

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Duncan Wilson
	Vice-Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Clarence Hansen
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Christopher Richardson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Allan Argent
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Revenue Services	- Philip Josephs
	Manager of Operations - Van East	- Ron Caswell
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cassells referred to the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 10, 2000 and stated that she would like to amend the minutes on page two to indicate that she asked for deferral of the matter so that Buschlen Mowatt would have an opportunity to consider other sites and the Commissioners had an opportunity to consider Ron Rothwell's comments about private use of public land. She also offered to fill the vacant role on the emergency services team with regard to companion and wild animals. Commissioner Cassells voted against the Communication Plan and the Conference Use of Marina Square Park in 2001.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 10, 2000 adopted as amended.

STAFF REPORTS

Nat Bailey Stadium - Assignment of Lease and Rent for the Year 2000

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 14, 2000 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

- A) **THAT the Board consent to a request for assignment of the lease for Nat Bailey Stadium from SBIG, Ltd. to National Sports Organization Inc.**
- B) **THAT the rent for the year 2000 be set at \$75,000; with payments of 50% by July 1, 2000 and 50% by September 1, 2000.**
- C) **THAT the existing lease, assignments and amendments be consolidated into a new agreement with all modifications subject to the approval of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.**
- D) **THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.**
- E) **THAT once the form of all contemplated legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

MacLean Water Play Area - Contract Award

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 17, 2000 recommending that the Board approve the award of Tender T99-7 to Seaquest Management Inc. to implement construction of a water play area at MacLean Park.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova

- A. **THAT the Board approve the award of Tender T-99-7 to Seaquest Management Inc. to implement construction of water play area at MacLean Park.**

- B. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract. The Board may rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution of the contemplated contract.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Grandview - Woodlands Community Policing Centre

Commissioner Richardson an Auxiliary Constable with the Vancouver Police Department left the room on a potential conflict of interest.

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 10, 2000 recommending that the Board grant a licence to the Grandview Woodlands Community Policy Centre to use the vacant caretaker suite in the Grandview Park fieldhouse as a Community Police Office and the terms and conditions of the licence as listed in the staff report.

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

THAT the Board grant a licence to the Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre to use the vacant caretaker suite in the Grandview Park fieldhouse as a Community Police Office.

THAT the terms and conditions of the licence include the following:

1. The term of the licence will be 5 years.
2. The Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre will contribute \$3,000 annually toward the cost of janitorial services at the field house.
3. All costs associated with the construction and operation of the Community Policing Office will be the responsibility of the Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre.

Commissioner Cassells requested to add two more delegations to the list. Board members allowed this.

Inspector Chris Beach, Vancouver Police Department briefly described the need to move the community policing office from Britannia Community Centre.

Irwin Oostindie, Ad-hoc Committee for Grandview Park was against the recommendations of the staff report as he felt that there was no public consultation. He would like to see an alternate use for the caretaker's suite.

Commissioner Wilson welcomed Councillor Fred Bass to the meeting.

Mavis Dickson, Resident does not think that placing the Community Policing Centre in the park would make the park any safer. They need an outreach centre.

Anton Pilipa, Anti-Poverty Action Committee stated that he was against the Community Policing Centre moving into the caretaker's suite. He felt that the centre should not be subsidized by the Park Board.

Shelly Fahey, Co-alition Against Police Brutality was against the CPC moving into the caretaker's suite. This will only push the drug problem to another park.

Suzanne Baustad, Women and Children Creating Community Society was against the proposal as it will not solve problems but create more. She would like the Board to look at other alternatives to make the park safer.

M. L. Burke, President of the Board of Grandview Woodland Community Policing Centre stated that they need more office space and the fieldhouse would provide them the space that they need.

Tammie Tupechka, Grandview Woodlands Area Council stated the survey was erroneous as a lot of people were missed. They need a facilitator to talk them regarding safety issues.

Kyla Kinzel, Grandview Woodlands Area Council stated that she supports the concept of a community policing centre however she does not want to have it in a park.

Patty Verner, Resident stated that there are a lot of unpleasant things happening and something needs to be done to improve the attitude in the community.

Loretta Woodcock, Resident asked the Board to review the policy on the use of fieldhouses. Further discussions are needed before any decision is made.

Hazen Sise, Resident, stated he does not support the recommendations in the staff report. The policing centre should look elsewhere for the space they need. The survey should not be used as a tool for making a policy.

Sara Ng, Resident stated that there were too many problems in the park, the children need a safe place to play, the park attendants are harassed and approached by drug peddlers. She supports the move of the policing centre to the fieldhouse.

Walter Ng, Resident stated that he was concerned about the safety of the community, there is constant drug dealing in the park. A lot of people support the move of the community policing centre to the fieldhouse, the children who lives in the area and use the park deserve a clean environment and be safe.

Penny Harry, Co-ordinator, Grandview Woodlands Policing Centre stated that they receive calls for all kind of services. The policing centre is not a police station. The fieldhouse will provide much needed additional space and the centre will increase in the level of service by being more visible.

Alicia Barsallo stated that the people do not have trust in the police nor their authority. Grandview Park will be taken from the people if the community policing centre is moved to the fieldhouse.

Imtiaz Popat, community activist, stated that if the Board decided to move the policing centre to the fieldhouse then they will be dividing the community. The people do not trust the police and it will not improve the present situation.

Jana Sakich a captain of block watch stated that she supports the move of the community policing centre to the fieldhouse on Grandview Park. Their present location is too small and the new office space would attract more volunteers.

Helen Shaver stated that the placement of the policing centre in the fieldhouse would take away the park from the people.

Charles Boylan stated that the social problems cannot be policed. The unity of the community should be preserved by not approving the community policing centre having the license to use the fieldhouse.

Commissioner Cassells put forward her notice of motion from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, January 10, 2000:

THAT the Community Policing Centre survey be disregarded by Park Board.

DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen , Ledingham, McDiarmid and Wilson contrary)

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the main motion be amended to include option 2 of the Operating Costs - Ongoing in Appendix 1.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Cassells,

THAT staff be directed to develop and initiate a community dialogue process on alternate uses of the caretaker's residence in Grandview Park and,

THAT this community dialogue take place over the next 12 months and that the various stakeholders many present tonight (Adhoc Committee for Grandview Park and the Grandview Woodlands Policing Centre) agree on the terms of the community discussions.

-DEFEATED.

(Commissioners De Genova, Hansen, Ledingham, McDiarmid and Wilson contrary)

The main motion as amended was put as follows:

Moved by Commissioner DeGenova,

- A. **THAT the Board grant a licence to the Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre to use the vacant caretaker suite in the Grandview Park fieldhouse as a Community Police Office.**

- B. **THAT the terms and conditions of the licence include the following:**
 - 1. **The term of the licence will be 5 years.**
 - 2. **The Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre will contribute \$3,000 annually toward the cost of janitorial services at the field house.**
 - 3. **All costs associated with the construction and operation of the Community Policing Office will be the responsibility of the Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre.**

- C. THAT the main motion be amended to include option 2 of the Operating Costs - Ongoing in Appendix 1.**

-Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Duncan Wilson
Chair