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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

COUNCIL MEETING June 10/74

Re: Dishes in Community Centres
(Item 22, Report No. 22, March 11, 1974)
(Item 11, Report No. 29, April 16, 1974)

Council on April 16, 1974 referred a report on the removal of dishes from Community Centres to the Parks and Recreation Commission for study and comment. Attached is a report containing information on the deliberations that the Commission made on this matter when it was considered on May 15, 1974.

As stated in the reports that were considered by Council on March 11 and April 16, 1974, "the Health Department has no objection to use of dishes and cutlery in these Centres, provided that these eating utensils are in good condition and properly washed, sanitized and stored". In summary, it is the Health Department's opinion that the provision of permanent or single service (throw away) utensils and dishes is a policy matter that is within the purview of the Parks and Recreation Commission; if permanent utensils are provided, the Department will allow them to be washed and sanitized by either the using association or by the Parks and Recreation staff.

It is not quite correct in the attached report where the Secretary of the Commission notes that, under the Health Department Regulations, only the Parks and Recreation staff are allowed to wash dishes. The Health Department just wishes to ensure that the dishes are clean.

It is to be noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission has gone on record as not permitting the preparation of food in the particular facilities concerned and, therefore, the exhaust fans recommended by the Chief Public Health Inspector are not required.

This is for the information of Council as no further action is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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TO: MANAGER May 16, 1974.
FROM: PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
RE: DISHES IN COMMUNITY CENTRES
(Item 11, Report No. 29, April 16, 1974)

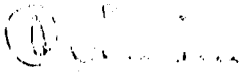
The above-noted report was received by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting of May 15, 1974.

The decision to remove dishes from the recreation centres was made following a cost analysis which indicated that the cost to provide the dishes and to clean them was excessive and an unwarranted subsidy. Most catering firms charge an additional 25¢ per person for the provision of all dishes, cutlery, etc. whereas the cost to the Parks and Recreation Department was estimated to be close to 50¢ per person. This was due in part to the fact that, under the Health Department regulations, only the Parks and Recreation staff were allowed to wash the dishes and several hours could elapse between the use of the dishes and the time the night janitor crew arrived to clean the building and wash the dishes. The removal of the dishes from the recreation centres has simplified the janitorial function significantly, resulting in a substantial reduction in the supervision required and the janitorial staff involved.

The kitchen facilities in all the recreation centres were designed and have always been considered as suitable for holding food for short periods, and for the dispersing of food. At no time was the preparation of food within the recreation centres considered. In view of this, the Commission does not feel it is necessary to install exhaust fans.

The installation of refrigerators in the kitchens of the recreation centres is a reasonable request for the short term storage of dairy products, etc. for banquets. As the Commission has decided to eliminate the refreshment booths at the outdoor pools, three refrigerators will be available for installation in three of the recreation centres.

The above comments are submitted for the information of Council.


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