

Area D Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Bench School

Monday, October 18, 2010

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

Present: Steve Garnett, Lori Iannidinardo, Megan Stone, Kerrie Talbot, Val Townsend

Apologies: Bruce Clarke

Minutes from last meeting (September 20)

- Approved

South Cowichan Parks Commission Update

- Church renovation was adopted at the last meeting. Church will be put on foundation, hall removed, and park-like grounds set up. Discussion still pending as to location of washrooms. The maximum amount CVRD directors from 4 areas can contribute is \$62,000. Our commission has requested that budget stay at \$50,000.
- Still under discussion if Bright Angel Park should be a regional park or under portfolio of South Cowichan Parks Commission. This is a park with enormous potential, but also in need of extensive updates and maintenance.

Budget Priorities

- Can we use money in the general reserve fund for updating playground structures in the future? Kerrie will ask Brian F. and will also email Megan's email discussion to Brian.

10/10/10 plantings

- Trees were planted - need to be maintained. Lori gave Jane cages for trees for deer protection. Can we request funding for irrigation for Coverdale Watson? Hecate Park already has it. What would be the cost? It was a great planting day with lots of public participation. Kerrie will add our concerns for protection and irrigation to Brian's email.

Coverdale Watson upgrades

- Machinery has arrived and new tennis court is under construction.

Hecate Park Name

- Has been brought to our attention that the ship, Hecate, for which the park is named, has negative connotations to the First Nations People. Megan made the motion that the topic needs to be researched more and that Tribes be asked for input. Seconded by Steve. Passed.

Tribute Tree

- Lori wants to plant a fig tree at Hecate Park, near the boat launch, as a tribute tree to Mara Jernigan, a chef at Fairburn Farm and President of Cittaslow, who has recently moved to Victoria. A planting group needs to be arranged.

Memorial Benches

- Graham Gidden is surveying benches.

Parking lot pathway and Pritchard Rd. drain

- Still underway
- Note that no walkways are being added to new development on Cowichan Bay Rd. as initially promised (???)

Christmas party

- Scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Kerry Park for Commission Park volunteers and guests.

Next meeting- November 15 @6 p.m. Bench School