

Date: April 1, 1998

SUBJECT: 1998 N.N.R. AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT the Board receive the attached prioritized 1998 NNR budget requests (Appendix 1) for information and future consideration at such time as Council approves the Global NNR funding.**
- B. THAT the Board receive the attached Supplemental Budget request (Appendix 2) for information.**
- C. THAT the attached information be circulated to Community Associations for comment.**

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 1998, an early approval for some of the 1998 NNR projects (\$220,000) had been granted by the Board.

DISCUSSION

New and Non Recurring Budget - Funding for new or replacement furniture and equipment is requested separately from the basic budget. This is due to the fact that these expenditures are "one time" costs and, therefore, should not be included in the ongoing basic budget. Under the global budget arrangement, the Park Board will receive a block of funding each year. The Board will then establish its own priorities in allocating this funding to individual NNR projects. The block funding is established after Council has reviewed the preliminary budget and determined the level of total NNR funding for all departments that can be afforded for the year. Once this total is established, Parks will receive its historical proportional share. A separate report will be submitted for consideration and approval by the Board. Please note that early approval for some of the 1998 NNR projects (\$220,000) has been granted by the Board on January 19, 1998.

Supplemental Budget - The main source of funding for supplemental request under the new Global Budget arrangements are:

- Reallocation of funding from existing programs, and/or
- Raising of new revenues.

The Board has been fully authorized by Council in both of these areas. Council

has delegated unlimited authority to the Board to transfer funds within the global operating budget. Also, Council has agreed that the Board will have the option of generating new revenues in order to enhance its service levels. This arrangement includes the sharing of these revenues with 1/3 to the City and 2/3 to the Board.

Over the past few years the overall revenues of the Board have declined significantly. In regard to 1998, there appears to be limited opportunity for the Board to find new initiatives for new revenue. It is recommended that the Board review the attached Supplemental Budget requests and work with stakeholders to decide if any of the request should be supported by reallocation of funding from existing programs.

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Attachment

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