

Area D Parks Commission General Meeting Minutes
Oceanfront Grand Resort Hotel, Cowichan Bay
March 31, 2009

Meeting called to order: 5:40pm

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

Regrets: Danica Rice

Commission Business

Elections:

1. Appointed Chair for Area D Parks Commission: Kerrie Talbot
2. Secretary for Area D Parks Commission: Megan Stone, Val Townsend

Minutes from last meeting (February 23, 2009):

1. Corrected for forwarding to CVRD, Parks and Recreation Department.

Meeting Format:

1. Length of meetings to be 1 ½ hours
2. Meet the third Monday of the month, except for May. Will meet on the fourth Monday in May, which is May 25th, 2009, at 5:30pm
3. Next meeting is April 20th, 2009 at 5:30pm
4. Lori to book Bench School multipurpose room for next meeting due to Mapping Project presentation

Recent Events

Report on Treffery Creek – Streamkeepers & Park signage:

1. Successful event, well attended. Hope that Treffery Creek project can continue its good work
2. Resolved to send thank you card to Holly Stroes-Miller for her speech at our last AGM on behalf of the Young Naturalists and their work at Treffery Creek

Report on Urban Development Workshop on March 28, 2009, put on by APC:

1. Encourage the APC to continue to invite us as it was great for education, networking, and community involvement
2. Suggest to APC that instead of a one day long workshop that information would be better absorbed if broken down into smaller increments over different days

Upcoming Events

Green Mapping Project:

1. Would like to attend one of our meetings to present project and receive feedback.
2. Resolved that they will be invited to attend our April 20th, 2009 meeting

Hof Trail:

1. Kiosk is now fixed and facing the correct way
2. Community clean-up scheduled for May 7th, 2009, at 10:00am unless otherwise stated
3. Volunteers from Area D Parks Commission encouraged to go.

Stephanie's Stroll/ Coverdale Watson gravesite/ Bartlett Trail Dedication Ceremony:

1. Dedication ceremony scheduled for June 6th, 10:00am -1:00 pm
2. Family Fun day event: scavenger hunt or other activity planned for kids.
3. Walk planned between three sites, ending with hotdogs at Coverdale Watson park.
4. Kerrie to contact South Cowichan Rotary re: cooking hotdogs at park

New Business

South Cowichan Parks Commission:

1. Need two representatives from Area D. Lori is one, and we need another volunteer

2. Kerry to get more details on role and present to Area D commission at next meeting

Requests for Student Worker for South Cowichan Parks Commission (May – August):

1. “Hecate Park” sign is incorrectly positioned where “Cowichan Bay Boat Launch” sign should be. Hecate Park sign needs to be repositioned to appropriate/ accurate location
2. New “Cowichan Bay Boat Launch” sign to be made.
3. Boat Launch Etiquette/ Rules sign is a great idea
4. Education signs needed, i.e. Estuary, Eel Grass

Identified Needs in Area D:

1. Doggy bag dispenser needed in Hecate Park
2. Ensure that Hecate Park sign is repositioned to accurate location.
3. Encourage Cowichan Bay Boat Launch sign to be installed
4. Need to approach South Cowichan Parks for two speed bumps or calming devices of full width in the Cowichan Bay Boat Launch Park parking lot to stop the racing at night

Ongoing Business

Adopt-A-Park:

1. Meet at Hecate Park at 2:00pm on April 10th, 2009, for a drive around to identify each park in Area D
2. Each member to choose a park and report to committee as a volunteer ‘minder’ of chosen park

Park Bench Inventory:

1. Donna to email inventory to Megan, Steven and Val.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm on March 31st, 2009