religious groups. A meeting between the pastor of Living Waters Mission, staff at Carnegie Centre and Park Board staff was suggested to resolve this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair