Minute No. 120
Report – Executive Policy Committee - January 10, 2007

Item No. 2 **Kelvin Community Centre - 2006 GCWCC Community Centre District Plan**
File PR-2

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of September 27, 2006 be filed.

2. That the Administration be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of the development of the facility that amalgamates Bronx Park Community Centre and the Good Neighbours Seniors Centre, including therein an explanation of the programming dollars that would be reallocated (recouped) from the closure of the Kelvin Community Centre.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS Kelvin Community Centre is located in the area of highest socio-economic need in the Elmwood/East Kildonan Ward;

AND WHEREAS closure of the Kelvin Community Centre would lead to some children being required to walk in excess of 5 kilometers to attend the next nearest Community Centre and having to cross two busy thorough-fares to access Community Centre programming;

AND WHEREAS the neighbourhood surrounding the Kelvin Community Centre recently had a meeting in which over 100 area residents attended and at which a board was elected for the Centre;

AND WHEREAS the interim board of Kelvin Community Centre has implemented programming that is being attended by a large number of area residents, including at-risk youth;

AND WHEREAS the interim board of Kelvin Community Centre has identified and networked with over seventy volunteers for community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Bronx Park / Good Neighbours Expansion Project is given as a reason by Executive Policy Committee for the closure of Kelvin Community Centre, despite the objections of area residents;

AND WHEREAS the Bronx Park / Good Neighbours Expansion Project does not yet have a project plan or tentative completion date, and may not be completed until 2010 or later;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the closure of Kelvin Community Centre should not take place while the Bronx Park / Good Neighbours Expansion Project is incomplete. At the time of completion the Kelvin Community Centre will be reevaluated;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kelvin Community Centre be granted an AGM for each year until closure;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kelvin Community Centre continue to sit as a member of the Greater Council of Winnipeg Community Centres.

The amendment moved by Councillors Thomas and Gerbasi was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Gerbasi, Smith, Thomas, Vandal, Wyatt and Lazarenko. 6

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Leipsic, Nordman, Pagtakhan, Steeves and Swandel. 9

and the amendment was declared lost.

The motion for adoption of the item was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Leipsic, Nordman, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel, Wyatt and Lazarenko. 11

Nay: Councillors Gerbasi, Smith, Thomas and Vandal. 4

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS on July 26, 2006, Council adopted the 2006 Community Centre District Plan submitted by the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres which included:

- That the Bronx Park Community Centre project (a new facility to house Bronx Park Community Centre and the Good Neighbours Senior Centre) proceed with the $3.9 million in funding approved by Council on June 29, 2005,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued)

· That the Kelvin Community Centre, except the Field House, be declared surplus to the City's requirements and be removed from the Community Centre Inventory;

AND WHEREAS the GCWCC advised that after further discussion and careful examination of the factors that led to the recommendation that the Kelvin Community Centre being declared surplus to the City's Community Centre Inventory, the GCWCC Board decision was to uphold the original recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of September 27, 2006 be filed.
2. That the Administration be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of the development of the facility that amalgamates Bronx Park Community Centre and the Good Neighbours Seniors Centre, including therein an explanation of the programming dollars that would be reallocated (recouped) from the closure of the Kelvin Community Centre.

Further on January 10, 2007, Regan Wolfrom, President, accompanied by John King, Vice-President, Concerned Elmwood Neighbours, submitted a presentation and a communication from Maureen Hughes, dated January 9, 2007, with respect to the Kelvin Community Centre.

And further on January 10, 2007, Wayne Mezzo submitted a communications from Ron Chartrand, Vice-President, Winnipeg Region, Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. dated January 8, 2007; Lee Turner undated; Colinne Dowbyhuz, Events Resource Coordinator, Winnipeg Football Club; Micheline Gagné, Projects Coordinator, Team Canada Volleyball Centre dated August 11, 2003; and Don Marks, Event Coordinator, White Buffalo Spiritual Society dated March 22, 2006, with respect to the Kelvin Community Centre.

On November 15, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee laid over the September 27, 2006 Council Motion pertaining to the Kelvin Community Centre.

Further, on November 15, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee requested that the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres provide a written response to the submission from the Concerned Elmwood Neighbours within two (2) weeks.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued)

And further, on November 15, 2006, Regan Wolfrom, President, accompanied by John King, Vice-President, Concerned Elmwood Neighbours, submitted communications from Melanie Thomas dated October 24, 2006, from Cory Coles dated November 11, 2006, and a copy of an article contained in The Herald community newspaper dated September 28, 2006, with respect to the Kelvin Community Centre.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 27, 2006, Council referred the following item to the Executive Policy Committee for further consideration, namely:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

> WHEREAS Kelvin Community Centre is located in the area of highest socio-economic need in the Elmwood/East Kildonan Ward;
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> AND WHEREAS closure of the Kelvin Community Centre would lead to some children being required to walk in excess of 5 kilometres to attend the next nearest Community Centre and having to cross two busy thorough-fares to access Community Centre programming;
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> AND WHEREAS the neighbourhood surrounding the Kelvin Community Centre recently had a meeting in which over 100 area residents attended and at which a board was elected for the Centre;
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> AND WHEREAS the board has been meeting weekly and has been developing and implementing programming for the area children;
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> AND WHEREAS a delegation from the community appeared at the East Kildonan/Transcona Community Committee meeting on September 12th and requested an opportunity to try and revive the Kelvin Community Centre facility for the area residents;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the interim board be granted full use of the facility to operate their programming;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim board be granted permission to sit as a member of the Greater Council of Winnipeg Community Centres;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the decision made by City Council to declare the Kelvin Community Centre surplus, be rescinded and the community be granted a 3-year extension to demonstrate their viability as a Community Centre.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee received as information the September 12, 2006 recommendation from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee regarding the disposition of the Kelvin Community Centre.

Further on September 21, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee received submissions regarding the Kelvin Community Centre from the following:

- Regan Wolfrom, President, and John King, Vice-President, Concerned Elmwood Neighbours, submitted a proposed organizational structure for the Board of Directors of the Kelvin Community Centre and the Elmwood Community Advisory Committee, as well as a presentation in support of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee September 12, 2006 recommendation to reconsider the Council Decision to declare Kelvin Community Centre, except the Field House, surplus to the City's requirements.

- Steve Bemrose, President and Marlene Amell, Executive Director, General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, submitted documentation regarding the disposition of the Kelvin Community Centre.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 12, 2006, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended to Executive Policy Committee that the July 26, 2006, Council Decision to declare Kelvin Community Centre, except the Field House, surplus to the City's requirements, be reconsidered.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DECISION (continued):

Further, on September 12, 2006, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee received from Regan Wolfrom, President, Concerned Elmwood Neighbours, supporting documentation, including three petitions purporting to contain the signatures of 589 names, in opposition to the July 26, 2006 Council Decision that the Kelvin Community Centre be declared surplus to the City's requirements.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 26, 2006, Council adopted the following:

"That the Kelvin Community Centre, except the Field House, be declared surplus to the City's requirements and be removed from the Community Centre Inventory."