## PARKS & RECREATION COMMUTTEE

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held in the Wilson Centre at 5:00pm, on Wednesday August 29, 1990.

In attendance was Alderman Mike Gates and Alderman George Laking.

Also in attendance was Larry J. Wheeler, Acting Parks and Recreation Director. Alete McInnis, Program Coordinator-Seniors, Nick Schroeder, Jack Blowers and Lorraine Hogg of the Seniors Advisory Board, present for item number one only. Jane Reeve, representing Boy Scouts of Canada was present for item number two only.

Item No. 1

#### O.A.P.O Request

Representatives from the Wilson Centre Advisory Board and a staff representative from the Seniors area met with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the requests received from the Old Age Pensioners Organization. Alderman Gates indicated that he was on holidays when the Wilson Centre Advisory Board met with Committee of Council to discuss this issue. Therefore, he would like to hear their comments first hand.

The Advisory Board outlined their concerns related to the requests received from the O.A.P.O. In general terms, the concerns were centered around the following:

- The O.A.P.O. already receives many services and considerations that other non-profit organizations in the City do not receive (ie. guaranteed space for monthly meetings, access to kitchen, etc.)
- 2) The O.A.P.O. is one of many senior citizen groups that could have chapters in Port Coquitlam. In fact, we could end up with more than one O.A.P.O. chapter in Port Coquitlam (ie. Maple Ridge has seven). If we provide a large number of benefits to one outside non-profit seniors organization; then others will expect similar treatment.

**Recommendations:** 

- 1. That the delegation be received.
- 2. And that staff prepare an additional report on this subject and bring it back to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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Item No. 2

#### Boy Scouts of Canada

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Jane Reeve was in attendance to discuss the Boy Scouts request for free use of City facilities. Jane indicated that she felt that the Boy Scouts of Canada were a worthwhile youth organization and should be supported by the City. Prior to July 1, 1990, the only support provided by the City to the group was "free" use of City meeting room facilities.

As a note School District #43 has established a tiered fee system that results in the charges being waived for weekday use of school facilities by the Boy Scouts. The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the fact that our revamped fees and charges policy (proposed in Master Plan) when developed will quite likely address the need for reduced rentals for certain organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

#### Recommendations:

- 1. That the delegations be received.
- 2. That the facility rental charges for the Boy Scouts of Canada (Port Coquitlam troupes) use of meeting rooms be waived for the remainder of the year, or until such time that a revised fees and charges policy is approved.
- 3. That this item be referred to Committee of Council for review.

**Carried** 

Item No. 3

b. 3 Chess Club-Request for Free Facility Use

The attached report from the Acting Parks and Recreation Director was reviewed.

#### Recommendation:

To approve the recommendation in the report.

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## **Rogers** Cable

The attached information report from the Acting Parks and Recreation Director was discussed.

Recommendation:

That the attached information report be received.

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Item No. 5

# Carried

The attached report from the Acting Parks and Recreation Director was reviewed.

# Recommendation:

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Terry Fox Run

- 1. To approve the recommendation in the report.
  - That this recommendation be taken to Council.

Carried

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

M. Gates, Chairman

war Larry J. Wheeler, Secretary

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June 6, 1990	COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
TO:	Ron Freeman, City Clerk/Deputy City Administrator
FROM:	K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT:	O.A.P.O. (May 30, 1990 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting)
	Committee Meeting)

Recommendations

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- 1) That the O.A.P.O. be encouraged to use a City facility, when available, for their monthly executive meeting.
- 2) The O.A.P.O. be permitted to use the available coffee mugs, and dishwasher, except in the case of their function being catered by an outside organization.
- 3a) That the number of fund raising events, sponsored by the O.A.P.O. in the Wilson Centre, not exceed two a year.
- 3b) That the minimal rental rate be charged for their events.3c) That if they wished.
- 3c) That if they wished rental rates to be waived, that a request
   be brought forth to the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- 4) The O.A.P.O. should not be permitted access to the Wilson Centre for the purposes of hosting social functions or recreation programs. Instead, program suggestions should be referred to the Wilson Centre Advisory Board or Wilson Centre Staff.

