



Date: February 4, 2002

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: DISC GOLF COURSE AT QUILCHENA PARK

RECOMMENDATION

A. THAT the Board approve the proposal by the BC Disc Sports Society to install a nine hole disc golf at Quilchena Park (See Appendix A); subject to all design, financial and legal details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

B. THAT the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with BC Disc Sports Society to install the course, as described in Appendix B.

BACKGROUND

Frisbee golf is a casual sport for all ages that is gaining in popularity with youth and young adults. Players throw their Frisbees from a designated tee area and attempt to land their disc in the four foot target post (Appendix A). At present, the Park Board has only one disc golf course. It is located on the south east corner of Queen Elizabeth Park.

The BC Disc Sports Society and the Vancouver Park Board are proposing to install a Frisbee golf course around the perimeter of Quilchena Park. This would involve installing nine disc golf targets which act as holes and tees.

DISCUSSION

The new Frisbee golf course will be similar to the one on the southeast corner of Queen Elizabeth Park. The course will be installed in the spring of 2002. Funding for this project is provided by the non-profit BC Disc Sports Society. The course will be available free of charge for the entire community.

This installation of the targets for the disc golf course will be the first phase of the course pending the finalization of a plan for landscape improvements to Quilchena Park. The final hole layout of this course will be reviewed as part of this landscape plan and refined as necessary.

Consultation

The residents around Quilchena Park received a Park Board pamphlet outlining the disc golf proposal. There were more than 200 pamphlets distributed to all residents within a two-block radius of the park. This distribution included residents from Arbutus to Angus and Nanton to Thirty Fifth. Six responses identified reservations while the majority of the residents received the information without comment. The six responses expressed concern for safety from flying discs and the limited space in this park for a disc golf course.

Based on comments and discussion with residents the safety issues were addressed by limiting the number of holes to nine and modifying several holes to ensure that targets were located away from streets, play areas and sports fields. Signs will be provided which identify the course layout and rules.

Financing

The estimated cost for installation of the nine Frisbee golf targets would be \$5,335. All costs will be borne by the BC Disc Sports Society. It is understood that the BC Disc Sports Society will be responsible for the annual operating and maintenance costs related to the erection and operation of the Frisbee golf “targets”.

SUMMARY

This report sets out approval for the BC Disc Sports Society to install a Frisbee golf course consisting of nine Frisbee golf targets on Quilchena Park.

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