

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 05, 2001**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Laura McDiarmid
	Vice-Chair	- Clarence Hansen
	Commissioners	- Roslyn Cassells
		- Allan De Genova
		- Christopher Richardson
		- Dianne Ledingham
		- Duncan Wilson
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning & Operations	- Pieter Rutgers
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Information Assistant	- Carol DeFina
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, October 15, 2001, were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Most Beautiful Block Presentation

Board members welcomed the winners of the most beautiful block competition, a project which originated from the 1999 Communities in Bloom Competition. The Chair thanked the participants, the Garden Club of Vancouver and the judges for their enthusiasm in the project. Awards were presented to the winners from the 2000 Block Trafalgar (odd side), 700 Block of Hawks Avenue (odd side) and 3300 Block of Windsor Street. A citation was presented to the Vancouver Courier in recognition of its significant contribution to the success of the initiative.

City Council Report

Staff advised the Board that Council will be considering the Framework of Action report and the Vancouver General Hospital - Rezoning report on Tuesday. The Victory Square Lighting companion report will be considered by Council on Thursday.

Vancouver General Hospital - Rezoning

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 19, 2001 recommending that the Board endorse the referral of the proposed rezoning of Vancouver General Hospital, as detailed in the attached Council Report, to Public Hearing.

Staff highlighted the parks and recreation perspective of the report with reference to the agreement and timetable for creating greenspace and indoor recreational space.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to Vancouver General Hospital - Rezoning:

- Ann Bailey; Universal Garden Society
- June Binkert; Save Our Parkland Association
- Jim Lehto, Douglas Park Community Association

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

- pleased with development plans which offer many different opportunities;
- looking forward to the timely delivery of a permanent green space;
- 5.1 acres should be one continuous programmable space instead of small pockets of space;
- if there is a new legal agreement the Board should insist that certain phases of future hospital development are conditional on delivery of open space;
- delivery of green space should not be delayed because of lack of funding to restore Heather Pavilion;
- the proposal to provide temporary space should not be accepted;
- the wording in the agreement should specify the timetable for demolition and construction of buildings and delivery of open space.

Board members discussed the matter and asked staff to report back on the delivery timeline of open space.

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Park Board endorse the referral of the proposed rezoning of Vancouver General Hospital, as detailed in the attached Council Report, to Public Hearing.

- Carried Unanimously.

Victory Square Lighting

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 2001 recommending that the Board approve the design of the Victory Square Lighting Project and implementation of Phase I at a cost of \$210,000, subject to the receipt of committed funds from the "Friends of Victory Square" and funding approval from City Council as detailed in the report.

Staff presented the proposed lighting design and financial implications for the Victory Square Lighting Project.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board regarding the Victory Square Lighting Project:

- Richard Evans; Friends of Victory Square
- Steve Traviss; Vancouver Community College

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

- partnership with a diverse group of people;
- light project is a catalyst, other ideas for this area is a children's play area, veteran's commemoration wall, an annual artist installation;
- Victory Square is sacred ground, need to improve on the present state of the park;
- support lighting Victory Square, committed to a healthy public space.

Board members discussed the matter and commended the community on working together on this project. A member of the Board expressed concern that the residents in the area will be subjected to light pollution.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

THAT the Board approve the design of the Victory Square Lighting Project and implementation of Phase I at a cost of \$210,000, subject to the receipt of committed funds from the "Friends of Victory Square" and funding approval from City Council as detailed in this report.

- Carried.

(Commissioner Cassells contrary)

Aquatic Review

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 26, 2001 recommending that the Board receive the Aquatic Services Review and undertake a process to communicate the report to partners, stakeholders, and the public.

Staff and the consultant presented the Aquatic Review to the Board highlighting the areas which needed upgrading. The aquatic study was undertaken to develop a comprehensive strategy to meet current and potential users and to provide a balance to local neighbourhood services.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board with regard to the Aquatic Review:

- George Sze; Canadian Dolphin Swim Club
- Sandra Stevenson; President, Sport BC
- Louise Card; Vancouver Vikings Summer Swim Club
- Gayle Utoff; Gator Swim Club
- Ron Friesen; President, Vancouver Aquatic Centre Divers Past President of Dive BC

The following is a summary of comments from the foregoing delegations:

- facilities are old and need upgrading;
- need competitive size pool;
- Vancouver should show support for sport development;
- have a plan for a private public not for profit partnership;
- broaden the swimming pool idea to a community centre with other programs;
- important to include a diving facility.

Board members thanked the delegations and advised that this was a work in progress.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

THAT the Board receive the Aquatic Services Review and undertake a community consultation process to communicate the report to partners, stakeholders, and the public.

- Carried Unanimously.

Kerrisdale Community Centre - Cost Sharing Formula

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 19, 2001 recommending that the Board approve Recommendations A and B of the report: that the Board approve the funding formula under which the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society will equally match the Board's presently available funding of \$180,000, and that the Board award a contract for architectural services for the renovations and additions to the lobby at the Kerrisdale Community Centre to Chernoff Thompson Architects, for a cost of \$46,410, including disbursements, plus GST.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. THAT the Board approve a funding formula under which the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society will equally match the Board's presently available funding of \$180,000.00.**

- B. THAT the Board award a contract for architectural services for the renovations and addition to the lobby at the Kerrisdale Community Centre to Chernoff Thompson Architects, for a cost of \$46,410.00, including disbursements, plus GST, and 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.

(Commissioner Cassells was not in the room at the time of voting)

In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Ledingham,

THAT the Board later this evening go into a meeting which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- e. the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Board considers that disclosure might reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

A member of the Board requested that toilets be placed around the skateboard area and il Giardino Italiano at Hastings Park.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Laura McDiarmid
Chair