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#### MEMORANDUM

May 28, 1990

TO: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Issues Raised by the Old Age Pensioners' Organization

#### Summary:

The Old Age Pensioners Organization forwarded a letter to the members of City Council raising a number of issues that are concerning them. These issues are clouded by a perceived conflict between the role of the O.A.P.O. and the role of the Wilson Centre Advisory Board. Once these roles have been clearly defined (for our purposes) the resolution of these issues becomes fairly straight forward.

#### Recommendation:

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It is recommended that:

- 1) That the O.A.P.O. be encouraged to use a City facility, when available, for their monthly executive meeting, and that;
- 2) The O.A.P.O. be permitted to use the available coffee mugs, and dishwasher, except in the case of their function being catered by an outside organization, and that;
- 3) The O.A.P.O. be permitted to hold fund mising functions in the Wilson Centre following the same guidelines (i.e. rental, etc.) that other non-profit organizations follow when accessing City-owned facilities, and that;
  - The O.A.P.O. should not be permitted access to the Wilson Centre for the purposes of hosting social functions or recreation programs. Instead, program suggestions should be referred to the Wilson Centre Advisory Board or Wilson Centre Staff.

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#### Purpose/Problem:

The purpose of this report is to provide information and a number of recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding a number of issues raised in a letter received from the Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Port Coquitlam Branch No. 21).

#### Background Information:

The Old Age Pensioners' Organization (O.A.P.O.) submitted a letter to the members of City Council outlining a number of issues they would like addressed. Some of these issues have been bantered around for a number of years, while others have been previously resolved, but, obviously, not to the satisfaction of the O.A.P.O. executive. Much of the confusion seems to indirectly revolve around a perceived conflict between the role of the O.A.P.O. and the role of the Wilson Centre Association. In fact, these two organizations have two very different mandates.

The O.A.P.O. is a non-profit organization, with branches all over Canada, which has a mandate to improve/protect the quality of life (recreation, housing, medical care, transportation, etc.) of pensioners. In this role, they lobby various levels of government to promote this quality of life and to affect change. In as much, the O.A.P.O. is not mandated to be involved in the direct provision of service.

The Wilson Centre Advisory Board was created by City Council to assist city staff with identifying the recreation service needs of the seniors in Port Coquitlam. In this role, they are directly involved in the provision of recreation services.

#### Issues:

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Each issue raised in the attached letter will be discussed briefly following:

PLACE TO HOLD MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETING The O.A.P.O. would like to meeting monthly at the Wilson Centre so that they do not need to continue meeting at Dogwood Manor. Although, we would not normally permit an "outside" organization to meet in the Wilson Centre, the O.A.P.O's request has previously been considered because of the important role they play for many Wilson Centre members. It is my understanding that the offer for the O.A.P.O. to use the Wilson Centre as a meeting place has previously been made on the condition that the facility is available. Programs take priority. The Young Room and Terry Fox Library have also been offered as alternatives, again subject to availability.

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## USE OF WILSON CENTRE'S COFFEE CUPS AND DISHWASHER

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The O.A.P.O. would like to utilize the Wilson Centre coffee cups during their general meetings and use the commercial dishwasher. It is my understanding that both of these have previously been offered to the O.A.P.O. In fact, we supply the cream. The exceptions are we do not have enough coffee cups (at present) to serve an entire general meeting. And the tea cups are too fragile. In addition, we ask the O.A.P.O. not to use the dishwasher when they are using a commercial caterer (i.e. Christmas Dinner).

## FUND RAISING

The O.A.P.O. needs to hold several fund raising events per year to ensure they are able to finance their "business". We recognize this need and have tried to support their efforts in a variety of ways. For example, the Wilson Centre Advisory Board has not got involved in selling Senior Lottery tickets, so that the O.A.P.O. may obtain all revenues. A recent example, the O.A.P.O. was invited to host the bingo on May Day weekend as a fund raiser. However, if their fund raising effort involved using the Wilson Centre (or part thereof), we would need to charge the appropriate rental rate. This way, we are treating them in a manner consistent with how we treat other non-profit organizations holding fund raisers in other City owned facilities. An option that may be worth exploring is to hold a joint fund raising event with the Wilson Centre Advisory Board.

# SOCIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS

The O.A.P.O. would like to be able to sponsor a couple of social events/programs each year for their members. Although, it may be questioned as to whether this objective is within their mandate; we have never discouraged them from accessing one of our rental facilities for their social program. However, we have discouraged the O.A.P.O. from using the Wilson Centre for such a purpose. Our preference is that if the O.A.P.O. membership perceives a shortcoming in our recreation program offering then they should bring it to the attention of the Advisory Board or Wilson Centre staff.

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# SUPPORT FOR O.A.P.O. ACTIVITIES

The O.A.P.O. currently use the Wilson Centre for a number of their business activities.

Once a month they use our large multi-purpose hall at no charge for their general meeting.

They provide coffee (a collection is taken). We provide cream at no charge.

Once per year they sponsor a Christmas dinner for O.A.P.O. members. O.A.P.O. members pay for the meal. We provide the hall, tables, etc. at no charge.

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Once per year, the O.A.P.O. hold a picnic for the seniors in Port Coquitlam. Participants are charged a small fee to attend.

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We provide the arena at no charge
We take names
In addition, we provide a fair amount of indirect support by referring calls, forwarding messages, providing O.A.P.O. with space on the bulletin board etc.

## Conclusion:

Quite often there is a perceived conflict between the mandate of the O.A.P.O. and the Wilson Centre Advisory Board. This perception tends to cloud otherwise simple issues. Resolving most of the identified issues becomes fairly straight forward once there is a clear understanding of the mandate of each organization and how they might inter-relate.

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## MEMORANDUM

August 29, 1990	
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TO:	Parks & Recreation Committee
FROM:	Larry J. Wheeler, Acting Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT:	Chess Club - Request for Free Facility Use

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parks & Recreation Committee deny the request received from the Chess Club for free use of the Young Room.

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#### Purpose/Problem:

The purpose of this report is to provide information and a recommendation for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding a request received from the Chess Club for free facility usage.

## **Background of Problem:**

The Port Coquitlam Chess Club was started in 1972 by Mr. Svend Nielsen. In recent years, the Club has been meeting in the Young Room once per week for 2-3 hours per night.

On August 23, 1990 I met with Mr. Svend Nielsen from the Chess Club regarding our new fee schedule. He had concerns regarding the fee schedule, and indicated that he would not continue to "run" the club if this fee was implemented. As a result, he is concerned that the Chess Club will "fold".

## Analysis of the Problem:

It is my understanding that the Club has 18-20 active members (predominately adult) and about 8-12 members show up on an average night. At \$5.00 per hour to rent the Young Room, the cost per participant per night would be approximately \$1.00 - \$2.00. Mr. Nielsen has indicated that he is not prepared to discuss paying this fee with the membership. Collecting the fee is too much work and he would prefer to let the club "fold".

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It is worth noting that the Chess Club's weekly facility use is not for "business meeting" purposes. Therefore, they should have been paying our "B" rental rate all along.

# **Options Considered:**

Three solutions have been evaluated:

**Disadvantage**:

- Waive the rental fee for the Chess Club. 1.
- Deny the request from the Chess Club. 2. 3.
- Propose an alternate solution.
- Waive the rental fee for the Chess Club. 1. Solution: The Parks and Recreation Committee support the request and recommend City Council waive the rental fee for the Chess Club. Advantage: The Chess Club would continue to provide a service in our community. Other organizations would request and Disadvantage: expect similar treatment. Deny the request from the Chess Club. 2. The Parks and Recreation Committee Solution: would follow the policy as adopted and not waive facility rental fees. Advantage: The fees and charges policy would be implemented in a consistent manner. The Chess Club could "fold". Disadvantage: Propose an alternate solution. 3. The Parks and Recreation Committee Solution: could compromise and provide an alternate solution such as phasing a fee in. A certain sensitivity to the "needs" of the Chess Club would be demonstrated and Advantage:

the club may continue to operate.

The Chess Club may still "fold". Other clubs and organizations could request and expect similar treatment.

**Conclusions:** 

Because the Chess Club is using the facility to play chess and should have been charged for the facility all along, and because the fees and charges should be implemented in a consistent fashion and because the fee does not appear to create an overwhelming burden, it is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Committee deny the request.

## Additional Information:

A letter received from Svend Nielsen is attached for your reference.

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DEAR LARRY

RE. OUR MEETING AUGUST 23-1990.

We DISCUSSED YOUR NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE YOUNG ROOM.

