

Area D Parks Commission AGM Minutes

Bench School, Cowichan Bay

January 17,2011

Meeting called to order : 6:10 p.m.

Present: Lori Iannidinardo, Kerrie Talbot, Stephen Garnett, Bruce Clarke, Val Townsend

Regrets: Megan Stone

Commission Business

Elections (Donna Einarsson)

1. Appointed for two year term until Dec. 31, 2012: Kerrie Talbot and Megan Stone
2. Elected for two year term until Dec. 31, 2012: Bruce Clarke, Stephen Garnett, Val Townsend, Roger Southern, Dave Nisbet
Moved by Stephen Garnett; seconded by Bruce Clarke. Carried

Minutes from last meeting (November 15, 2010) Passed.

New Business

1. Expansion of Bench School Playground: Tanya Froese, a parent from the Bench School PAC, gave a presentation about expanding the playground for greater usage by the community including making adaptations for children with special needs. PAC has put aside \$14,000 to install playground by June 2012. They have already put \$5000 towards equipment. They are working with RECTECH Co. in Vancouver and are looking at accessibility grants (eg. Using recycled materials). Tanya will get specific quotes and get back to Commission. This information will be given to the CVRD, with the possibility of working in partnership. New signage would also be needed for playground (24/7). A request will also be made from PAC, Commission, and Highways.
2. Maritime Centre "Heritage Parks" display: We agreed to providing storyboard ideas to Suzan LaGrove at the Maritime Centre by Feb. 18. Kerrie has a lead. CVRD and T.W. Patterson (local historian) are other possible sources.
3. Update on Coverdale Watson Park: Regulation sized tennis courts have been finished with proper surface and fencing. Surface will be curing over the next year and then used for multi-court activities. Request was made for gatekeeper to lock up tennis court AND park gate.
4. Trail connects: Seaside Rd., Deighton Rd., extension to Sparwood. Pond at Polo Rd. still needs to be named. New trail is proposed from Longwood to Deighton Rd. The purpose of this trail construction project is to connect beach paths and get people off the busy roads. Two trails have been allocated at the Park Place subdivision, but nothing has been yet made official. There is a strong need to make this official before more

construction. Glen Rd. was originally designed for trails 35 years ago, but there is strong resistance from present owners.

5. Other projects:

- The Landing's strata committee has requested that CVRD work in partnership with them to beautify the corner of Wilmot and Cowichan Bay Rd. Ron Cook and Dave Ego are the contacts.
- Fisherman's Wharf (Federal Government) has 70 new slips in place. 24 parking spots are proposed.
- Hayes log dump is proposed as part of Parks.
- OCP is still doing survey (new deadline Feb. 15)
- Master plan needs to be ratified.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting on Feb. 21, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Bench School