



MINUTES

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, November 20th, 2000
Place: W.H. Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt, Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Malcolm Brodie
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves
Absent: Councillor Kiichi Kumagai
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Monday, November 6th, 2000, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2. **LATE NIGHT EVENTS (RAVES)**
(Report: Nov. 15/00, File No.: 8060-02) (REDMS No. 189220)
The Manager, Policy & Research, Lauren Melville, accompanied by City Solicitor Paul Kendrick, briefly reviewed the report with the Committee. In response to questions, the following information was provided:
 - with respect to the provision of liability insurance, staff were not aware of what the cost would be to applicants to obtain such insurance, however, the \$500 amount proposed was the same amount required by the City of Vancouver
 - the impact on wedding, graduation parties, and other similar events if banquet halls were removed from industrial areas, would be one of the issues addressed by staff during their review

- staff had reviewed the situation at the Gujarati Society of BC facility, however, because (i) the site was legally zoned, (ii) the events end by 2:00 a.m., and (iii) the society was non-profit and therefore did not require a business licence to operate, there was little that the City could do, however, the business licence issue was being pursued
- with regard to the requirement for the provision of liability insurance by a promoter rather than bonding as had been requested previously, advice was given that the regulations contained in the *Local Government Act* did not allow the City to make such a demand; if bonds were required, the City would become a stakeholder and in the event that damage or theft should occur as a result of a rave event, the City would be responsible for resolving any claims which might arise; advice was given that the City did not have the resources to deal with these claims
- the Gujarati Society of BC had not yet held its required public information meeting with the business owners and residents of the area surrounding their facility at 11460 Horseshoe Way.

During the discussion, questions were raised about whether (i) the City should continue to allow rave parties to be held in Richmond; (ii) consideration had been given to inserting a clause in the bylaw which, under certain circumstances, a rave event would not be permitted; and (iii) it might be in the best interests of the City to hold rave events in City facilities, rather than allowing private rave functions to be held.

Ms. Susan Heer, of Nautic Distributors Ltd., #107 - 11480 Blacksmith Place, and representing the Riverside Industrial Park Business Association, expressed concerns about the application of the Gujarati Society to hold late night rave events at 11460 Horseshoe Way. A copy of her submission and a 76 name petition, signed by business representatives who opposed the application, are attached as Schedule A and form part of these minutes.

Ms. Heer provided detailed information on the damage which her business had suffered as a result of the weekend rave events held at 11460 Horseshoe Way, and indicated that if the situation was allowed to continue, she would be forced to relocate to another municipality. She also circulated photographs taken after recent events at 11460 Horseshoe Way, which showed motor vehicles parked on the street, garbage strewn about, and broken bottles in adjacent parking lots.

Discussion then ensued among Committee members and the delegation on such issues as (i) why the Association wished to have the public information meeting to be held by the Gujarati Society cancelled; (ii) the safety of employees of the various businesses in the area during the times that rave events were occurring; and (iii) the types of events held by the Gujarati Society and the number of people who attended these events.

Mr. Ron Martin, of #101 - 11471 Blacksmith Place, expressed concern not only about the proposal to hold late night (rave) events but also about the rave events which were currently allowed at 11460 Horseshoe Way because of the dangerous situation in which his business and employees were placed. He indicated that he too would be forced to relocate to another city if the situation was not resolved quickly.

During the discussion which ensued with the delegation, Mr. Martin clarified that all functions held at 11460 Horseshoe Way and not only the rave events, caused problems for the adjacent businesses because of the lack of sufficient on-site parking for the participants. In response to questions from Committee members, staff indicated that they hoped to report to the General Purposes Committee in one month's time with a possible solution to the problem. Discussion continued among Committee members and staff on possible options which might address the concerns of the neighbours.

Mr. John Jefferson, of #103 - 10471 Blacksmith Place, advised that he was relocating his business to Langley because of the problems created as a result of the functions held at 11460 Horseshoe Way. He expressed agreement with the statements made by the previous speakers and advised that he too was extremely concerned about the safety of his employees.

It was moved and seconded

That staff:

- (1) Prepare a Bylaw which includes insurance requirements as part of the Late Night Events (Raves) application process.***
- (2) Proceed with the review of the issues raised (in the report dated November 15th, 2000 from the Chief Administrative Officer), and report to Council through General Purposes Committee on any further Bylaw Amendments.***

CARRIED

Discussion ensued among Committee members and staff on the status of the application submitted by the Gujarati Society and the holding of the required public information meeting. As a result of the discussion, the following motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the Gujarati Society of British Columbia be advised that as a result of the negative concerns expressed to the General Purposes Committee of Council on November 20th, 2000 by representatives of businesses located in the area of 11460 Horseshoe Way, the application submitted by the Society to establish a late night (rave) party location at 11460 Horseshoe Way will be reconsidered at the General Purposes Committee scheduled to be held on Monday, December 4th, 2000.

