

MOTION

1. Jim Green's contributions to Vancouver

Mover: Commissioner Blyth

Seconder: Commissioner

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to the livability of the City of Vancouver;
2. Jim Green has made significant contributions to the City of Vancouver;
3. He has continued to advocate urban wellness, environmental issues and greening of Vancouver;
4. Jim Green as a member of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association was successful in achieving:
 - 600 units of social housing, two of them housing co-ops;
 - Preventing the eviction of Downtown Eastside residents during Expo 86;
 - Changing the tenant law to cover SRO residential units around the Province;
 - Numerous government programs focused on the Downtown Eastside community;
5. Jim Green worked to develop:
 - BladeRunners an innovative employment program focused on street youth;
 - Four Corners Bank - the first bank for low income residents in the Downtown Eastside;
 - Numerous innovative community development projects such as the dental clinic for Downtown Eastside residents and an employment program for low income people at GM Place;
6. Jim Green actively participated in the planning of Crab Park @ Portside and Hastings Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff to:

1. Work with Jim Green and his family to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Jim's tremendous contribution to the city.