AS REPRESENTIVE FOR POCO CHESS CLUB I AM ASKING YOU TO WAIVE ANY FEE FOR OUR CLUB. I SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE,

IN 1912 I TOOK INITIATIVE TO START POCO CHESS (LA TOGETHER WITH OTER ACTIVE MEMBERS I HAVE BEEN RUNNING THE CLUB SINCE THEN,

WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS ACCUMMILATED CHESS SETS BORDS AND CHESS CLOCKS WORTH \$ 400, IN ADDITION WE HAVE AN EXSTENSIVE LIBRARY OF BOOKS AND MACAZINE PARTLY BOUGHTAND PART DONATED.

WE FEEL WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS PROVIDED A SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO BELIEVE WE WILL BE DEFUNCT IF A FEE IS BEAND IMPOSED ON US. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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## MEMORANDUM

August 29, 1990

TO:	Parks and Recreation Committee
FROM:	Larry J. Wheeler, Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT:	Rogers Cable Proposal

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report regarding the proposal from Rogers Cable be accepted as information only.

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#### Purpose/Problem:

This report has been prepared to provide the Parks and Recreation Committee with some general information regarding a verbal proposal received from Rogers Cable to construct a television platform in the new arena.

#### Background:

On August 28, 1990 I met with Mr. Robert Johnston from Rogers Cable 4-Fraser. Rogers Cable is proposing to building a 6' x 6' platform approximately 10' (minimum) off the ground to permit better camera placement when televising Junior "B" hockey games. They would like to place the camera at center ice on the side of the new arena where the players benches are located.

Rogers Cable is interested in establishing what steps need to be taken and what design criteria need to be met to see this project come to fruition.

#### Additional Information:

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# Summary/Conclusion:

Rogers Cable is proposing to construct a television platform in the new arena. There may be an opportunity to develop a joint project that may result in the construction of a television platform, announcement booth, and small storage area.

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MEMORANDUM

August 29, 1990

TO:	Parks & Recreation Committee
FROM:	Larry J. Wheeler, Acting Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT:	Terry Fox Hometown Run

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City of Port Coquitlam assist the Kinsmen by waiving all facility rental fees for the Terry Fox Hometown Run.

It is further recommended that the City make every effort to accommodate all other requests, outlined in their attached letter.

## Purpose/Problem:

The purpose of this report is to review the request for assistance received from the Kinsmen regarding the Terry Fox Run and provide a recommendation for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

# History/Background:

The Terry Fox Hometown Rum has been set for Sunday, September 16, 1990. In the past, the City of Port Coquitlam has worked in cooperation with event organizers to ensure that the "Hometown Run" is a success.

The proposed format for the event is similar to recent years.

#### Alternatives:

There are several alternatives available for the Committee's consideration:

- Assist the Kinsmen with the Terry Fox Run as requested.
- \* Decline the request from the Kinsmen to assist with the Terry Fox Hometown Run.
- Agree to provide assistance in some areas and not in others.

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# Discussion/Justification:

The majority of the requests outlined including the request to waive rental fees have been accommodated in previous years.

Although we have been making every effort to reduce the number of free facility rentals, it would seem unreasonable, at this time, to discontinue our practise of supporting the Hometown Run. The remainder of the requests are relatively easy to accommodate provided that the necessary material/resources are available.

# Summary/Conclusion:

The Kinsmen have requested the City of Port Coquitlam's assistance with facilitating the 1990 "Hometown Run". The majority of the requests have been accommodated in previous years and can again be accommodated provided the necessary resources are available.

