

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1995

PRESENT:	Chair	- David Chesman
	Commissioners	- Malcolm Ashford
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
		- Tim Louis
		- Donna Morgan
		- Vic Kondrosky
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Finance	- Doug Holden
	Director of Operations	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Recreation	- Allan Argent
	Manager - Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager - Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

The Chairman advised the Board that Commissioner Wilson was absent on personal business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, November 6, 1995 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that there will be a public information meeting on Thursday, November 23, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Riley Park Community Centre. Commissioner Ashford informed the Board that he was unable to attend this meeting as he would be out of town.

Commissioner Morgan advised the Board that on Saturday, December 2, 1995, she will be participating in a filmathon to support the Women's Monument Project. She hoped members of the Board and staff will support her by filling out the pledge form.

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES/OPERATIONS

CanTrav West Rental in VanDusen Gardens

Commissioner Chesman advised the Board that he will

remove himself from the discussion as he always does on matters relating to CanTrav West, on the basis of a perceived conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 8, 1995 recommending that the Board approve the rental of space in VanDusen Gardens to CanTrav West for the purpose of a large private gathering on September 5, 1996.

Joe Matheson representing CanTrav West appeared before the Board to answer any question the Board might have. Mr. Matheson advised the Board that they will be donating the plant materials used at the dinner to VanDusen.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Louis enquired whether this report was circulated to those people who came to the Board with regard to the same proposal for Stanley Park. The General Manager advised the Board that this report was not circulated to those people as circumstances were different. This event is being held in a fenced off area, after hours and members of the public will not be inconvenienced. Commissioner Morgan stated that she understood the Recreation Committee was working on some guidelines to differentiate between public events held by non-profits, private and commercial in nature. The Director of Recreation Services advised the Board that the Recreation Committee reviewed the general principles and will work on a policy. Commissioner Morgan enquired whether this request could wait until a policy was established. Mr. Matheson stated that he needed to advise his client of the Board's decision the next morning.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board approve the rental of space in VanDusen Gardens to CanTrav West for the purpose of a large private gathering on September 5, 1996.
-Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

Commissioner Chesman returned to the meeting at this point.

COMMUNICATION

Former Langara Clubhouse

Board members received copies of City Council's resolution, dated November 7, 1995 requesting the Board to reconsider demolition of the former Langara Clubhouse.

Keith Freer, Past President False Creek Community Association appeared before the Board with a proposal to move the old Langara Clubhouse to the empty lot adjacent to the

west side of Charleson Park and south side seawall promenade where it could be an annex to the existing False Creek Community Centre or it could serve the needs of Charleson Park as a field house with washroom facilities.

Board members discussed the matter and questioned the delegation on how they proposed to acquire the funds for this project and what was the timeline. Mr. Freer advised the Board that they would need three months to survey the neighbourhood and another twelve months for fund-raising.

Marion Welte, Langara Estates, appeared before the Board to support the Board's decision of October 23 to demolish the old Langara Clubhouse. Ms. Welte stated that without a resident caretaker the clubhouse is a target for vandalism. Ms. Welte advised the Board that although she endorses Mr. Freer's proposal to move the clubhouse to False Creek she does not want the clubhouse standing at Langara while they go through the process of surveying the neighbourhood and fund-raising.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Ashford stated that the Board need to make its mind up regarding this matter. Commissioner Ashford thanked Mr. Freer for his proposal, but the Board should do what the neighbourhood wants and that is to demolish the clubhouse and put in some green space.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Board receive the extract from the minutes of Council's meeting held on November 7, 1995 regarding the Langara Golf Clubhouse for information.

-Carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Morgan advised the Board that she attended Council's meeting on November 7, 1995 where many of the Councillors suggested that the Board should reconsider this matter. The City has shown an interest in this matter and they have the apparatus to support us in searching for alternate uses for the building. We should take this opportunity and try to find some creative ways to use this building instead of tearing it down.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT in consideration of the motion from City Council, the Board place a moratorium on the demolition of the old Langara Clubhouse, and, FURTHER THAT we approach the City housing and Properties department for assistance in finding a

proposal for adaptive reuse or renovation of the clubhouse.

