

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 05, 1995

PRESENT:

Chair	- David Chesman
Vice-Chair	- Duncan Wilson
Commissioners	- Allan DeGenova
	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	- Tim Louis
	- Donna Morgan
Deputy Mayor	- Cllr. Nancy A. Chiavario
A/General Manager	- Jim Lowden
Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
A/Director of Recreation Planner	- Joslin Kobylka
	- Pieter Rutgers(part- time)
Manager, Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen(part- time)
Information Assistant	- Carol DeFina
Recording Secretary	- Barbara Stampfl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 29, 1995 were adopted as circulated.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair welcomed City Councillor, Nancy A. Chiavario, Deputy Mayor for June and former Park Board Chair.

DELEGATIONS

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Stanley Park Service Yard - Planning Process

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the report be received for information.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board receive the report for information purposes.

Mr. Gerry O'Neill, of AAA Horse & Carriage, expressed concerns regarding the staff report which states that stabling for the horsedrawn transportation operation will

not fit within the anticipated development for the service yard. Mr. O'Neill outlined his proposal to renovate two of the buildings to protect his horses and carriages from the weather which would be an exchange of space and not an expansion; pay any costs incurred in upgrading the existing buildings to heritage standards; pay maintenance fees during the occupancy; and pay rent. He referred to the comment in the staff report which questions whether the Board wants to retain the horse and carriage within Stanley Park and requested that he be informed of the planning as he is not aware of the full program proposed for Park Drive. He then outlined all the services that AAA Horse & Carriage provide to school groups, seniors, long term care facilities, park users, etc., and pointed out that they are the only tour operator in Vancouver to offer wheelchair and scooter accessibility. Mr. O'Neill expressed his concern that he be informed before anything is done with regard to demolition of the buildings.

The Chair informed Mr. O'Neill that the Board has taken no position on this and are trying to develop a transportation plan for Stanley Park.

Mr. Jack Cunningham, representing the Variety Club, stated that Gerry O'Neill donates his time and his carriages for a Variety Club function every year in Stanley Park for handicapped children. He stated that the carriages are all wheelchair accessible and the total number of children this year will be 575. He was appalled when he heard that the Board is thinking about removing the carriages from Stanley Park and stated that it would be a crime to do this.

Mr. Jack Emdall stated that the Board should not get rid of the horse and carriage in Stanley Park as these are more environmentally friendly than automobiles. They also add something of value to the park and people enjoy seeing them. He feels that the horse and carriage service is a boon to the police department and to society and to eliminate something this important would be a bad scene.

Mr. Irvine Epstein, spoke in support of the AAA Horse & Carriage service in Stanley Park and on behalf of his granddaughter and other young children who will have their first introduction to Stanley Park by going on a horse drawn carriage ride. He stated that Gerry O'Neill has proven to be a responsible corporate citizen and that concerns initially raised by staff have proven to be groundless. Mr. Epstein noted that the horse & carriage service is less destructive environmentally than buses and motor vehicles and he feels it would be the height of folly to preserve the natural environment on one hand and to develop a policy which is environmentally destructive on the other hand. He urged the Board to support and ensure that horse drawn carriages fit with whatever program is developed for Stanley Park.

Mr. Greg Travers, B.C. Paraplegic Association, stated

that he was very proud of the initiative that AAA Horse & Carriage has taken to make the rides accessible to persons with disabilities. He stated that this is the only mode of transportation around the park that can be enjoyed with family members. It is an integrated ride and he would hate to see this service eliminated within the park.

Councillor Chiavario advised the delegation that the #52, Around the Park bus, is wheelchair accessible and the #19 bus operating during the summer will put wheelchair accessible buses on its full route. In addition, the #1 Beach Avenue bus will link up with the #52. The Acting General Manager added that wheelchair landings have been built at the stops in the park.

