

Area D Parks Commission

Monday, 18 February 2013
18:30 @ Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre

Present: Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Megan Stone, Dave Nisbet, Lori Iannidinaro, Bruce Clarke, Steve Garnett

Meeting called to order: 18:39

1. Minutes from Previous meeting: passed
2. New Business:
 - a) Motion: to accept the donation from the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre and Cowichan Land Trust of the Wildlife viewing Platform at Hecate Park. Motion passed.
 - b) Marine Gateway Site opening celebrations:
 - discussion around the name – Gateway is not a popular name
 - Sunday, April 21/ 2013 will be the official opening of the site
 - Motion: to support the opening by contributing up to \$500 to Cittaslow towards food & refreshments for their Pancake Breakfast that's happening in conjunction with the Gateway celebration & the Nature Centre's 1st Anniversary celebration. Motion passed.
 - c) Martin Family subdivision: Motion to accept the 5% cash in lieu. Motion passed
 - d) Kim Johannsen's proposed rezoning application at Cowichan Bay Rd at 4-Ways corner:
 - Motion: to request an off-road walking path constructed by Mr Johannsen to CVRD Parks standards along the border of Cowichan Bay Rd; a bench in the southern driveway constructed to CVRD Parks standards, with or without a plaque; a sign welcoming people to Cowichan Bay "A Cittaslow Community", constructed of wooden material, in the maritime theme, and in keeping with the theme established by the two other Cowichan Bay signs currently bordering the Village; Parks Commission would like to own the land where the bench and sign are situated. Motion: passed
 - e) Mill Bay Historic Church – update by Kerrie. There is a site visit for Parks Commission members on 23/Feb/2013 at 10:00. A decision needs to be made re: the next step in construction. Currently there is discussion re: accessible ramp landscaping or indoor utilities.
 - f) Request from a local resident to sponsor a bench (with a non memorial plaque) @ the Marine Gateway Site. The Commission likes the idea and recognizes that people – especially those with mobility issues– need a bench with a back & arms to be able to more easily lower and rise from the seat. Information has been forwarded to CVRD (Brian Farquhar). The Parks Commission recommends that the bench be constructed of natural material in keeping with the Gateway natural theme.

3. Ongoing Business:

- a) Re: Updating Coverdale Watson Park play structure: Need to construct a survey in order to see what the community wants to see in a play structure and amenities. Kerrie to discuss construction of questionnaire with CVRD staff. Steven to contact Cowichan Bay Fire Department to inquire if the Parks Commission can present the questionnaire at their Easter egg hunt event. Plan: hand out the survey to Falcon Crescent residents prior to Easter Egg Hunt event and then collect them at the Hunt. At the Hunt, Commission members will also be present to hand out surveys to Cowichan Bay Residents attending the Hunt and collect feedback.
- b) Wilmot Off Rd walking path: Kerrie to discuss creating a 2nd questionnaire with CVRD Parks staff to be presented at same time, and in same manner, as the Coverdale Watson survey. Lori to announce both surveys at next OCP meeting.
- c) Cowichan Bay Estates agricultural green space buffer from Koksilah Road to Wessex Ravine to be on the next agenda.

Next meeting 18 March 2013 @ 1830

Meeting adjourned @ 2005