

Minutes: Area A Parks Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014 7:00, Brentwood College Classroom

Attending: David Gall – Chair, Mike Walker – Director, David Crowe – Assistant Director, Tanya Soroka, Parks and Trails Planner, Brook Adams, Judy Meszaros, Ron Parsons, John Ramsay, April Tilson.

Regrets: Greg Farley, Deryk Norton

Call to order: 7:05 PM

1. Presentation by Tanya Soroka, Parks and Trails Planner:

Tanya Soroka, Parks and Trails Planner described the previous planning and the open house series that have been held in Area A. including the 2009 draft. In 2011 the OCP (Official Community Plan) of CVRD was adopted. She pointed out the existing parks and proposed parks from those meetings and the trail connections that were identified. Trails were marked as being shoulder routes or separate routes and some input was given. Other possible trail connections were marked after the Director updated us on the Limona Property, former Garnett property, with three accesses – Barry Road south and north and Bourbon Road.

An Open House may be held in May and finalization work on the plan could be as soon as September.

2. Old Business.

Tanya also gave us an update on the Benko Road application and maps of the proposed parks and trails.

MOTION: That we accept the Feb. 12, 2014 plan to form a covenant and the the cash contribution of \$25,000.00 will go toward the parks funds. Unanimously carried.

3. Director Walker's report;

Director Walker would like to have Hollings Creek Park renamed Clyde Ogilvie Park and the bridge crossing the creek called Pope Bridge after Joan Pope. This will require board approval.

He also updated us on the boat launch for Mill Bay Marina and the ongoing talks. The ramp will be built and the possibility it will be a cooperative endeavor between the Mill Bay Marina owners and on First Nation Land immediately north of Verdier Point. There will be a 3 Km boardwalk along the Mill Bay Road and there will be at least three calming spots on the road. The First Nations will build a parking area, and the Marina owners will build the ramp. Construction would start in 2015 to be completed in 2016 or the deposit will be forfeited and used to redo the Handy Road ramp. Ecological issues favor the building of a ramp on the First Nations land.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45

Next meeting: April 24, 2014; Brentwood College Boardroom.