Mr. Mike Steele, Stanley Park historian, stated that he has been a vocal critic of some commercial and semi-private developments in Stanley Park and also condemned the failure of some previous Boards to address the issue of motor vehicle traffic in Stanley Park. One of the few Stanley Park innovations he can applaud unreservedly is the AAA Horse & Carriage service. By reviving a former long standing tradition of horse drawn conveyances in the Park, he feels that Mr. O'Neill has made the only worthwhile contribution dealing with transportation in the park. Mr. Steele added that despite immense popularity it is quiet, user friendly, a source of Park Board revenue, and an asset to tourism. He added that in other top tourist areas of the world this service is welcomed and accommodated and he believes that the service yard should be a facility which will house the Horse and carriage service as well as providing access to the public as an educational facility.

Mr. Peter Stanley stated that because of his ancestry he takes an interest in what goes into Stanley Park. He referred to the horse and carriage operations in Montreal and Quebec City and the fact that Mr. O'Neill's family has been prominent in both of those operations. He stated that the Board should be considering banning all traffic in Stanley Park except for the horse and carriage.

Corporal Garry Vath, Vancouver Police Mounted Squad, was present to answer any questions the Board might have.

Commissioner Morgan referred to the staff report and stated that under the timelines there is no specific date or projection for a public meeting on this issue and she would like this noted in the report.

The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board receive the report for information purposes.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Stanley Park Transportation Management

Board members received a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

Mr. Gerry O'Neill, of AAA Horse & Carriage, stated he was not too clear on what was being proposed for Stanley Park and asked that he be kept informed and included in the transportation management process as well as the plans for the Lower Zoo Removal and Site Restoration.

The Chair invited Commissioner DeGenova, as Chair of the Planning Committee, to be in touch with Mr. O'Neill on planning issues for Stanley Park.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the report be received for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Langara Golf Course Vacated Clubhouse Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the Board authorize the demolition of the former Langara Golf Course Clubhouse, and redevelopment of the site for golf course parking; or that the Board consider undertaking a formal public proposal call to solicit expressions of interest for use of the clubhouse, subject to the criteria appended to the report.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board authorize the demolition of the former Langara Golf Course Clubhouse, and redevelopment of the site for golf course parking.

Dr. Murray Kliman, representing Langara Estates council, appeared before the Board to ensure that the vacated Clubhouse is taken down. He stated that if the building is rented out and a hard liquor license granted, it would present a danger and nuisance to the people who live in that area. The additional parking that would be available is necessary as cars presently park on both sides of Alberta Street which makes it narrow and dangerous. He suggested the addition of speed bumps and signage but his main request was that the clubhouse be taken down.

Ms. Susan Quastel, representing Langara Court council, complimented the Board on the new golf course and Clubhouse and requested that the old Clubhouse be taken down because if it remains it will be an invitation for squatters, drug

dealers, etc. She added concerns regarding the traffic on Alberta Street and pointed out that there used to be lovely landscaping between the carpark and Alberta Street and now there are weeds.

Mr. Andrew Whitaker, Langara Heritage Pavilion Society, asked that the Board reconsider the motion to demolish the Clubhouse. He did not know how taking down the Clubhouse and adding 20 new parking spaces could address the traffic concerns and stated that if the Society were to get a lease on the building they would require absolutely no parking. He listed a number of activities that could be held there which would be of community value. He outlined the criteria the Board are concerned about and stated that with regard to capital investment and maintenance they are prepared to borrow up to \$150,000 to renovate the building and they may have a

source of funding available; they have a phase II in mind to improve the building without changing the artistic or heritage component; they would have an operating budget which would put the Park Board at minimum risk; and, they are a non-profit society.

Board members discussed this further regarding cost to retain the building and bring it up to code, calls for proposal to relocate it and whether the Langara Heritage Society has been registered, and is the Society intended to be a faculty club for Langara College.

Mr. Whitaker stated that the intention of their second phase funds is to raise money to make the building more useful and viable so more people can access it. The application for registering as a Society and for the BC21 grant have not gone forward until the Board makes a decision on this and it is not their intention to establish an exclusive club.

The Acting General Manager and the Manager of Facility Development explained that the maintenance costs would be \$30,000 per year and, even if these costs were borne by the Heritage Society, over time the responsibility for the building would revert to the Board. There were no responses to the call for proposals to relocate the building and its use will determine what would be required to bring it up to code as it is not disabled accessible, washroom replacement, seismic upgrading and sprinkler installation could have to be done.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT this item be deferred until the Board has more extensive community consultation and receives a more detailed report about possible proposals.

Commissioner Morgan stated that she would like more

information on whether there are viable options rather than demolishing the building and that Sunset Community Association have an interest in this building but were not on the list to receive the staff report.

Commissioner Louis supported deferral to obtain more community input and for staff to look at the viability of the Langara Heritage Society's proposal.

Commissioner DeGenova was surprised that Sunset Community Association were not aware of this and that they have a concern for extra space as this was brought up at planning committee meetings.

The Chair enquired about the public consultation process that has taken place. The Acting General Manager explained that there were public calls for proposals to remove the building, and the neighbours, the "Y", and Langara faculty were approached. He stated that there is a problem with not being able to provide parking and it is difficult to interest groups because of the cost to bring this building up to code. Staff did not solicit groups that would have to arrive by automobile.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh felt that this was postponing the inevitable but put forward the following amendment:

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the motion be amended to defer this item for 30 days.

Commissioner Morgan accepted this as a friendly amendment.

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT this item be deferred until the Board has more extensive community consultation and receives a detailed staff report about possible proposals within 30 days.

- CARRIED

(Commissioner DeGenova opposed)

Burrardview Park - Action Items

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the report be received for information.

Ms. Barb Fousek, Burrardview Neighbours Association, outlined all the items which still continue to concern the neighbourhood such as lighting, bench placement and repair, litter on the tennis courts and parking lot. She added that they would like the hedge removed and stated that there is

no presence of a custodian in the park and the community has had to take on this role. They feel these things need the Board's attention and that the staff report was not good enough.

The Director of Environment & Operations outlined all the steps taken by staff in response to Ms. Fousek's submission.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh agreed that this is a serious matter and felt satisfied that staff made the effort to follow through on these concerns and will continue to work on it. He suggested that increased police surveillance in that area could be requested.

Councillor Chiavario suggested that the Board invite the police to discuss this with them first and they may wish to discuss this in-camera.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the report be received for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Park Board hold a meeting with the Vancouver Police Department with regard to the actions that they are taking regarding Burrardview Park.

The Chair suggested that the motion be reworded to state "request a meeting with the relevant police officers responsible for Burrardview Park".

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh accepted this as a friendly amendment. The motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Park Board request a meeting with the relevant police officers responsible for Burrardview Park.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Morgan stated that, although she is against removal of any trees, cedar hedging grows quickly and is easy to replace and the community is very concerned about safety and security in this area.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Park Board direct staff to proceed with the following actions:

1. remove the cedar hedge at the tennis courts.
2. prepare a report on providing security for

the Babies Cottage so that the building will remain intact through the summer while discussions go on.

3. prepare to install a rail or cement blocks near the tennis courts after the police consultation determines whether that is a trouble spot or not.

The Chair stated that he would prefer hearing from the police first.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman

THAT Commissioner Morgan's motion be referred subsequent to having a meeting with the relevant police officers responsible for Burrardview Park.

Commissioner Louis felt that it would be appropriate to proceed with item 2 and 3.

Commissioner Chesman withdrew his motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT Item 1 in Commissioner Morgan's motion be referred subsequent to a meeting with the relevant police officers.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The main motion was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the Park Board direct staff to proceed with the following actions:

1. make a decision on removal of the cedar hedge at the tennis courts subsequent to a meeting with the relevant police officers.

2. prepare a report on providing security for the Babies Cottage so that the building will remain intact through the summer while discussions go on.

3. prepare to install a rail or cement blocks near the tennis courts after the police consultation determines whether that is a trouble spot or not.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Barb Fousek requested that the Burrardview

Neighbours committee be included in the meeting with the police.

