

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Allan De Genova
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Manager of Recreation Services - Queen Elizabeth District	- Gord Lindal
	Manager of Operations - Queen Elizabeth District	- Bill Manning
	Manager of Recreation Services - Vancouver East District	- Greg Eng
	Manager of Recreation Services - Stanley District	- Terry Walton
	Manager of Public Affairs	- Terri Clark
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

Commissioner Cassells was absent from the meeting due to the current Transit strike.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 28 were adopted as circulated.

City Council Report

Staff advised that Council at its meeting on Tuesday, June 12, will be receiving a report regarding the City's current anti-graffiti activities and recommended initiatives which will improve the City's response to incidents of graffiti, particularly incidents occurring on private property

STAFF REPORTS

Dogs Off-Leash Program

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 28, 2001 recommending that the Board withdraw the dog off-leash privileges at Heather Park and that the Board approve dog off-leash hours (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at Shaughnessy Crescent Park on a one year trial basis.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the history of the dogs off-leash program, the community consultations and criteria used to identify an alternate location for an off-leash park.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Dogs Off-Leash Program:

- Jacqueline Faubert
- Joan and Alex Gusola
- Ann Bailey
- Robert Angus
- Ted Wenner
- Gord Plotell, President, Douglas Park Community Centre Association
- William McPhail
- Korky Day
- David Ewart
- Mark Dowhaniuk, Vancouver Dog Owners Association
- Linda Hull
- Alan Negretor
- Colin Atkinson
- Eleanor Hadley
- Cheryl Monroe
- Ursula Robertson
- Michael Roburn

The following is a summary of comments presented by the foregoing delegations:

- Heather Park works well for the community;
- park has its own character, benefits the whole community;
- against moving off-leash park to Shaughnessy Crescent Park, people will be coming from all over Vancouver with their dogs and the park will be destroyed;
- children and seniors will not be able to enjoy the park as they will have to be looking out for dog feaces and be fearful of dogs chasing them;

- adding Shaughnessy Crescent Park could help to take pressure off Heather Park, but will not solve the problems,;
- dog owners have regular park clean up sessions;
- Shaughnessy Crescent Park has flower beds, concerned that these will be destroyed by the dogs;
- enforcement at Shaughnessy Crescent Park will be difficult due to the dense shrubs and trees;
- Douglas Park Community Association support recommendation, the community plan for the park can go ahead, off-leash area at Heather Park is not part of the plan;
- Douglas Park Community Association should work with the community to solve the problem rather than being negative;
- dog feaces is hazardous to people's health, bacteria can stay in the soil for a long time;
- Shaughnessy Crescent Park is out of the Douglas area, people should not have to drive their dogs to a park;
- Douglas Park Community Association is not representing the community;
- need to move on with the times, the plan referred to by the Association dates back to 1997 and is not valid any more;
- Heather Park will work, if the park is modified with landscaping, fencing and running water;
- defer decision as the Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Association did not have an opportunity to review the report.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. THAT THE Board withdraw the dog off-leash privileges at Heather Park
- B. THAT THE Board approve dog off-leash hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Shaughnessy Crescent Park on a 1-year trial basis.

Board members discussed the matter and commented that the staff was asked to identify an off-leash area in the Douglas Park neighbourhood, Shaughnessy Crescent Park is not in the Douglas Park area. It was suggested that this matter be deferred to allow the community to work together to come up with a solution and the Shaughnessy Crescent Park needs a closer look.

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT this matter be deferred for further consultation.

DEFEATED - TIE VOTE

(Commissioners De Genova, Ledingham and Wilson contrary)

A vote was taken on recommendation A and it was DEFEATED.

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

A vote was taken on recommendation B and it was DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recess at 9:55 p.m.

Board re-convened at 10:00 p.m.

Millennium Sports Facility / Grimmatt Park

Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 1, 2001 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to E.

Staff advised the Board that the greening of Grimmatt Park could proceed starting in September 2001. Terminating the lease at Grimmatt Park will affect the Pacific Lawn Bowls Club's ability to operate until the Millennium Sports Facility is completed. Staff will assist the club to locate a temporary facility.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Millennium Sports Facility / Grimmatt Park.

