

October 18, 1995

SUBJECT: BENCH PROGRAM AT ANDY LIVINGSTONE PARK

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a new bench donation program for Andy Livingstone Park be approved;
and,
THAT the net proceeds from the Andy Livingstone bench program be used for development of a park site at Charles Street and McLean Drive.

BACKGROUND

At the Park Board meeting of March 13th, 1995, Commissioner DeGenova suggested that the 50 newly installed benches at Andy Livingstone Park become part of a commemorative program with net proceeds from donations being specifically targeted for new development in other park areas. It was agreed that Commissioner DeGenova pursue this matter further.

DISCUSSION

Public Affairs staff have assessed the possibility of incorporating the Andy Livingstone Park benches into its existing commemorative Bench Program which is extremely popular with over 119 new benches installed last year. Staff are confident that with a focused information campaign to park users and neighbours, this site could be easily marketed and bench donations procured.

Bench Costs

Standard commemorative wooden slat benches range in price from \$1700 to \$2000 including bronze plaque. The differentiation in cost reflects the sort of base, either concrete or pavers, which the bench location dictates. However, the benches at Andy Livingstone Park (50) were installed as part of the comprehensive Park plan and differ from the Park Board's standard in that they are a higher quality of bench, and therefore, more expensive. We will be asking for about \$2500 each. Maintenance fees for the benches on Andy Livingstone Park have been built into that park's annual budget. (Maps denoting bench locations at Andy Livingstone Park and the Charles Street/McLean Drive park site are attached).

It has been suggested by Commissioner DeGenova that a special fund be set up to receive the net proceeds (minus plaque and installation charges) from the bench program for the development of a park site located at Charles Street and McLean Drive.

JUSTIFICATION

The benches at Andy Livingstone Park would make a fine addition to the

Park Board's Commemorative Bench Program and provide a unique opportunity to fund development of a park site.

Prepared by:

Public Affairs Department
Board of Parks and Recreation
Vancouver, B.C.

TC:bcs
attachments

-