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club Sewage System

Commissioner Wilson advised that this item was postponed.

INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Neighbourhood Matching Fund

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 24, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee to fund the Banners on Broadway Project for \$5,000; Mosaic Creek Public Art Project for \$5,000; Jade Fountain for Charleson Park for \$5,000; and Community Kiosk for \$300.

Ms. Claire Gram, Banners on Broadway Project, stated that the project has an extensive outreach into the community and will help to beautify the streets and identify the neighbourhood.

Ms. Sarah White, Britannia Neighbours in Action, gave a brief description of the Mosaic Creek Public Art Project which will have community members creating original tile pieces which will be pieced together to create the mosaic creek. This will be a reflection of the community's commitment.

The Chair congratulated all the community members for their efforts and success in these projects.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he was proud of these projects because they get community members involved in a very significant contribution to the community.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee to fund the following projects through the Neighbourhood Matching Fund:

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| 1. Banners on Broadway Project | \$5000.00 |
| 2. Mosaic Creek Public Art Project | \$5000.00 |
| 3. Jade Fountain for Charleson Park | \$5000.00 |
| 4. Community Kiosk at Franklin Community School | \$ 300.00 |

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LAST MEETING'S NOTICE OF MOTION

Stanley Park and the Native Land Question

Commissioner Chesman put forward the following Notice of Motion at the May 15, 1995 meeting of the Board to be brought to the Board on June 5, 1995 in order to give the Native Indian Bands an opportunity to be heard on this matter:

Moved by Commissioner Chesman, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the intent of Lord Stanley's dedication of Stanley Park be fully supported by the Vancouver Park Board, namely, for the use and enjoyment of people of all colours, creeds and customs for all time.

Mr. Glenn Guerin, Musqueam Indian Band, read a letter addressed to the Board from Councillor Jim Kew of the Musqueam Indian Band, dated June 5, 1995. The letter stated that the dedication of Stanley Park was a violation of their aboriginal rights and that they never approved the creation of the park. The time to discuss the use of this land in the context of the Treaty Process is after the official announcement of the Crown Mandate to negotiate a Treaty. He urged the Board to support equal treatment under the law for all people and if the Board chooses to pass this motion it will continue the oppression of the Musqueam. Councillor Kew's last words stated that a just settlement of the land claims will mean freedom for his people and, with equal justice for all, he would then consider dedicating this land as a peace park open to the use of all people.

Mr. Guerin urged the Board to exercise patience until the treaty process is entrenched and not put this land under third party control. The Musqueam Nation would be willing to have dialogue with the Board on this issue.

Chief Philip Joe and Gibby Jacob, Councillor, Squamish Nation, stated that they are well into the Treaty Process and feel the proposed motion is unnecessary and provocative and makes it an attitude of this is ours and this is yours. The courts of Canada have determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of any provincial government to legislate in respect of aboriginal rights and title and therefore the motion would have no legal affect. They also feel that this is a matter that is not within the mandate of the Park Board. Chief Joe referred to newspaper articles that indicate that Stanley Park will be used as a pawn and billboards will be erected. He pointed out that Ambleside belongs to the Squamish Nation and they have been very cooperative with this area. They feel that this issue has been resolved but they don't want to have lines drawn.

Councillor Jacob referred to parks within their territory that would dwarf Stanley Park. He stated that these parks are to be designated for all of the lower mainland people and his people have a tradition of sharing with all those who come into their territory and they are still willing to share. They have entered negotiations with Federal and provincial negotiators and feel that the Board's motion should be deferred until a further meeting when these

governments are willing to negotiate in good faith. He added that there are some things they have to take a stand on and if this motion is passed it draws a line and they would rather not see this happen.