- Alan Webster, Chair, Millennium Sports Facility Society
- Harvey Desroche, Greening of Grimmatt Park Committee
- Robert Kay
- Michael Sanderson, Vice President, Indoor Bowls Club
- Kathy Harrison
- Steve Tanner
- Kate Rourke
- Korky Day

The following is a summary of comments presented by the foregoing delegations:

- Millennium Sports Facility Society is hopeful that the grant request will be approved and is in the process of hiring an architect;
- thanked staff for their assistance throughout the project;

- concerned with extension of lawn bowling club's lease at Grimmatt Park beyond June 1, 2001;
- do not delay anymore, residents need the green space;
- Grimmatt Park is a neighbourhood park;
- have made effort to keep the deadline, asking for extension of lease until 2002;
- most members are seniors, this is a good recreation service;
- making significant progress, will fast track demolition in April 2002;
- demolishing a building for green space is not environmentally friendly;
- do not demolish the building until the new one is ready for occupancy;
- there are other parks in the neighbourhood for the children to use.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

- A. THAT the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club's month-to-month lease of the building at 169 E. 19th Avenue in Grimmatt Park be extended from June 1, 2001 to September 1, 2001.
- B. THAT demolition of the building at 169 E. 19th Avenue and development of the remaining portion of Grimmatt Park be initiated in September 2001.
- C. THAT staff be instructed to work with the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club to identify options for temporarily relocating the Club to another facility, and report back with proposed lease terms for site(s) that are suitable.
- D. THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between the Park Board, the Millennium Sports Facility Society, the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club and the Phoenix Gymnastics Club be modified so that clause 14 reads: "the MSFS shall have until June 1, 2002 to arrange for all necessary funding, permits and the start of construction".
- E. THAT the \$250,000 Park Board capital contribution toward the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club redevelopment be reconsidered in June 2002.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that the residents have waited a long time for the greening of Grimmatt Park. A member of the Board commented that although there was a commitment to begin the greening of Grimmatt Park in June, 2001, the project has taken longer, and the greening of the park will take place, even though it has been delayed. He asked the members of the community to be patient.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

**THAT recommendation A be amended by replacing the phrase :
“*extended from June 1, 2001 to September 1, 2001*” with :
“terminated as soon as possible, but no later than September 1, 2001.”**

and;

THAT recommendation B be amended by inserting “as soon as possible but no later than September 2001” following the word “initiated”.

- Carried.

(Commissioner De Genova contrary)

The main motion as amended was put and it was Carried.

(Commissioner De Genova contrary)

Recreation Staff Position Changes

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 22, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of five Supervisor of Recreation Services positions and the elimination of four Community Recreation Co-ordinator II positions and the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Co-ordinator position.

Staff gave a presentation on the issues surrounding the recreation staff position changes. The creation of five Supervisor of Recreation Services positions is an extension into recreation services of the decentralized management model initiated by New Directions. The positions will provide management functions/support in the Districts at field staff level where they can respond quickly and most effectively to department and community needs.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding the Recreation Staff Changes:

- Representing CUPE 15: Donalda Viaud, Darwin Herman, Brenda Coombs, and Elizabeth McGee.
- Korky Day

The following is a summary of comments provided by the foregoing delegations:

- give the union more time to review the report and respond;
- report has rationale, however, this change should have been included in the contract negotiations;
- defer report consultation has not occurred;
- received report at a late date, did not have an opportunity to meet with the members;
- there are a lot of unanswered questions;
- there was not enough time to talk ;
- a significant study was not done .

Moved by Commissioner Hansen,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of five Supervisor of Recreation Services positions and the elimination of four Community Recreation Co-ordinator II positions and the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Co-ordinator position.

- Carried Unanimously.

Ray Cam Community Centre Renovations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated May 30, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the expenditure of \$280,000 donated by the Ray Cam Community Association for alterations to Ray Cam Community Centre and the appointment of Walter Francl Architects subject to City Council approval of project funding.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board does not hear delegations at this late hour.

- Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

- A. **THAT the Board approve the expenditure of \$280,000 donated by the Ray Cam Community Association, for alterations to Ray Cam Community Centre**
- B. **THAT the Board approve the appointment of Walter Franci Architects for a fee of \$33,000 including disbursements, not including GST, subject to City Council approval of project funding.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Administrative Report (Revised) - Staff Changes

This matter was referred from the meeting of the Board held on Monday, May 28, 2001. Board members received copies of a staff report dated June 8, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the establishment of twelve regular full-time positions and one regular part-time position and the elimination of two regular full-time positions and two regular part-time positions.

Moved by Commissioner Richardson,

THAT the Board approve the establishment of twelve regular full-time positions and one regular part-time position and the elimination of two regular full time positions and two regular part-time positions.

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

Staff was requested to investigate how the transit strike has affected participation at Park Board programs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Laura McDiarmid
Chair