CARRIED

3. **GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT GARDEN CITY ROAD AND WESTMINSTER HIGHWAY**

(Report: Oct. 13/00, File No.: 6340-20-P.00210) (REDMS No. 198910, 221704, 212971)

Ms. Melville briefly reviewed the report with Committee members, and in response to questions, provided information on the improvements which were proposed in the area of the Garden City Road/Westminster Highway intersection.

During the brief discussion which ensued, Councillor Greenhill expressed concern that the funds to finance the project were being taken from the 1997 Pedestrian Safety Program, even though certain pedestrian safety related projects could not be completed because of the lack of funds.

It was moved and seconded

That gateway improvements at Garden City Road and Westminster Highway be constructed at a cost of \$20,000.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Cllr. Barnes
Greenhill

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

4. **AMENDMENTS TO BUSINESS LICENCING AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS REGARDING MASSAGE BUSINESSES**

(Report: Nov. 3/00, File No.: 8060-20-7186/7188) (REDMS No. 212490, 221704, 212971)

City Solicitor Paul Kendrick reviewed the proposed amendments with Committee members. In response to questions he advised that businesses would be monitored if complaints were received, and when business licences were renewed, at which time staff would ensure that the massage therapists were registered with the Association of Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners of British Columbia. Mr. Kendrick also advised, in answer to a further question, that a system could be put into place which would allow monitoring of business establishments to occur at any time.

It was moved and seconded

That:

(1) Bylaw 7186 which amends the Business Licensing Bylaw; and

(2) Bylaw 7188 which amends the Business Regulation Bylaw, regarding massage businesses, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

5. **BRITANNIA SHIPYARD BUILDING - RESTORATION**

(Report: Nov. 8/00, File No.: 2025-20-003) (REDMS No. 217132)

The Director, Engineering, Jeff Day, reviewed the report with Committee members, during which he provided information on (i) the 'powder post beetle' infestation in the substructure and foundation of the Britannia Shipyard building; (ii) the likelihood of this infestation being found in nearby buildings; (iii) the reasoning for the reduction in the amount of the work undertaken by Human Resources Development Canada work crews, which had resulted in an increase in costs to the City. Mr. Day also provided information on the repair work being undertaken and indicated that it was intended that the shipyard building remain as original in its appearance as possible.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) ***That funding in the amount of \$91,000 be approved for the additional work required to address the powder post beetle infestation and other unforeseen conditions to allow the contractor to complete the restoration and seismic renovations of the Britannia Shipyard Building; and***
- (2) ***Funding of \$42,195 be allocated from the 1999 Minor Capital Program, Account #45099; \$48,805 be allocated from the Minoru Fieldhouse, Account #45911.***

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:25 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, November 20th, 2000.

Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Chair

Fran J. Ashton
Executive Assistant

**SCHEDULE A TO THE MINUTES OF
THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2000.**

November 20, 2000

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING: NOVEMBER 20, 2000
ANDERSON ROOM – RICHMOND CITY HALL**

ATTENTION:

CHAIRPERSON: His Worship Greg Halsey-Brandt

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am speaking on behalf of the RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION and have several representatives from businesses in the park in attendance. We thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present to the committee at this time.

We understand that there is discussion with regard to RAVE PARTIES in Richmond, and have a sincere concern with regard to an application currently before the City for a RAVE site at 11460 Horseshoe Way, in the Riverside Industrial Park.

We request that the General Purposes Committee obtain a report from Permits with regard to the application above. We request that any Public Meeting that may be scheduled with the owners of the site and the businesses of the area, be immediately cancelled.

Due to the past history of this Venue in 1997 and 1998, we request that this site at 11460 Horseshoe Way, be turned down immediately as a RAVE venue or for any RAVE –LIKE event (under the current 2:00 a.m. curfew). It was at this time when we were forced to implement our Association to be able to handle the RAVES being held at this site. There was recently an event (Nov. 10) which fell under the current rules but was advertised as a RAVE. We are also concerned for the possible lack of Police protection for our businesses due to these events. It has been expressed that the Richmond R.C.M.P. does not have sufficient staffing for crowd control at these events.

We would request that any information and reports be made available to us by December 5, 2000. We have a petition signed by many businesses in the park which we are submitting, and have requested crime information for our specific park, from the R.C.M.P. The information provided shows only Break and Enters (not vandalism). In 1998 there were 56, in 1999 there were 48 and to date in 2000, only 16.

We thank you for your attention to our presentation and look forward to an expedient resolution to disallowing this type of operation at this venue.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Heer
Riverside Industrial Park Business Association

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Council: Talk to your neighbours

City urges caution to society that wants to open a rave venue on Horseshoe Way

BY DARAH HANSEN
News Reporter

A non-profit society hoping to open a third all-night rave venue in Richmond needs to convince its neighbours it'll keep things under control before city council decides if the new hall can open its doors.

"Believe me," Richmond Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt told representatives of the Gujarati Society of B.C. at Monday's committee meeting, "a year and a half ago, your neighbours were very, very upset."

The society has asked city council to approve its application to allow raves at its building at 11460 Horseshoe Way, an industrial area in south Richmond.

If passed, the parties would have a capacity to host 400 people and would be permitted to remain open until 8 a.m.

Currently, under a controversial city bylaw, there are two locations in Richmond where raves parties are permitted — The Riverside

Banquet Hall at 14500 River Rd. and The Palace at 14431 Knox Way.

Both halls are owned by the same company.

Since the rave bylaw was adopted by city council and came into effect May 1, 23 raves have been held at the licensed locations, with several more applications under review for dances dating into January 2001.

In debating the potential for a third permitted location Monday, councillors raised several concerns — many of them stemming from a time when raves were hosted at the Horseshoe Way location in 1997 and 1998.

At that time, said city zoning officer Alan Clark, parking was a problem with party-goers leaving their vehicles in the parking lots of the surrounding businesses.

Boats from a near-by marina suffered some graffiti vandalism and garbage was left strewn in the area.



Councillor Bill McNulty



Councillor Derek Dang

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Raves: City already has two rave venues

Mayor suggests society holds information meeting

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Coun. Bill McNulty also saw the potential for trouble if the dances carry on into regular work hours.

"Raves can go on until 8 a.m.," said McNulty. "A lot of people start work (in that same location) at 6 or 7 a.m. We are going to have a conflict."

Coun. Derek Dang said he's talked to business owners in the area, and they're not keen on council allowing any more dances.

"You'd better get to know some of your neighbours," Dang told the society. "They are very opinionated on raves."

Council has asked the Gujarati Society to hold a

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— Coun. Derek Dang

public information meeting at the hall location to advise the neighbourhood of the application and address any issues or concerns raised.

Under city bylaws, the society is not required to hold the information meeting, but Halsey-Brandt urged

the group to seriously consider their options.

"If you don't want to do it, don't do it," the mayor said.

"But you'll pay the pip when it hits the floor of the council chamber because tell you, they (the neighbours) were really mad."

"You have to give them comfort level, that's all we're asking," added McNulty.

Currently, the proposed Horseshoe Way site is used to host weddings and birthday parties.

Jitendra Desai, a trustee with the Gujarati Society said his group would like to lease the building to rave promoters during the winter season.

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THE RICHMOND NEWS

Petition against GSBC Gujarati Society of B.C. - 11460 Horseshoe Way
 Against obtaining permit to hold rave parties at the above address.

Nov. 15 2000

Print Name	Signature	Business Name	Business Address
JERED SCOTT		Pi...	1-11191 Horseshoe Way V7A 4S8
Mark Hansen		Posh Properties Ltd	1-11191 Horseshoe Way V7A 4S5
Ingie Prasad		Posh Properties	1-11191 Horseshoe Way V7A 4S5
FRANKIE TSANG		UNIKING ENT. LTD.	11320 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 4V5
WILSON WONG		WELCOME SALES LTD.	11320 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 4V5
SIOUSING TSANG		SENG YEE ESTATES	" " "
ZHANG XIN MA		UNIQUE SILK INC.	↓
S CHRISTMAS		ST-GENEVE	103-11220 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 4V5
WADE PUGH		Chewters	102-11220 Horseshoe Way Richmond BC V7A 4L6
Tommy Ng		SANDWICH TRUCK	102-11220 Horseshoe Way
Leigh Hansen		Ironwood Steins & Wines	#1-11151 Horseshoe Way
Yekta Sharifi		STICK WITH US PRODUCTS	#4-11151 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 4S
JASON KEOMANY		THAN LIMITED FOOD TRADING	SUIT 5-7, 11191 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 4S5
Susan Gautreau		Asama Enterprises	11420 Horseshoe Way V7A 4V5
VICTOR YIM		WRAP ZONE	3150-11666 STEVENSON HWY.
CRAIG BROWN		MACINWISERIG.	#11-11151 HORSESHOE V7A 4S5
EDMOND LO		MOCHA MOON CAFE	1101-11871 HORSESHOE WAY V7A 5H6
RONN MARTIN		NEW IMAGE	101-11471 BLACKSMITH
CHARLIE TSANG		TROMAR	102-11471 Blacksmith PL
L'IKKEN NOLAN		SBC FIREMASTER LTD	103-11471 BLACKSMITH PL. RICH.
TOSHIFUMI KITAGAWA		GENESIS CO. LTD.	105-11471 BLACKSMITH PL. RICH.
LINDA BALTISH		LAHR DECOR	108-1147 " " RICH.
J HAVENSTOCK		CSM	8-11411 BLACKSMITH R. RICH. BC
S. Medland		Newconcept Ind	10-11411 Blacksmith Pl. RICH. BC
A. HEER		NAUTIC DIST. LTD	#107-11480 BLACKSMITH PL

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Print Name	Signature	Business Name	Business Address
PATTI KILBAC	<i>Patti Kilbac</i>	PACIFIC DOOR CLOSER	#113-11121 HORSESHOE WAY, RMD.
1) RAVI HAYGER	<i>Ravi Hayger</i>	RITWAY MKTG	#123-11121 HORSESHOE WAY
1) Corey Cameron	<i>Corey Cameron</i>	Nightingale Electric	#223 11121 " "
1) BEVERLY DAVIS	<i>Beverly Davis</i>	IMAGE FACTORY	#133-11121 " "
1) SOUVAN SODIA	<i>Souvan Sodia</i>	The River club	#1111 HORSESHOE WAY 11
1) JEFF NERY	<i>Jeff Nery</i>	KEG	11151 # 5 ROADS.
1) DARRIN MCTAUGH	<i>D. McTavish</i>	Speedy Auto Glass	11000 Horseshoe Way.
1) Kevin Grouge	<i>Kevin Grouge</i>	Kirmax Collision	#150-11000 Horseshoe Way
FRED LAFLUR	<i>Fred Laflur</i>	ARODAL	11620 Horseshoe Way
TERESA ANDERSON	<i>Teresa Anderson</i>	TRISTAN EMBROIDERY	1103-11871 Horseshoe Way
1) TERESA S. MARIE	<i>Teresa Marie</i>	Delta Pacific Benefit	1103-11871 Horseshoe way.
1) Wu	<i>Wu</i>	D. G. T.	11871 Horseshoe way
1) BENNY CHAN	<i>Benny Chan</i>	KOOVAK GYM HYTH	2115-11871, Horseshoe Way
1) John Liu	<i>John Liu</i>	Lordis Industries	1109-11871, Horseshoe Way
1) TORIS JACOBSON	<i>Toris Jacobson</i>	PP TECHNOLOGIES INT.	#1111-11871 HORSESHOE, WAY
1) Avi Tutelman	<i>Avi Tutelman</i>	Paramount Dental Lab.	1113-11871 Horseshoe way.
1) Tim Kyle	<i>Tim Kyle</i>	Clem Taylor Ltd	1121- " "
1) Dan Jones	<i>Dan Jones</i>	Campbell's Pound	1129-11891 Horseshoe Way
1) AWAY MCTAUGH	<i>Away McTavish</i>	SERVA-LITE SALES	1137-11871 HORSESHOE WAY
1) ROW ROLLOR	<i>Row Rollor</i>	SERVA-LITE SALES	1137-11871 HORSESHOE WAY
1) TIM WEI	<i>Tim Wei</i>	MY WAY TOURS	2107-11871 HORSESHOE WAY
1) CHARLOTTE CHEUNG	<i>Charlotte Cheung</i>	CHATE ARKON Technologies	1101-11871 HOUSESHOE WAY
1) Sherry Miles	<i>Sherry Miles</i>	CanCoast Hardware	#7-11771 Horseshoe Way
1) Michele Wilson	<i>Michele Wilson</i>	"	"
1) BRYAN MILES	<i>Bryan Miles</i>	"	"



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November 20, 2000

Riverside Industrial Park Business Association

Attn Ms. Susan Heer
Fax: 448-1777

Dear Ms. Heer,

Please add our name to your list of opposing Rave Parties being held at 11460 Horseshoe Way, Richmond. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Gagel', written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Gagel
President

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