

Area A Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting
March 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Regrets: Charley Boas, Greg Farley, and Roger Burgess

Additional attendees: Director Harrison
Guests: None

A. Minutes of March meeting: Agreed minutes from last meeting had not been distributed until Ocean Terrace review is completed and tabled for April meeting.

B. Continuing Business:

1. Role of Mill Bay Malahat Historical Society in local naming.

The Society has been invited to select names for Parks and Streets for approval and recommendation of Area A PRC. We will suggest names as well. They could provide us with a suitable "pool" of names from which to choose.

2. Ocean Terrace DPA:

The majority of the Commission plus Director Harrison and the applicant, Mark Wyatt, conducted a site visit on March 5, 2011.

The Commission feels that the Ocean Terrace plan presented at our February 17, 2011 meeting represents a substantial change from what was originally presented to the community in Spring 2006 in terms of parkland dedication, size and location of parks, the perceived inclusion of riparian area and highway buffer in the parkland dedication.

The following recommendations (as well as those contained in the minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting) are made to the Board:

- That the applicant is required to adhere closely to the original proposal presented to the community in a series of open houses and public hearings in Spring 2006. This proposal emphasized a community with minimal vehicle traffic and comprehensive pedestrian corridors and multiuse trails with connectivity to parks, neighbourhoods and potential retail area. The concept of Smart Growth was the cornerstone of the original plan.
- That a bridge be constructed across the ravine to join the trail network in the neighbouring development (Baranti and Sentinel Ridge) as discussed with the applicant at previous presentations to the Commission in Spring 2006, a subsequent site visit to the property and in keeping with the proposed Area A Parks and Trails Master Plan.

3. Whittaker Property:

This land had been identified as potential expansion to the Mill Bay Nature Park and has been so identified in the draft Area A Parks and Trails Master Plan. A site review has been made by the

Commission and we found that the land does not have high value as a possible park. **The Commission recommends to staff to remove the property from the Parks and Trails Master Plan.**

C. New Business:

1. Noted that Area A park acquisition fund has received \$69,000 from the Meredith Road development.
2. Please remember to email Roger Burgess regarding hat and t-shirt order.
3. The Commission members would like to have copies of CVRD maps including:
 - Current parks
 - Riparian areas
 - Current zoning
4. Mill Springs Tot Lot:
Park Phase One should be completed by the summer 2011. The children's play area will be constructed at a later date.
5. As a result of concerns about large-scale tree removal at the Ocean Terrace site before agreement on parkland is reached, **The Commission strongly supports the Board developing a tree protection by-law for Area A and research other tree protection by-laws in other communities in order to ensure that potential parkland can be protected from development and complete tree removal**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm