CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated November 5th, 1990, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Douglas, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated November 5th, 1990, was considered clause by clause.

North Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
November 5th, 1990.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits the following Report and recommends:

Appointment of Citizen Members to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.
Files FG-3 & GC-7

146 - 1. Council on January 4th, 1989 appointed Mr. Murray Kilfoyle as a citizen member to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for a two-year term expiring November, 1990.

Council on May 10th, 1989 appointed Mr. Jon Tupper as a citizen member to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for the balance of a two-year term expiring November, 1990.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered eleven applications to fill these two vacant citizen member positions and in this connection received communication dated October 31st, 1990 from the Chairman, Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council, recommending reappointment of the above citizen members.

Acting on the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Council, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends that Mr. Murray Kilfoyle and Mr. Jon Tupper be reappointed as citizen members on the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for a two-year term expiring November, 1992.

For the information of Council, the applications for appointment to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and curriculum vitae for the above named nominees are on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Funding for Block Parents of Winnipeg Inc.
Files GF-2 & FG-1.1(B)

147 - 2. The Block Parent Program was instituted in the City of Winnipeg in 1976 in order to provide places of refuge for children or adults who believe they are in danger while in various communities throughout the City. This program has expanded to include more than 14,000 volunteers and has included participation of members of the City of Winnipeg Police Department. However, the problems facing the organization have been the lack of stable funding accompanied by full-time staff support to co- ordinate the program.

On January 9th, 1990, the Committee on Finance and Administration considered an application forwarded by the

Vice-President of Block Parents of Winnipeg, Inc., in which he requested additional funding. Subsequent to this application the organization was advised that Committee approved a 1990 special grant in the amount of $5,000 which they suggested could possibly become part of the total funding provided by the Community Relations Division.

On May 14th, 1990, the Staff Sergeant in charge of Community Relations attended the annual Block Parents meeting where an additional request was put forward to finance a full-time staff member and associated computer equipment to assist in the management of their program. It was the view of the department, at that time, that funds under consideration for allocation would be well invested if distributed to the Block Parents organization. Their estimate for additional funding was $27,295.

On June 14th, 1990, the Commissioner of Planning and Community Services referred a report from the Director of Social Services to the Committee on Finance and Administration recommending that funding for a full-time co-ordinator and part-time secretary be included in the 1991 and subsequent budgets of the Community Relations Division of the Police Department.

At its meeting held on June 26th, 1990, the Committee on Finance and Administration requested that your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture give consideration to on-going funding for the salaries of a full-time volunteer co-ordinator and a part-time secretary for Block Parents being included in the 1991 and subsequent budgets of the Community Relations Division.

On July 16th, 1990, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered the recommendation and resolved to support the request in principle but asked that the total amount of funding be identified.

The Block Parents organization replied to this request on August 21st, 1990 and specified the funding as follows:-

Part-time Office Manager 25 hours per week @ 48 weeks (1,200 hours/year) Hourly rate $8.75	-	$10,500
Full-time Volunteer Co-ordinator 37.5 hours per week @ 52 weeks (1,950 hours/year) Hourly rate $10.50	-	$20,475
Employees share of unemployment insurance and pension benefits	-	$ 1,050
Total funding required	-	$32,025

On October 2nd, 1990, Block Parents provided a written explanation for the increase in funding required, indicating that the projected costs had been adjusted to reflect current conditions (Appendix "A").

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends that the City of Winnipeg, through the Official Delegation, request the Provincial Government to contribute an amount of $32,025 from monies set aside for crime awareness, to assist in funding the Block Parent Program for the City of Winnipeg.

Moved by Councillor Douglas,

Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

148 - WHEREAS the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community Committee directed the Parks and Recreation Department to submit a comprehensive report on Regional and Community Parks development addressing present conditions, user groups, funds spent over the last five years, access and priorized needs for upgrading and parks development;

AND WHEREAS it was found that if the level of funding remains the same, these current day needs and demands could only be addressed over the next 22 years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the other five community committees submit a similar report;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that similar results are found in all the community committees that the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture develop city-wide priorities and recommendations and hold a Council workshop to address the above for the 1991-1996 Capital Budgets.

Referred to the Committee on
Protection, Parks and Culture.