

Date: Aug. 28, 1995

SUBJECT: NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND

RECOMMENDATION

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. Young Women Creating Change | \$2040.00 |
| 2. Mt. Pleasant Park Performance Project | \$5000.00 |

POLICY

On March 14, 1994 the Board approved the implementation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program.

DISCUSSION

The following projects are recommended:

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| 1. Young Women Creating Change | \$2040.00 |
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The community group supporting this project is the Environmental Youth Alliance, a youth based environmental education group. The Young Women Creating Change project will provide young women with a sense of stewardship with their community by connecting them to a community garden through hands on work with the support of women mentors who live and work in the area. The workshops and activities related to this project will take place in Cottonwood Community Garden, located in Strathcona Park. The young women will work on a portion of the garden to create and maintain a culinary, dye and medicinal herb garden, to create products to share with the community from plants and seeds that are indigenous to the area, and to create an interpretive/educational function so that the entire community can explore the garden. The Neighbourhood Matching Fund will be used for landscape and garden supplies as well as for participant supplies such as journals, signs etc. The fund will be matched by neighbourhood contribution of plant stock, transportation, and in-kind labour by youth in developing the garden, and by adults in workshop instruction.

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| 2. Mount Pleasant Park Performance Project | \$5000.00 |
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In March '95, the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee approved \$5000.00 for the Sahalli Amphitheatre Project. The concept of this project was for four pillars to be permanently planted at the park at Fraser and 7th Ave. Fabric hangings were to be added as backdrops and sides. In response to adamant opposition to a permanent structure, the steering committee now has a more flexible and responsive project plan. This committee has consulted with and has the support of concerned residents for the revised project and will continue to involve

residents in future action plans. The Mt Pleasant Park Performance Project incorporates the construction of a portable performance structure for all Mt Pleasant parks. The fabric cover for this three sided theatre structure will be constructed with the same level of community involvement as previously described in the Sahalli Pillars and the Neighbourhood Matching Fund would be used for this aspect of the project. This revised project will be administered and supported by the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association's Art in Context Committee. Through a long term process, this committee will facilitate a new community consultation process around programming events of a celebratory, inclusive nature. Programming will develop gradually through a council of parkside residents. CONCLUSION

These two projects have been revised to meet the goals of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program.

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