



Minutes of the Meeting of Area E Parks Commission

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at Sathlam Firehall

Present: Alison Nicholson (Area E Director), Patti John, Gretchen Hartley, Francine O'Brien, Frank McCorkell, Gregg Shoop, Howard Heyd, Mike Lees, Irene Evans. Apologies: Paul Slade.

Commission members gathered at Sunrise Park at 6:30 p.m. and then gone on to Wake Lake and Currie Parks to be acquainted with the major park facilities in the Sathlam area. After an overview from Mike of the water resources available to the local firefighters, the meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda – It was agreed the meeting would elect a chairperson, appoint a secretary, discuss liason with the community and items of other business.

Election of a Chairperson – Frank McCorkell and Gregg Shoop were nominated. Following discussion by the remaining members, Frank was asked to continue as chairperson and Gregg to act as vice-chairperson. Frank and Gregg agreed.

Appointment of Secretary – Gregg Shoop offered to act as secretary for the meeting. Members agreed.

Community Liason – The Director spoke to the idea that each commission member be identified with one or more parks as the primary contact person for the purpose of liasing with the public. After discussion it was agreed that Francine and Alison would initiate community liason regarding Sunrise Park.

Other Business –

1. Glenora Trailhead Park – It was agreed to continue the observation of an annual 'appreciation day' in August or September and to use the opportunity to publicize the CVRD parks master plan and seek feed-back. It was further agreed to make funds of up to \$700 available for refreshments at this event. No decision was made concerning paving the parking area but it was agreed that a sandbox and slide should be added to the playground. Members were informed that the caretaker's contract had been terminated with effect in late July of this year.
2. Eagle Heights – It was agreed that the 25 closest neighbours be surveyed concerning the possible removal and replacement of two mature fir trees of concern to adjacent residents.
3. Currie Park – The commission agreed to ask CVRD staff to look into the cost of installing a septic tank and flush toilet. The commission further agreed to a request from Mike for \$300 to purchase food for an 'appreciation day' to be held in late July.
4. Invasive Species – The commission recommended that funds be made available for an inventory and plan of action regarding invasive plants in Area E.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.