

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
Bench School
May 17, 2010

Meeting called to order: 1818

Present: Steve Garnett, Kerrie Talbot, Val Townsend, Megan Stone, Lori Iannidinardo

Absent: Bruce Clarke

Minutes from last meeting (April 18, 2010)

Approved

Report on Recent Events

-general description of events and atmosphere at Low Tide Day and Spot Prawn Festival

New Business

1. Cherry Point Marina ~ potential rezoning/development: will ask for site visit at Marina with CVRD to go over proposals
2. Cees and Miep Hof sign repair: sign (on Cherry Pt Rd) to be fixed as per Tanya's email. A smaller version of beach sign and directions/map will be at top of trail on the Cherry Pt Rd sign. All members approve.
3. Jeff Strang & Frank Yates ~ memorial benches: all accepted vote for both to have a bench plaque. Glenna Strang has requested the bench by the bulletin board, which members approve.

Re: bench policy: Lori to ask, 1) is the \$500 earmarked only for replacement/refurbishment of benches? (2) to make a policy re: how long plaques are kept on benches, regardless if the bench is destroyed during those years. Parks Commission suggests 20 years and acknowledges need for written policy. Commission also wants an inventory of benches and benches with plaques so they can be replaced is vandalized/ stolen/ destroyed by nature. This may be a good student project.

4. Maple Grove ~ OCP sign installation: accept proposal to put up signs, but only for 15-18 months. Signs to be maintained and removed by OCP.
5. Largest Tree in Area D: members to informally help disseminate this idea

Ongoing Business

1. Coverdale Watson Park Survey: to be forwarded to Tanya to approve and print on letterhead. Val, Steven, Megan to distribute when returned to Commission.
2. Wilmot/ Cowichan Bay Rd corner ~ safe walking trail: Ron Cooke and Dave Ego, of The Landing, are pushing for a safe walking trail. The Parks Commission supports the efforts of these two people and encourages them to create a partnership with The Landing Strata, CBIA, Highways and the Parks Commission in order to follow through with their initiative. The Parks Commission would like to have a design drafted, a cost estimate, and believes this could also be a good use of summer students.
3. Blue Heron Sign: Ryan Dias checking out creative iron workers – in progress
4. Broken arm of Welcome Totem: Kerrie to talk with Herb Rice re: time frame
5. Maritime Centre boomboat: bring forward April 19, 2010 minutes regarding the Boom Boat. Kerrie to ask stated questions of Maritime Centre. Also, will ask CVRD their position and legalities in accepting it. Kerrie to ask South Cowichan, too, if they are interested in having the boat by the boat ramp. The Parks Commission also recognizes that if the structure is going to be a play structure, then another ideal spot would be by the old Hayes log dump site.

Other Business

1. Parks Members given copy of budget
2. Members to email Kerrie, before South Cowichan's next meeting (May 31, 2010), regarding their thoughts on the Mill Bay Church

Next Meeting on June 21, 2010, at Bench School, at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 1955