Commissioner Louis stated that it did not make sense to tear down a usable facility which could be used at no cost to the taxpayer for the use of community groups.

Commissioner Chesman stated that this Board had been actively looking for someone for the past two and a half years who could put this building to good use and pay the price. This Board has many challenges such as financial, capital and community centres which need repair or replacement. Commissioner Chesman stated that he was concerned over the actions of a certain special interest group in the city who would treat a publicly elected body whose mandate is the preservation of parkland with hostility. Commissioner Chesman stated that he would vote against the motion although it is well intentioned.

The motion was put and it was DEFEATED.
(Commissioners Ashford, Chesman, DeGenova and Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Last Meeting's Notice of Motion

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT the geographic area remaining after the demolition of the former Langara Golf Clubhouse be turned into greenspace.

-Carried Unanimously.

RECREATION SERVICES

Leisure Access Policy Review

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

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Morgan stated that the report was too sketchy on how the Leisure Access Card had a financial impact.

Moved by Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh,

THAT the staff report dated September 25, 1995 on the Leisure Access Policy Review be received for information.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Louis and Morgan contrary)

Jericho Hill Recreation Facilities - License Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 10, 1995 recommending that the Board approve renewal of the License Agreement with B.C. Building Corporation to operate and administer the gymnasium, swimming pool and soccer field facilities on Jericho Hill Lands for a further term of two years and eleven months subject to the terms and conditions listed in the report.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

1. THAT the Board approve renewal of the License Agreement with B.C. Building Corporation to operate and administer the gymnasium, swimming pool and soccer field facilities on Jericho Hill Lands for a further term of two years and eleven months subject to the following terms and conditions.
 - a) The term of the Agreement to be from October 1st 1995 to August 31, 1998.
 - b) The Board's cost for use of these facilities to be \$16.00 per hour for gymnasium rental, \$30.00 per hour for swimming pool rental, and \$300.00 per month for soccer field maintenance.
 - c) All other terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
2. THAT no legal rights shall be created by the passage of these resolutions and none shall arise hereafter except by the signing of the contemplated License Agreement.

-Carried Unanimously.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCES

1996 Fees and Charges

Board members received copies of a staff report dated November 9, 1995 recommending that the Board approve implementation of the proposed 1996 Burrard Marina Fees and Charges and the 1996 Playing Field Fees including the new non-prime time Artificial Turf Field Fees; and that the admission fees for the Miniature Train and Children's Farmyard not be increased until staff have completed a marketing review of

this site.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Board approve implementation of the proposed 1996 Burrard Marina Fees and Charges.

Commissioner Morgan stated that she would like to amend the motion to include a discount for cash. The Finance Director sought clarification whether the increase in the 1996 Burrard Marina Fees and Charges would be 4% and the discount for cash would be 2%.

Commissioner Morgan confirmed that this was her intent.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan,

THAT the fee be increased by 4% and give a 2% cash discount.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Ashford and Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

The main motion was put as follows:

THAT the Board approve a fee increase of 4% in the 1996 Burrard Marina Fees and Charges;
and

THAT a 2% discount be given on cash payments.

-Carried.

(Commissioners Ashford and Fetherstonhaugh contrary)

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the Board approve implementation of the 1996 Playing Field Fees including the new non-prime time Artificial Turf Field Fees as proposed in this report.

-Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ashford,

THAT the admission fees for the Miniature Train and Children's Farm Yard not be increased until staff have completed a marketing review of this site.

-Carried Unanimously. NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT City Council be requested to have one voting member of its Heritage Commission appointed from the Park Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Approval of Warrants
Warrant #51 in the amount of \$288,462.24.

V. Kondrosky
General Manager

Commissioner David Chesman
Chair

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