

Most Beautiful Block Recognition

The Chair stated that the Park Board was pleased to be part of “The Beautiful Block in Vancouver” competition again. He welcomed the members from the Garden Club of Vancouver, Helen Petersen from the Vancouver Courier, Jill Cherry one of the judges and the Block representatives. The Chair invited Commissioner McDiarmid to present the awards to this year’s winners.

Commissioner McDiarmid presented the 2002 grand prize to the residents on 700 Block of Hawks Avenue (odd side). There were also three commendations awarded to the 2000 Block of Trafalgar Street for continuing excellence in maintaining a high standard in block beautification initiatives, the 3300 Block of Windsor Street for successfully engaging the spirit of the community and the 2700 Block of Templeton Street for enhancing the street for your neighbourhood’s enjoyment through the use of extraordinary plantings.

Lieutenant Governor’s Award of Merit of Excellence in Architecture - Thunderbird Community Centre

Marilyn Cox, Thunderbird Community Association, thanked the Board and staff for the renovation to Thunderbird Community Centre. The community are appreciative of the extra programming space and the centre is well used by family and youth in the neighbourhood. The addition won the Lieutenant Governor’s Award of Merit of Excellence in Architecture . The award was presented to the Chair by Rudy Roelofsen, Manager of Facility Development.

Memorial South Park - Proposed Multi-Purpose Shelter

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 22, 2002, recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to C.

Staff advised the Board that the Vancouver East District office was contacted by the Vancouver Kensington MLA, Mr. Patrick Wong, on behalf of a group of park users requesting improvements to Memorial South Park. A committee of community members was formed to lead this project. A proposal including a concept plan, site plan, cost estimate and list identifying funding sources which included fundraising in the community, provincial and federal grants was received by staff.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Powah Ng, Coordinator, Proposed Multi-Purpose Shelter
- Amar Singh Dhaliwal, Principal, Khalsa School
- Danuta Tokarczuk, Polish Friendship Society

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

- thank staff for their assistance in developing the project;
- the shelter will support activities during rainy and winter days;
- it will act as a hub for the neighbourhood;
- working on fundraising, also hope to get funding from the infrastructure grant;
- school children will be able to enjoy the outdoors in wet weather;
- important partnership among different levels of government;
- will improve safety;
- the shelter will be an important feature in the neighbourhood.

Board members discussed the matter and thanked the delegations for their initiative. This project will be a good partnership with the community and will be an asset to the neighbourhood.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A. **THAT the Board approve in principle a proposal for a multi-purpose shelter in Memorial South Park, to be constructed at no cost to the Park Board;**
- B. **THAT the Board receive as information the proposal and funding plan submitted by the community group for “A Shelter for Memorial South Park” project;**
- C. **THAT the Board approve staff conducting a public consultation process to determine community support for the proposal.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Kitsilano Beach Restaurant and Concession - Approval of Design Concept for a Development Permit

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 25, 2002 recommending that the Board approve the design concept for the proposed Kitsilano Beach Restaurant/Concession for submission for a development permit.

Staff provided a brief overview of the history of the food services provided by the Board and the plans to improve the service and quality of the products offered at Park Board concessions. The Board approved the proposal to upgrade the concession at Kitsilano Beach and staff have been working with the community and the proposed operator to provide a facility with the least impact on the neighbourhood. The architects, AA Robbins reviewed the design concept for the proposed restaurant which was revised in consideration of inputs provided by the residents.

The following delegations requested to speak to the Board:

- Adam Smith
- Loretta Woodcock
- Stuart Colquhoun
- Leonard Schein
- Veronica Vinje
- Geoff Atkins
- Frank Bernard
- David Sarich
- Neah Ping Lee
- Gordon Harms
- Scott Henderson
- Greg Chapman
- Dennis Hahn, Kits Volleyball Association
- Jim Clive, Kits Volleyball Association
- Ed Janowicz
- Gary Cohen
- Joel Altman

The following comments were provided by the foregoing delegations:

- consultation process was in adequate;
- opposed to the proposal as traffic and noise will increase;
- concerned about car races and drinking on the beach;
- in favour of proposal as it involves local people;
- the work done at Brockton added quality of service in Stanley Park;
- revenue generated is beneficial to the taxpayers;
- neighbours are usually opposed to new things;
- need to decide for the greater good of the community and not just for the neighbourhood;
- neighbours objected to the 5th Avenue Cinemas but now it is an asset to the community;
- support the proposal of a restaurant at Kits beach;
- it will be good to have a civilized meal on the beach;

- will be good for a woman to enjoy the beach safely;
- lighting plan makes sense;
- street parking is only for residents;
- Kits beach belongs to Vancouver, not just the property owners in the area;
- project should go ahead, traffic and noise can be managed;
- will provide employment to the young people in the community;
- compliment staff on the cleanliness of the beaches and parks;
- present structure is run down, delighted to hear that a new structure is proposed;
- Vancouver deserves a beach front facility;
- the restroom facility needs improving, the concession needs a change;
- use the funds generated from this business to develop other concessions along the beach;
- appreciate noise and traffic problems but these could be mitigated with enforcement;
- endorse project on behalf of visitors to Kits Beach.

Board members discussed the matter and stated that staff and the architect has done their best to mitigate the concerns of the neighbours. The green building design concepts also promote our environmental stewardship mission. The restaurant will also bring a presence on the beach which will enhance security for visitors.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson,

- A. THAT the Board approve the attached design concept subject to changes outlined in recommendation B for the proposed Kitsilano Beach Restaurant /Concession for submission for a development permit.**
- B. THAT the exterior finishing of this building more closely resemble the concept of the June 28 proposal with regard to the style of the lifeguard tower.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Appointment of Architect for the Renfrew Park Community Centre Pool and Code Upgrades

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 23, 2002 recommending that the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for the pool and code upgrading at the Renfrew Park Community Centre to Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc.

Moved by Commissioner De Genova,

- A) **THAT the Board award a contract for the architectural and engineering services for the pool and code upgrading at the Renfrew Park Community Centre to Bruce Carscadden Architect Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$259,000, including disbursements, plus GST .**
- 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.

Brock House Society - Renewal of Agreement

Board members received copies of a staff report dated October 21, 2002 recommending that the Board enter into an Operating Agreement with the Brock House Society for a term of ten years from February 01, 2003 to January 31, 2013.

Moved by Commissioner McDiarmid,

- A. **That the Board enter into an Operating Agreement with the Brock House Society for a term of ten years from Feb. 01, 2003 to January 31, 2013.**
- B. **That once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of legal Services, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Enquiries, Other Matters And New Business

A member of the Board advised that former Commissioner George Wainborn was admitted to Burnaby General Hospital and suggested that the Board send a card to George.

A member of the Board requested an update on the park-site at Downtown North. Staff advised that Council has yet to make a final decision with regard to this property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Clarence Hansen
Chair