

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 1998**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Commissioners	- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Gabriel Yong
		- Susan Mundick
	General Manager	
	Director of Administrative & Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	A/Director of Operations	- Bill Manning
	Director of Planning	- Jim Lowden
	Director of Recreation Services	- Allan Argent
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Chiu

Commissioner Wilson advised the Board that Commissioner Chesman was out of town on business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday June 22, 1998 were adopted as circulated.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Helium Balloon Ride Operation in Queen Elizabeth Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 10, 1998 recommending that a decision on the proposed tethered helium balloon ride operation at Queen Elizabeth Park be deferred until September and be considered on a priority basis as additional information is available.

Frederick Edworthy, Flying Success Inc., appeared before the Board and stated that the helium project was a unique opportunity for the City of Vancouver. He was encouraged with the Board's enthusiasm when they met at committee, and conducted the public consultation process as requested. They are now working with Transport Canada on the regulatory requirements for operating the helium balloon ride. They are disappointed with the recommendation to defer the approval of the project until September as there is a Queen Elizabeth Park study being done, the report on which is expected in November. They understand the seriousness of the communications tower and would accommodate it by moving to an alternate location in the park if necessary. They are on a very strict time line and would like the Board to approve the helium balloon ride project in Queen Elizabeth Park so that they can proceed with their negotiations with the manufacturer and other financial commitments.

Board members discussed the matter and indicated that the project was interesting and would like to have more information on how the neighbourhood would react to this venture. The General Manager advised the Board that as part of the Queen Elizabeth Park study, the neighbourhood would be tested over the summer months to see what would or would not be acceptable to them. Although the consultant's report is expected in November, there would be enough information by September to determine whether the helium balloon proposal would be appropriate in Queen Elizabeth Park.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT a decision on the proposed tethered helium balloon ride operation at Queen Elizabeth Park be deferred until September and be considered on a priority basis as additional information is available.

-Carried Unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Installation of a Sport Court Facility at John Hendry Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the installation of basketball and mini-basketball courts and an in-line skating area at John Hendry Park.

Chris Payne, President, Trout Lake Community Centre Association and Betty McGee, Youth Worker along with some youth representatives thanked the Board for the installation of a sport court facility at John Hendry Park. The delegation commended staff on how hard they worked to integrate the sport court with the other existing facilities in the park and particularly the attention given to safety.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the installation of basketball and mini-basketball courts and an in-line skating area at John Hendry Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

-Carried Unanimously.

Extension of Contract for Security Guard Service

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 6, 1998 recommending that the contract for security guard service be extended for an additional twelve month period to July 1, 1998.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the contract for security guard service be extended for an additional twelve (12) month period to July 1, 1999.

THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby and none shall arise hereafter until the execution of the contemplated document.

Commissioner Yong questioned whether the services provided by Securicor was satisfactory and what criteria was used in the evaluation. The Director of Corporate Services advised the Board that an evaluation was conducted and the results were satisfactory. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh stated that he would like a report from staff on how many hours, response time and other pertinent information. Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh suggested that this could be discussed at committee.

Commissioner Yong stated that he would like to amend the motion to include a request for a staff report to evaluate the effectiveness of this company.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT staff prepare an evaluation report on the effectiveness of the services of this company and also the total security requirement in six months.

Board members discussed the matter further and Commissioner Wilson stated that he did not support the motion as staff was aware of what the Board is looking for. The General Manager assured the Board that staff would review the effectiveness of our current security contract, if we are getting value for our money, the need for further security initiatives and other forms of security such as the use of cameras.

THE AMENDMENT MOTION WAS PUT AND IT WAS DEFEATED.
(Commissioners DeGenova, Fetherstonhaugh, McDiarmid, Warren and Wilson contrary)

The main motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Installation of a Sport Court Facility at Grays Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 23, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the installation of a sport court at Grays Park.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

THAT the Board approve the installation of a sport court at Grays Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

-Carried Unanimously.

International Bar Association Conference Reception

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 26, 1998 recommending that the Board give approval to the Stark Production Group to use the most western parking lot and adjacent area on Spanish Banks West as the location for a conference reception for the International Bar Association on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and that the organizers be given approval to apply for a Special Occasion License to serve liquor inside the Reception tent in conjunction with this event.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the Stark Production Group use of the western parking lot and adjacent grassed area on Spanish Banks West as the location for a conference reception for the international Bar Association on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager, and

THAT the organizers be given approval to apply for a Special Occasion License to serve liquor inside the Reception tent in conjunction with this event.

-Carried Unanimously.

The Teahouse Restaurant and Seasons in the Park - Assignment of Leases

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 25, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the assignment of the Teahouse Restaurant and Seasons in the park Restaurant from Sequoia Enterprises to Ferguson Point Restaurant Inc. and Q. E. Park Restaurant Inc. effective December 13, 1997.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT the Board approve the assignments of the Teahouse Restaurant and Seasons in the Park Restaurant from Sequoia Enterprises Inc. to Ferguson Point Restaurant Inc. and Q. E. Park Restaurant Inc. effective December 13, 1997.

-Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Community Centre Renovations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated July 20, 1998 recommending that the Board approve the preliminary design for the additions, interior renovation work and code upgrading at Kitsilano Community Centre.

Ernest Fanthorpe, Facility Development Division, introduced David Dove from Walter Francl Architects who reviewed the preliminary design for the renovations at Kitsilano Community Centre with the Board. The focus is to make the space more programmable, enhance the entrance way and make the centre more accessible along with

other code upgrading such as sprinklers and seismic upgrading. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like a sign erected during construction advising of the project and the source of funding for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Warren,

THAT the Board approve the preliminary design for the additions, interior renovation work and code upgrading at Kitsilano Community Centre.

-Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda for Board Meetings

The General Manager advised the Board that the placement of reports on the agenda has been re-arranged so that reports which have and have not been to committee are easily identifiable. Commissioner Warren asked that staff reports on the agenda have the division of origin in brackets, i.e., a report from Planning should have (P&E) attached to it. The General Manager also requested that the Board consider an evaluation of the Committee structure to ensure that the committee process is effective. Commissioner Wilson asked the General Manager to present some options to the Board for next fall.

S. E. False Creek

The Director of Planning advised the Board that a workshop to discuss S. E. False Creek options is planned for the first week in September.

Acupuncture and Drug Treatment

Commissioner Yong advised the Board that he attended a lecture on Acupuncture and Drug Treatment. Commissioner Yong stated that New York City has a program for helping drug dependants to eliminate their habits through acupuncture treatment. This program has been successful and the state of Oregon is now adopting this program. A similar program is being planned for the Downtown Eastside and Commissioner Yong enquired whether the Vancouver Park Board would endorse such a program. Board members agreed that they would support the program.

Stanley Park Shuttle

The Public Affairs Manager advised the Board that the Stanley Park Shuttle has been very successful and the first accessible bus is now available for users.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner DeGenova stated that he had received several complaints regarding U-Park machines being out of order, especially those for credit card use. The Director of Administrative and Revenue Services advised the Board that he had received similar complaints and he had personally gone out to check the machines and monitor the response time for repairs.

Commissioner Wilson enquired if no-walking decals could be put on the new bike-route. The Director of Planning stated that this could be arranged.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Warrants**

Warrant #27 in the amount of \$779,327.28: US\$1,367.00, Cdn: \$777,360.28,
Warrant #28 in the amount of \$291,124.32: US\$1,683.05, Cdn. \$289,441.27;
Warrant #29 in the amount of \$131,905.93, Warrant #30 in the amount of
\$1,209,136.76: US\$30.00, Cdn.\$ 1,209,106.76, Warrant #31 in the amount of
\$330,318.38 in the amount of \$330,318.38, US \$40.95, Cdn. \$330,277.43.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair