



Carnegie abolishes the generation gap

"I am really struck by the deep concern that people at Carnegie show for children."

That was the reaction of Joyce Catliff, head of the Vancouver City Planning Commission after sitting through last Thursday's FOCUS meeting on Goals for Vancouver. Over sixty Carnegie users cast their votes for the future of the downtown eastside and the city as a whole.

Of all the categories, those involving children got the most votes. These included:

- * subsidized daycare
- * traffic safety & drug education for kids
- * job creation and services for young people
- * no more hungry kids
- * free access for kids to all city programs

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May the NU^MbeRs
be WITH You! -



It should come as no surprise that Carnegie people, the majority of whom are single and older, care about kids. At a public meeting here about a year ago, devoted to park planning, people put a wading pool, climbing bars for kids, a new gym and stick hockey court for teenagers at the top of their

'wish-list' for the neighbourhood. And at the first FOCUS meeting in February, Carnegie people said that they wanted Oppenheimer Park fixed up.

Thursday's meeting was a success. As another of the Planning Commission, Jean Swanson, said: "Other communities could learn a lot from you. There were many intelligent suggestions, nobody hogged the mike." She said that the commission would include our suggestions in their report.

A total of 33 goals were named covering everything from improvements in welfare rates to more green spaces and gardens, to street safety and air pollution and support and job-training for prostitutes.

The voting was done by placing stars next to each suggestion. The voting sheets are now on display on the first floor near the info desk.



BINGO!



Good News!! Victoria has approved a Bingo license for use at Carnegie. This means that the popular Wednesday night event in the Theatre can start again as soon as we can get a team of volunteers together. So, if you want to help out, get in touch with Val Kalk, Carnegie's volunteer co-ordinator,

While we're on the subject, the Carnegie Bingo at Star Bingo Hall on East Hastings is doing very well. In fact, it's one of the biggest money-makers for the Carnegie Community Centre Association. In less than three months since it was started by Muggs Sigurgeirson, the Star Bingo events have brought in \$7,800 - clear!

At this rate, the association debt will be paid off very soon.

YOU SAID IT

Some time ago, Vancouver City Council approved the allocation of almost \$700,000 to renovate Carnegie and asked that suggestions come from here as to how it should be done. The initial request was made to accommodate out growing population..with better services and more, diverse programs - by redesigning the interior of the Centre. Everyone agrees that we need more space and ways to better utilize what's here now.

FOCUS, recently formed by members and users of Carnegie, held a public meeting on March 1st and got many ideas and suggestions for improvements. The next step was to launch a comprehensive survey to ask everybody using Carnegie: What do YOU want?

The goal was to conduct interviews with 250 people, asking them what is - 1) Very Important, 2) Important, and 3) not so important.

The areas and their current uses were listed in a column and each person used this simple rating system. To further clarify, the answers were two-part: What's best for Carnegie as a whole; what's most important to you as a member/user.

At the bottom of each survey form was the \$700,000 question: "How would you spend money to make changes in Carnegie?"

This got the most creative & personal ideas on what each person thought would be "real nice to see".

The survey was conducted between Monday the 16th and Sunday the 22nd of March. Now, the results will be tallied and the results made public at the next FOCUS meeting on Sunday, April 5th.

City Hall has been waiting for months to get our input on the future of Carnegie, so come out on the 5th and help give them our best ideas!

You said it!!!



BRAVO!

You're Invited

PUBLIC MEETING ON

APRIL 5th

SUNDAY, 7:00 pm., THEATRE

FOCUS

OH, YEAH.

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