

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD IN THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Heather Deal
	Vice-Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Allan De Genova
		- Lyndsay Poaps
		- Eva Riccius
		- Loretta Woodcock
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	A/Director of Planning & Operations	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Director of Vancouver East District	- Lori Mackay
	Director of Stanley District	- Jim Lowden
	Manager of Planning and Research	- Mark Vulliamy
	Recorder	- Julie Casanova

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

THAT the Enquiries, Other Matters and New Business section on the agenda be moved before the in-camera session.

- Carried Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on Monday, December 16, 2002 were adopted as circulated.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair hoped everyone was able to enjoy the parks over the holiday season. The Board spent time being briefed on a range of parks and recreation issues and is looking forward to working with members and staff to address the challenges in the New Year.

DELEGATIONS

Everett Crowley Park

Vincent Verlaan, Chair, Everett Crowley Park Committee, appeared before the Board regarding the commitment in the capital plan to develop a long-term management plan for the park. Mr. Verlaan introduced the Board to the history and features of Everett Crowley park and stated that the Everett Crowley Park Committee work on park maintenance, recreation, nature education, habitat and ecological restoration. Mr. Verlaan stated that the operating budget for maintaining the park was not enough. Mr. Verlaan asked the Board to consider their request in the first year of the 2003-2005 capital plan.

Board members discussed the matter and requested clarification on the operating budget for the park. Staff advised the Board that the operating budget for parks are not individually allocated, rather it is pooled together for all the parks in the Vancouver East District. Board members thanked the delegation and advised that his request will be considered along with other requests for the 2003-2005 capital plan funding.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens - Expansion Project

Board members received copies of a staff report dated January 2, 2003, recommending that the Board approve the final design for the enhancement project at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Gardens.

Joe Wai, Architect and Henry Tom, Chair, Building Committee and Secretary of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Gardens Board appeared before the Board with regard to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Expansion Project. The expansion plans began in 1995 when the Society identified a need for public washrooms. The Society applied for a development permit and followed the process which included neighbourhood notification and a public meeting. A loan has now been secured and a development permit was issued in September 2002. The main components of the expansion are public restrooms, education/presentation centre, expansion of the gift shop, a volunteer or meeting room and administrative offices and storages spaces. Mr. Wai advised the Board that they will now be using more durable materials in the construction.

Moved by Commissioner Riccius,

THAT the Board approve the final design for the enhancement project at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Gardens.

- Carried Unanimously.

Infrastructure Grant Request Approval

Staff report dated January 03, 2003 recommending that the Board approve recommendations A to D in the report.

Nancy Dickson, President, VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association and Ian Haywood Farmer advised the Board that the VBGA plans to redevelop the present building to a state of the art facility to promote sustainable horticulture methods. VanDusen Gardens has a large number of volunteers who support the gardens activities and fundraising. The delegation asked the Board to include VanDusen Gardens in future capital plans.

Board members thanked the delegation and acknowledged the work of the VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association. The Board was pleased to see that VanDusen Gardens was added to the Infrastructure Grant program.

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

- A. THAT Council be requested to approve application for \$2,000,000 in matching funds from the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Grants Program for implementation of the VanDusen Gardens Vision Plan Phase I, with the City's \$1,000,000 share of funding to be derived from the Park Board 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan allocation of \$250,000 and the balance of \$750,000 from the VanDusen Botanical Gardens Association.**

- B. THAT Council be requested to approve application for \$2,000,000 in matching funds from the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure Grants Program towards implementation of the objectives of the Playing Field Renewal Plan, with the City's \$1,000,000 share of funding to be derived from the Park Board 2003 - 2005 Capital Plan allocation of \$4,100,000 for Sport Field improvements.**

- C. THAT the application previously made for Infrastructure Grants Program funding for Mt. Pleasant Community Centre Renewal and Kerrisdale Community Centre Renovation be withdrawn for the reasons outlined in this report.**

- D. THAT Council be asked to identify the Sunset Community Centre Renewal Project as the highest priority amongst currently active Infrastructure projects.**

- Carried Unanimously.

West End Community Centre Alterations

Board members received copies of a staff report dated December 20, 2002, recommending that the Board allocate up to \$80,000 within the 2003 Capital Budget for renovations at the West End Community Centre and submit the requested amount as part of the advance approval package of the 2003 Capital Budget; that the Board accept a donation of \$180,000 from the West End Community Centre Association; that the Board appoint Mnemosyne Architecture as architects for the project at a fee of up to \$39,700 including disbursements, excluding GST.

Staff advised the Board that the West End Community Centre needed additional programming space. When the Denman Garden Inn restaurant closed in December 2000, the West End Community Association Board and staff investigated the alternate use for this space. The West End Community Centre Association will contribute \$180,000 towards converting the space previously occupied by the restaurant to a multi-use programming space. To complete the project \$80,000 would be reallocated from other capital projects planned for the West End Community Centre.

Ron Schindler, Vice President, West End Community Centre Association urged the Board to support the recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Romaniuk,

- A. THAT the Board allocate up to \$80,000 within the 2003 Capital Budget for renovations at the West End Community Centre, and submit the requested amount as part of the advance approval package of the 2003 Capital Budget.**
- B. THAT the Board accept a donation of \$180,000 from the West End Community Centre Association.**
- C. THAT the Board appoint Mnemosyne Architecture as architects for the project, at a fee of up to \$39,700 including disbursements, excluding GST.**

- Carried Unanimously.

Millennium Sports Facility - Design Approval

Staff report dated December 10, 2002, recommending that the Board approve the design of Phase 1 of the Millennium Sports Facility.

Peter Kreuk, Landscape Architect, Millennium Sports Facility answered the Board's questions with regard to landscaping, planting and removal of trees and the types of trees to be planted.

Lisa Thompson, Executive Director, Millennium Sports Society, stated that the status of funding was similar to what was reported in mid December. They continue to work on their fund raising and seeking sponsorship for the naming of the building. They will be having a workshop with BC Hydro Powersmart to ensure that the building will be energy efficient . They look forward to the ground breaking for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Anton,

THAT the Board approve the design of Phase 1 of the Millennium Sports Facility.

- Carried Unanimously.

Liaison Appointments

The Chair announced the liaison representatives for 2003 to various associations and committees. Letters will be sent to the various associations and committees to advise them of the liaison appointment to their organization.

Motions

Moved by Commissioner Riccius ,

WHEREAS the 2010 Winter Olympics bid involves several facilities in Vancouver parks, and;

WHEREAS there are three Mayor's Forums being planned to inform Mayor Campbell on economic, environmental and social aspects of the 2010 Winter Olympics bid;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the staff of the Vancouver Park Board work with Park Board Commissioners to host an additional or fourth Mayor's Forum on parks and community facilities in relation to the 2010 Winter Olympics bid, to be held before February 15, 2003.

- Carried Unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Susan Mundick
General Manager

Commissioner Heather Deal
Chair