

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Clubhouse
March 21, 2011

Meeting called to order: 1806

Present: Kerrie Talbot, Roger Southern, Dave Nisbet, Bruce Clarke, Megan Stone, Lori Iannidinardo
Absent: Steve Garnett, Val Townsend

Minutes from last meeting (Feb 21, 2011)

Approved

Presentations

Ron Cook:

-represents local area group concerned about pedestrian safety at the corner of Wilmot and Cowichan Bay Rd. Wants to redesign the walkway so there is a safe walking trail. Action: Lori to contact Graham Gidden for his draft plan and estimate. Lori to send to MOT. Lori is meeting with Andy Newell and MOT this Thursday to go over the plan and reinforce the community's wish that this corner is made safer. Once MOT is onboard with the plan, Ron Cook and his community group will approach CBIA to ask for funds. Once all approved and costs are in place, Ron will return to the Parks Commission to ask for some funding. Motion: the Parks Commission believes this corner is dangerous and needs to be made safer for pedestrians. The Parks Commission supports moving forward with ameliorating this long standing issue. The Parks Commission also moves to request a permit to construct, from the MOT, for the corner of Wilmot Rd and Cowichan Bay Rd. Motion: Bruce. Motion carried.

Tanya Friese:

- president of PAC for Bench School. The PAC wants to expand its playground and make it wheelchair accessible. The PAC is requesting \$10000 in financial support from the Parks Commission. Parks originally supported this playground, financially, and is aware that the community uses this facility frequently. Plan: Kerrie to talk with CVRD to get updated budget so Commission able to determine amount that they are able to give. Action: The Parks Commission supports this request in principal and so supports the Area Director and Parks Commission Chair to decide the monetary amount to be given to the PAC, post budget discussion with the CVRD. The Commission also agrees the amount will be spread out over two years. The Chair will write a letter of support to the PAC by the end of April, including the funding amount that will be given.

Parks Commission's Response to Letters

1) Ron Austen - request for comment on City of Duncan's bylaw 2084 (Proposed Public Health Smoking Protection Bylaw):

- while the Parks Commission cannot support such a broad bylaw, we do support the notion of banning smoking in recreation areas and in bus shelters.

2) Ryan Dias – re: Park Place

a) we do not support “wildflowers” to be planted in this area unless species native to this area are used

b) Kerrie to talk with CVRD about our trail budget so we may construct a trail between Longwood Ravine Park and back of properties #1 - #14. Trail to include a split rail with chicken wire on the back so dogs are kept out of the ravine

c) construction of this trail to be fast-tracked as Parks wishes this to be built before the houses are constructed. Parks wishes this, as the walkway will act as a barrier and protection for the Ravine.

d) In an effort create a pathway from our new trail through to Waldy Rd, we request the CVRD Parks department to approach the property owner for lot #20768 (off Waldy Rd) for pathway access from lot #14 and #15 through to Waldy Rd.

Ongoing Business

Interpretive Centre: site meeting took place on March 14th.

Park Benches: Last email from CVRD stated the work was to be completed last week. Lori to email them again.

Meeting adjourned at 2220

Next Meeting on 18 April, 2011, at Bench School, at 6pm