



Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Area E Parks and Recreation Commission held on the above noted date and time at the CVRD offices on Ingram St.

Glenn Hall
PRESENT: Frank McCorkell (Chair), Patty John, Gretchen Hartley, Irene Evans, Paul Slade, Howard Heyd Larry Whetstone and Mike Lees.

ALSO PRESENT: Alison Nicholson Area E Director, Tanya Soroka (Staff), M. Turnock (Consultant).

ABSENT: Gregg Shoop (V/Chair and Secretary; with apologies).

AGENDA: The agenda was agreed to be the discussion of the development of a Parks and Trails Master Plan for Area E.

Results of the two stakeholder workshops held on June 15th (see summary to be submitted to the next regular meeting of the commission on July 14) were reviewed and input and direction for the plan was offered. The consultant provided an overview and a summary of the key feedback that was gathered at the stakeholder workshops. The commissioners provided clarification, additional information and refined key words that will feature in the plan.

The commission made suggestions regarding opportunities for new or expanded parks, amenities and activities, such as bike skills areas, mountain biking opportunities, fitness circuits, nature trails, community events, a wider variety of play equipment, improved river access and riparian protection.

Measures of success for the master plan were also identified and included:

- More people out of their cars.
- More wilderness trails to destinations.
- Clarity for future commissioners.
- Completion of existing projects.
- Preservation of more wilderness areas.
- Implementation of successful species preservation programs.
- An increase in the use of volunteers and development of a donation base.
- A balance in competing needs (eg. amenities vs. environmental protection).
- Definition the types and purposes of community, sub-regional and regional parks.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Sathlam Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and carried at 7 p.m.

Certified as Correct (and w/ thanks to T. Soroka):

Secretary: *G. Shoop*

Chair: *FR McCorkell*

Dated: *18 July 2016*