

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Alan Fetherstonhaugh
	Vice-Chair	- Gabriel Yong
	Commissioners	- David Chesman
		- Allan DeGenova
		- Laura McDiarmid
		- Patrick Warren
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District -	- Allan Argent
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Acting Director of Queen	
	Elizabeth District	- Gord Lindal
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 31, 1999 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Fetherstonhaugh referred to the negotiations between the Pacific National Exhibition, the City and Park Board have resulted in a report to Council and the Park Board. This report if adopted will ensure the restoration of Hastings Park will continue as planned. The Board will receive this report at its regular meeting on June 21 and Council will receive it on June 22, 1999.

DELEGATIONS

Proposal by Phoenix Gymnastics Club and Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 8, 1999 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D in the report.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. THAT the Board approve in principle the joint proposal by the Phoenix Gymnastics Club and the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club to build an athletic facility in the Nat Bailey Stadium Park area; subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the Board.
- B. THAT the above approval in principle be granted until June 1, 2001.
- C. THAT the Board authorize the preparation of a Master Plan to guide future development for Hillcrest Park, Nat Bailey Stadium Park and Riley Park, such a plan to include the provision of gymnastics/lawn bowling facility.
- D. THAT the Board authorize the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governing the development and operation of this facility.

Scott Hines, the parent of a gymnast appeared before the Board and stated that they support the master planning exercise recommended by staff. They are committed to building a first class facility in partnership with the Pacific Lawn Bowling Club. In recognition of the immensity of this project, they have reorganized their senior staff and hired support staff to dedicate a full time project manager. They have identified a professional fundraiser to assist them in their fundraising efforts. Mr. Hines thanked staff on assisting them in this project.

Michael Sanderson, Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Club stated that they supported staff's recommendation in the report and would like to see the project go ahead.

Barbara Laird, Chair of Riley Park Community Association stated that there was support in the community for the Phoenix Gym project. The building will answer the need for programming space and gender equity issues. Ms. Laird was concerned with doing the master plan at this time as the Canadians could be staying at Nat Bailey Stadium for a few more years.

Commissioner Wilson advised the delegation that the Canadians will be moving quite

soon.

Robert Trepanier, Manager, Vancouver Racquets Club expressed support for the project. They agree with the principle and appreciate the possibility of future expansion for the club.

Board members discussed the matter and Commissioner Yong enquired whether there is a possibility of the City assisting the Club with a financial guarantee. Pieter Rutgers, Director of Planning and Operations advised the Board that staff have had preliminary discussions with staff at the City on this request.

Moved by Commissioner Yong,

THAT staff assist the Phoenix Gymnastic Club to explore with the City regarding the options of securing necessary financing for the construction of the building.

Board members discussed the amendment motion and Commissioner Chesman stated that understanding the reasons behind Commissioner Yong's motion he would like to amend the language of the motion. Commissioner Yong withdrew his amendment motion.

Moved by Commissioner Chesman,

THAT where able to do so, staff continue to reasonably assist the parties to determine ways and means to secure the success of this venture.

- Carried Unanimously.

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

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- E. THAT where able to do so, staff continue to reasonably assist the parties to determine ways and means to secure the success of this venture.**

- Carried Unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Signage Program for Stanley Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 25, 1999 recommending that the Board retain John Peachey and Associates to design a program for Stanley Park at a cost of \$6,000 and that the Board allocate \$31,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account to fund the signage design program and the purchase of new signs for installation in 1999.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT John Peachey and Associates be retained to design a signage program for Stanley Park at a cost of \$6,000.**
- B. THAT the Board allocate \$31,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Account to fund the signage design program and the purchase of new signs for installation in 1999.**

- Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McDiarmid stated that she represented the Park Board at the Thunderbird Community Centre where the Honorable Joy McPhail and Honorable Andrew Petter awarded the Spirit 2000 grant in the amount of \$157,000. The grant money will assist in their plan to build a second floor at the centre.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Wilson enquired if the signs for off-leash areas could be placed at bay one of Sunset Beach rather than at its present location which gives the perception that the whole of Sunset Beach is available for off-leash dogs.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Alan Fetherstonhaugh
Chair