The Chair referred to the issue of Deadman's Island being discussed at a previous Board meeting and at that time Councillor Kew of the Musqueam Band convinced the Board to defer any further deliberations or efforts to acquire Deadman's Island pending a dialogue with the three nations. He added that presently public access to Deadman's Island is denied to the people of Vancouver and natives. He stated that his motion was not intended to be provocative but to stress the importance of Stanley Park to the people of Vancouver and he would be prepared to withdraw his motion if this was preferable.

Chief Philip Joe stated that there would be no problem discussing this and it makes it easier for them when they are invited to participate in discussions.

Councillor Chiavario asked the delegation to clarify for the Board that the Squamish nation is the first nation that have identified their traditional territory as being inclusive of some part of Vancouver. Councillor Jacob stated that they are in the third stage of negotiations.

The Chair invited Mr. Jim Harvey, Friends of Stanley Park, to speak on this issue as he had originally suggested the motion at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Harvey stated that because of the obvious good will expressed by the previous delegations he willingly removed his motion. He stated that this is a starting point and we are all concerned that this land be preserved as a historical statement going back thousands of years. He suggested that as there is a lease on the park there are legal implications and the Board should get legal advice on this. He did not wish to cause concerns to the First Nations and his previous points lead to what alternative solution would be acceptable to the Friends of Stanley Park, such as the Musqueam, Burrard and Squamish Nations accepting that Stanley Park be for all peoples; a special area set aside as a memorial to the people who lived on this site; and that the Bands seek financial compensation for giving up their claim to the park and Deadman's Island.

The Chair stated that he was delighted to have the opportunity to have this discussion with representatives of the Musqueam and Squamish Nations and he believes there is a possibility that, by working cooperatively, public access can be gained to Deadman's Island pending resolution of the land claims. He believed that his motion was benign and he certainly did not want to have any conflict with the natives.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the Park Board defer anything further on Deadman's Island in this regard pending a meeting with the Musqueam, Squamish and Burrard Nations and that a letter be issued under his name to these three Nations inviting them to a meeting within the next 30 days.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Philip Joe thanked the Board for inviting them to a meeting and Jim Harvey for raising this issue.

Councillor Chiavario stated that she has the privilege of being the City's representative on the Treaty Advisory Committee for the Lower Mainland and will represent, in some fashion, the negotiations that will take place with the City advising the Province. She suggested that the Park Board might want to request from City Council that all information received by City Council that relates to matters of treaty negotiations and which also relate to the Park Board, directly or indirectly, be forwarded to the Park Board so that no presentations are made to the Province without first discussing this with the Park Board and the First Nations in specific relation to issues relative to Parks and Recreation.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board request that City Council forward all information received by them which relates to matters of treaty negotiations and to the Park Board, directly or indirectly, so that no presentations are made to the Provincial government without first discussing these matters with the Park Board and the First Nations as they relate to parks and recreation.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORT ITEM

Pay Tennis at Kitsilano Park

Mr. John McMillan asked where pay tennis will stop and stated that people feel this is a form of taxation. They believe the Park Board is taking the easy way out and should have looked inside first or become more creative. He would like the Board to rescind their decision for pay tennis on parkland. He stated that no maintenance is being done by the Park Board on these courts and the community is looking after them by sweeping off leaves and dirt, repairing nets, putting out garbage cans inside the courts, putting out benches and repairing vandalism. The pay tennis has created a situation where those who can pay can play and this decision has broken up the community and has created a private tennis club. He submitted a petition with 3200 names of people opposed to pay-tennis at Kitsilano courts.

He also feels that the contract was poorly negotiated and leads to discrimination. He questioned where is the accountability, where does the revenue go, and if a person takes lessons do they pay for court time.

Commissioner Wilson advised the delegation that the pay tennis contract is for this season only and is going to be reviewed at the end of the season. He acknowledged that the pay tennis courts are not being fully used at all times and the Board does not want to remove courts from public access. He explained that the decision to implement pay tennis arose because there were a number of requests received by the Board from people who were not able to access the court.

Ms. Dianne Case agreed that the community spirit has broken now that people are forced to play on other free courts. She questioned why the Queen Elizabeth courts were excluded because of poor condition. She previously circulated a petition to get the Park Board to resurface the Kitsilano courts but was told it was not within the Board's budget.

The A/Director of Recreation explained that the Board cannot do repairs at Queen Elizabeth because they are awaiting the GVRD's decision to do repairs with respect to the reservoir first.

Ms. Nancy French appeared before the Board representing 40 - 50 tennis players at Kitsilano. She is a single mother and she and her son like to play tennis at Kitsilano because this is a good place to meet people and join in a game. She feels they are being taxed twice and sees pay tennis as class distinction because the majority cannot afford it. She questioned how much revenue the Park Board would get from this and whether other proposals such as corporate sponsorship were researched and were the results recorded. She questioned if the contractor's previous history had been checked out and suggested that the Board find out what happened with his contract with UBC. She stated that three part, sequentially numbered receipts are not being consistently given out at Kitsilano and therefore it is not possible to have proper annual audits. She also indicated that players are allowed to occupy pay courts with no time constraints and at discount rates. Ms. French added that most of the people who signed the petition were not tennis players but were fearful as to where this policy will lead. She urged the Board to listen to the public.

Commissioner Wilson requested that staff take note of these concerns and look into them. He advised Ms. French that the Board has moved forward with the corporate sponsorship program and this will be coming back to the Board at its next meeting.

David (did not give his last name), stated that he

likes tennis very much and has been playing for a number of years. He described tennis as a positive addiction for him. He also feels that his parents have already paid for the courts through taxation. He cannot afford to pay \$8 to play and since pay tennis has started most of the pay courts are empty.

Mr. Nick Sawacki stated that he feels sad to see the courts empty because of the pay tennis. This has resulted in the non-pay courts being more crowded. He felt that this was a bad decision on the part of the Park Board, particularly for kids.

Grace (last name not given) spoke on behalf of all children and is amazed that the price is so high as children and families cannot afford this.

Mr. Nick Henry stated that the alleged hogging of courts occurs when a new person arrives and does not read the rules that 2 people must sit facing the court of choice and wait up to half an hour. He referred to the occasional course language which is from a small segment of society to push them off courts is like trying to remove prostitution. He added that with pay tennis a person can phone in and get a booking any time they want because of under utilization of the courts when they are pay courts. He questioned why public tennis should compete with private tennis clubs particularly when these clubs have high overhead and expenses. He added that the greatest feature of the Kitsilano courts is the opportunity for any individual player at any level of play to come by themselves and find partners and this ability should not be destroyed. He also felt that the small amount of money raised by this does not justify withholding the courts from the taxpaying public and the Board should instead look internally to reduce cost and waste before finding more ways to tax the public.

Mr. Dave Jackson stated that he only wished to address the financial aspect of pay tennis. He prepared a pro forma financial profit and loss statement which he circulated to the Board and stated that he prepared the material by not showing a bias in one direction or another. He raised the issues of court utilization and accuracy of the receipts coming in because if there are no three part sequentially numbered receipts then there is no way to audit them. He added that on the weekend the operator was allowing players use of the courts for as long as they wanted for \$4 an hour. When he questioned the operator about who gets the \$4 he was told that he would get back to him on that. He also stated that the Board should ask why the operator's contract with UBC was terminated.

The Chair stated that staff believe there is a system in place but cannot speak to the details and will get answers back on this.

Ms. Pauline Vranic stated her opposition to generating revenue from public property already paid for by taxes.

This gives nothing back to the community and leaves people without a place for recreation. She urged the Board to reconsider pay tennis on all courts and to do this for the children and the people who make up the community.

Mr. John Golhede stated that he has been playing tennis at Kitsilano since 1981. This is a great place for all types and levels of players and the pay tennis is destroying friendships and memories. He hoped that the Board would listen to their concerns and reverse their decision on pay tennis.

