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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 42

COUNCIL MEETING 1983 06 13

RE: LETTER FROM LINDSAY McDONNELL, CHAIRMAN, CPMA, MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS
3651 LYNNDALE CRESCENT, BURNABY, B.C., V5A 3S5
CENTURY PARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL FOR THE HART MANSION
5055 SPERLING AVENUE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1983 June 07

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 10.382

SUBJECT: CENTURY PARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL FOR THE HART MANSION -
5055 SPERLING AVENUE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the feasibility and implications of the proposal by the Century Park Museum Association Board for the use and operation of the Hart Mansion be considered by Municipal Staff and the Board as part of the Heritage Village Museum Master Plan presently underway.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the C.P.M.A. Board of Directors.
3. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for its concurrence.

SUMMARY:

The Century Park Museum Association has proposed to restore the Hart Mansion to its original appearance and furnish it in the style of the period. Staff believe that there is considerable merit in such a proposal if appropriately developed and managed. This report recommends that Staff explore with the Board the feasibility and implications of such a proposal as part of the Heritage Village Museum Master Plan presently underway.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the Council Agenda is a letter dated 1983 June 01 from the Century Park Museum Board of Directors proposing to restore the Hart (Moore/Riley) Mansion to its original appearance and furnished in the style of the period. It is also proposed that the Mansion which would be adjacent to the Museum's property be open to visitors for an admission charge under the Museum's administration.

Council will recall that it approved a restaurant proposal call for the Mansion. In response to the proposal call, Council approved Municipal Staff to work with George Frankel and Associates to further develop their restaurant proposal. Mr. Frankel then decided not to proceed with the project.

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During the past month two other parties have given serious consideration to submitting a restaurant proposal for the Mansion. They have both now advised that they will not be proceeding with a formal submission.

It would appear that this cautious approach by restaurateurs is a result of the present economic climate and the high number of restaurant failures.

A suitable restaurant as a major public focus in Deer Lake Park has been considered to be the best long term use for the Hart property. In that this proposal does not seem to be feasible at this time, the concept of restoring the Mansion in the manner proposed by the C.P.M.A. Board has considerable merit as an alternative use. Such a use is appropriate if developed and managed will ensure that the principle of maintaining the Hart property as a major public focus and public use facility in Deer Lake Park can be maintained.

The Planning and Building Inspection Staff are presently working with the Heritage Village Museum Staff and the C.P.M.A. Board in preparing a Master Plan for the Museum. It is recommended that the feasibility and implications of the C.P.M.A. Board's proposal for the Hart Mansion be considered as part of the Master Plan process presently underway.


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Director Recreation & Cultural services
Municipal Solicitor
Director Heritage Village Museum