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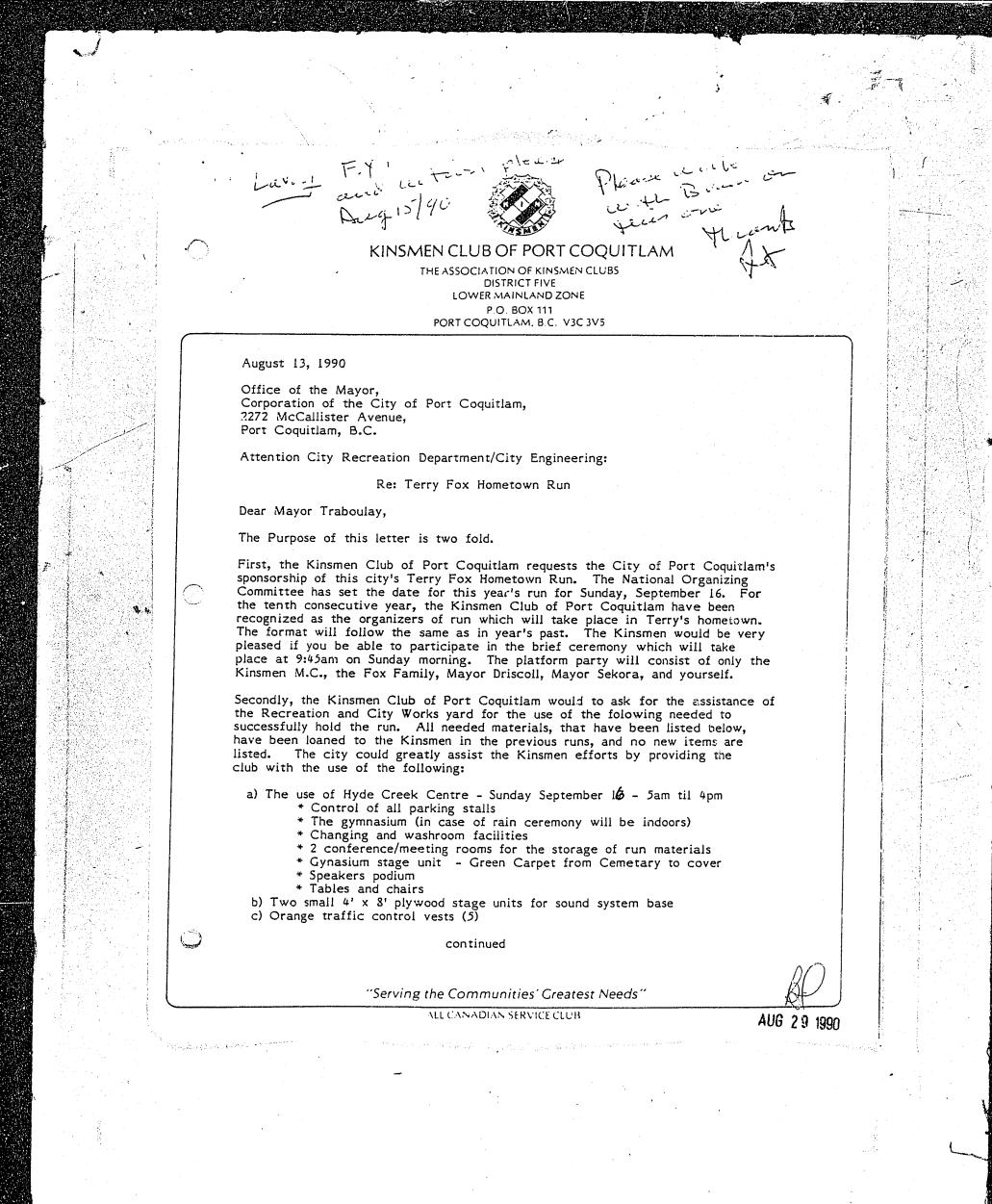
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d) Stop & Go hand held signs

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e) May Day Canada Flags
f) Washroom Facilities at Cedar & McLean Parks 10am til 3pm
g) Traffic Barracades (12) Traffic Cones (100)
h) MCDERATE POLICE SUPERVISION (\*9:45am til 12pm)
i) Ceremonial roop belders (12)

i) MODERATE FOLICE SUPERVISION (\*7:4) and in 12pm)
i) Ceremonial rope holders (12)
j) Rope
k) Extra garbage cans for Hyde Creek Center and Water Stations (10)
l) Hand-held blowhorn speakers (2)

m) Centennial & Shaugh/Pitt Rr. Rd. land for promotion signs

For ten years the Kinsmen Club of Port Coquitlam has been very proud to host the Terry Fox Hometown Run in which all funds raised went to the Terry Fox Fund for Cancer Research. With the continued support from the City of Port Coquitlam we will be able to continue this fine tradition.

Sincerely yours,

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Derrick Hill, Chairman Terry Fox Hometown Run 1990, 3069 Glen Drive, Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 2P8 Home Phone: 941-9812

Copies sent to: City Recreation Department Al Williams - Parks Foreman, City Yard



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