

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
Maritime Museum
April 19, 2010

Meeting called to order: 1808

Present: Steve Garnett, Kerrie Talbot, Val Townsend, Megan Stone, Lori Iannidinardo
Guest Presenters: Alison Nicholson, Sarah Davies-Long

Minutes from last meeting (March 15, 2010):

Approved

Presentation

Re: The Hub, Area E (Cowichan Station / Glenora)

1. Proposal for a multipurpose facility @ the old Cowichan Station Elementary School location, meant to be the The Hub of the community. Priority: youth programs, café, green building, community garden, gym and theatre etc. It's called The Hub because its goal is to reduce the amount of travel that people of the community have to make for services, and thereby reducing their carbon footprint.
2. District D and E are neighbours, so it would benefit both communities to have mutual communication and connections.
3. Motion (by Kerrie): in favour of supporting The Hub; to connect our communities with off road walking trails. Motion seconded by Val. All in favour.

New Business

1. The Tug in front of the Maritime Museum needs to be moved and it has been offered to Parks. Maritime Center will front the costs to move & install. Do we want it for a climbing structure? Or as an historical artifact acknowledging Cowichan Bay's logging history (installed near old booming grounds)? Questions to investigate: How do they want it maintained? Will the Museum help Parks to maintain it? How much is it to maintain? Will it go by the boat launch? Or booming grounds?
2. Coverdale Watson: survey of community needs to be done to help influence the design of the court. Steve to make brochure before Townhall meeting to a) ask for community feedback b) invite the local area to the townhall

3. Waterline Vandalism: water was spewing in Coverdale Watson park. Lori and Kerrie to find out the contact person on these occasions.

Ongoing Business

1. Blue Heron Sign: all agreed to do this year. Will also do multi-sport court at Wilmot Park.
2. Kerrie to communicate with Brian Farquar for an update of what parks and trails are in this area.
3. Summer Student Projects: (1) Sparwood trail: students to fix the stairs that are washed away and missing bottom step (2) Deighton Rd Trail: we need a permit to construct, and then it needs to be surveyed. Students can help to do rough clearing (3) Tom Bannister Park to Polo Field: students can make the trail (4) Help with Coverdale Watson survey
4. April 28th, 9am: site meeting at corner of Wilmot and Cowichan Bay Rd. Lori to confirm
5. May 8th workshop information has been emailed
6. May 6th, 9:30am: Hof Park Annual clean up + presentation re: invasive species

Next Meeting on May 17, 2010, at Bench School, at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 19:55