

Meeting Minutes
South Commission Parks Commission
Sept. 15, 2008
Arbutus Ridge Boardroom

Members Present:

Chairperson: Ian Sparshu – Cobble Hill
Gerry Giles – Area Director - Cobble Hill
Mike Tansley – Area Director – Cowichan Bay
Lynn Wilson – Cobble Hill
Secretary: Margaret Symon – Shawnigan

Brian Farquhar – CVRD

Meeting opened 7.15 pm.

Minutes of June/08 meeting adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

South Cowichan Community Dog Park

- Review of costs incurred to date:
 - estimated <\$15,000 accrued costs
 - \$5,000 donation from Rotary Club
 - <\$10,000 from CVRD (due to large input of volunteer/donated labour/materials)
- Discussion for improvements:
 - lighting
 - multi-use water fountain
 - addition of small dog area

Gerry Giles noted that many dog park users are very pleased with the facility.
- Community's viewpoint:

Gerry Giles moved:
That a questionnaire be circulated to enquire about any additional amenities at the S.C.C. Dog Park
MOTION CARRIED
- Smoking – general discussion about smoking at the dog park (and other parks)

Gerry Giles moved:
To post the S.C.C. Dog Park entry gate and shelter with no-smoking signage (to the effect that butts are not healthy for dogs and other creatures)
MOTION CARRIED
- Turf replacement for grass area
Ian Sparshu moved:
To have turf placed in a 10x20 area (with volunteer labour)
MOTION CARRIED

Cowichan Bay Boat Launch

- Discussion about improvements:
 - hedge works well – needs little maintenance (planted maples were vandalized)
 - next steps: cut down curbs, interpretive signage, wheelchair paths

Historic Cemetery and Church Property (Mill Bay)

- Brian Farquhar reviewed the report outlining requirements and costs of upgrades
- Discussion about values, future usage, appropriate level of community input/funding
- Gerry Giles moved:
To undertake a visioning exercise with the community to determine potential uses and that necessary work be undertaken to preserve the structure
MOTION CARRIED
- Margaret Symon recommended that seniors from the Sylvan United Church congregation be included in the visioning exercise.

Budget Planning for 2009

- Brian Farquhar outlined the 2009 Community Parks Budget Planning
- Cost estimates for 2009:
 - Dog Park \$13,000
 - Church Property \$12,000-\$15,000
 - Boat Launch \$15,000 (pathways)
 - Cenotaph – Cobble Hill \$10,000

Meeting adjourned 9.10 pm.

Next meeting:

- Call of Chair.