Mr. Jim Nutan stated that Mr. Gonzalez is going to make his money from tennis lessons not from court costs. He referred to a brochure Mr. Gonzalez gave out in West Vancouver which contains false information about pay to play and all the rest is about tennis lessons. He pointed out that there are not four courts dedicated for pay to play because the operator is using them for tennis lessons. He questioned if the contractor is meeting the employment standards as he has hired non-Canadians to work for him when there are Canadian people available who can do the job. He also reiterated the method of payment on the courts because he has not seen a log book signed nor seen a receipt given out. Mr. Nutan's major concern is that a trend has started and wondered where the kids in these areas are going to play tennis as they are from low income families and it keeps them off the street.

The Chair questioned staff on how the Board proposed to complete an audit of this operation. The A/Manager of Recreation explained that they have a procedure with the auditors but will make certain that the issues raised are covered.

Mr. Paul Hinch presented a video on the usage of Kitsilano tennis courts showing the courts not being used during prime time because they are pay for play. He stated that they have been used fully for the last twenty years but are now empty. Vancouver has a history of free access to public courts and he feels that pay to play is not the right way to go.

Mr. Terry Hooper stated that he was originally in favour of pay tennis but now feels it is a bad idea. He pointed out that Kitsilano tennis courts are not regulation size, there is a grade on one end, patchwork resurfacing has been done, lines are worn away and the surface is rough. The Park Board has shown no interest in these courts until now and the community have looked after them. There has been a great mix of people coming to the courts from all age groups, nationalities, a whole cross section of the community and there is no other park with a more unique sense of community. He asked that the Board rescind the motion.

Moved by Commissioner Louis,

THAT the Board immediately suspend collection of all pay tennis at the pay tennis courts at Kitsilano.

Commissioner Wilson called Notice on this motion to provide an opportunity for the people who are in favour of pay tennis to come to the Board to speak on this.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

Stanley Park Zoo Removal and Site Restoration

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the Board receive the report for information.

The Chair referred to an enquiry received from the Stanley Park Ecological Society asking if the demolition of the kangaroo facility could be delayed for six months because it may provide a location for an interpretation and wildlife centre. The Acting General Manager stated that this could be postponed.

Commissioner Morgan enquired about the Open House and the public meeting to be held in September. She asked what would be available for the public in terms of a concept plan and what would be the subject of the meeting.

The Acting General Manager indicated that the Board has seen a generalized concept plan which has received a degree of support from the Friends of Stanley Park.

Commissioner Morgan felt it would be difficult to go ahead with the public process while segregating the issue of the penguins and she questioned how the decision making will proceed.

The Acting General Manager stated that these two are separable but parallel. He stated that the bulk of the landscape concept can be moved forward independent of a decision on the plaza area which could be dealt with as a project separate from the path/vacated site resolution.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board receive this report for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. INCOME OPERATIONS/MARKETING/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Neighbourhood Matching Fund Revised Guidelines

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the revision of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the Board approve the revision of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Guidelines.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair stated that the Board presently meets with the School Board and he would like to set up meetings with other Boards such as the Police Board at which such issues as security at Burrardview Park and Andy Livingstone Park could be discussed. He wished to invite the Police Board to a joint meeting with the Park Board. Commissioner Louis stated that dinner meetings are not a high priority with him.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he received an enquiry from a parent near Balaclava Park that the yellow slide was removed last year and not replaced and 2 teeter totters are missing. He requested that staff look into this and advise him.

The A/General Manager explained that if they are more than a year old and not under warranty they generally are not replaced if they break. They are then removed and when funds are available in the capital plan they are replaced.

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh added that he received a call from a parent stating that there are no playgrounds in the Musqueam area accessible without crossing very busy streets. Staff were asked for an informal report on this concern.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants

Warrant #23 in the amount of \$499,254.06, Warrant #24 in the amount of \$1,098,223.19, Warrant #25 in the amount of \$108,069.14.

2. Financial Statements - Operating and Capital Accounts
Staff information report dated May 24, 1995 was mailed to Board members.

Jim Lowden Commissioner

David Chesman
A/General Manager Chair

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