

Date: September 26, 1995

SUBJECT: LEAVE OF ABSENCE - DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board grant a 10 day leave of absence with pay to the Park Board Director of Planning to "assist in the development of a community based strategy to revitalize the Parque Metropolitano Habana - a 670 hectare region in the heart of Havana ..."

DISCUSSION

The Canadian Urban Institute and the Canadian International Development Agency have asked the Park Board Planning Director to become part of a small team of Canadian professionals which will, over a two week period, work with Cuban counterparts on management related issues and strategies for the park development program.

The time away from the Park Board will be in mid November.

CIDA covers all costs related to the working stay and travel to Havana but expects the "donor" agency to cover the ongoing salaries of the Canadian professionals involved in this project as well as others in Europe, Asia and Mexico.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed secondment to CIDA provides the Board with an opportunity to share its development expertise with other nations and will provide outside experience to Park Board staff which may be brought to bear in addressing future issues in Vancouver.

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