Aquarium holds first Open House on expansion plans Sep, 29 2006 - 12:30 AM

VANCOUVER/CKNW(AM980) - The Vancouver Aquarium has held it's first public open house on it's expansion plans.

Despite opposition from some animal rights groups, the public seemed to like what they saw. People moved through a room full of artist drawings and information charts at the vancouver library. Most seemed to like the proposal to build more whale pools and expand the Aquarium by as much as 50 percent, "Actually, I think its great. It uses up space that's really dead right now."

"It has to be updated. It's fifty years old now."

"I think the only way people learn to love and care for animals is if they can get close and have a contact with them."

Four animal rights groups want the public to ask the Park Board to hold a referendum on the issue.