

December 18, 1995

SUBJECT: NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND - SUNSET ART MURAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the recommendation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee to fund the Sunset Art Mural Project in the amount of \$2,685.00.

BOARD POLICY

On March 14, 1994 the Board approved the implementation of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program and subsequent revision to its guidelines on June 5, 1995.

BACKGROUND

Since the Neighbourhood Matching Fund program began in the Spring of 1994, the Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended ten projects. With the approval of the Board, five of these have successfully been completed and five are in progress. At the most recent deadline for submissions there were six applications. One is recommended in this report, four are under review for more information and one did not meet the criteria.

DISCUSSION

Sunset Art Mural Project \$2,685.00

The neighbourhood group is the Sunset Community Association. The proposal is to design and paint a neighbourhood wall mural inside the Sunset Community Centre. The proposal will involve the development of a mural theme with input from the Sunset Community Centre Association; a design layout with input from secondary students from John Oliver and David Thompson schools; and the painting of the mural with volunteers from community centre affiliated groups, including seniors, adults and youths.

The purpose of the mural project is to bring together a cross section of a community in a common activity and to raise awareness about the centre, its members and its activities, in particular, to the parents of participating youth.

The neighbourhood contribution for the designing and painting of the wall mural will be matched in dollars and volunteer labour.

Projects Under Consideration

1. Inner City Playground

This is a Ray-Cam Co-operative Centre Association project to create a safe place for youth and families in an undeveloped area adjacent to the

centre.

The centre reports that the Downtown Eastside does not have enough safe places for youth to play. The centre will be working with the B.C. Housing Management Commission to design and build a playground and are asking for funding to design and paint a wall mural to enhance the playground.

## 2. Community Walkway Project

This is a West Point Grey Community Association project to design and build a creative walkway connection through an undeveloped section of parkland east of the Centre's parking lot. Community members and groups will be designing and constructing walkway tiles based on an historical theme in their efforts to create a safe access route for the neighbourhood.

## 3. Eat Your Lawn

The Cottonwood Community Garden Society proposes to design and build several garden features, including an arbour, trellis, composting bin system and signage in its youth garden section. The above work will be done through recruitment of volunteers from local elementary and secondary schools who are to become its primary beneficiaries.

## 4. The Discovery Project

The Discovery Project is about creating landmarks at six (6) locations in Southeast Vancouver chosen by members of the community. Area residents will be able to take part in the designing, construction and placement of the landmarks. This project also brings local organizations and people together to discuss public art.

## CONCLUSION

The Sunset Art Mural Project is in keeping with the guidelines of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Programme in encouraging community participation in neighbourhood improvements.

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