

Minutes of the special meeting of the Area H Parks Commission held at Elliott's Beach April 5, 2012.

PRESENT: Chairperson Bruce McNab, Don Pigott, Snuffy Ladret, Brad Uytterhagen, Barbara Waters, Area Director Mary Marcotte

ALSO PRESENT: Area H Parks maintenance contractor Grant Vizeley

ABSENT: Murray McNab

Bruce Mason called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Parks commission members and contractor toured Elliott's Beach park and noted tasks required to be done in order to refurbish the planted areas, grass and pathways, as well as upkeep on picnic tables, benches, toilet surround, beach access and parking lot. Objective is pleasing esthetics and ease of maintenance.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding best methods of refurbishment, which plants may be salvageable, and suitable types of plants for replacement.

DECISIONS

- European rose in garden on east side is to be largely eliminated. Any remaining clumps are to be strictly contained.
- Blackberries to be eliminated from south side.
- Existing Oregon grape and salal to be encouraged.
- Other native plants such as foxglove and Nootka rose to be added to south side garden.
- Blackberries in west side garden to be pruned, cleaned up and maintained only to the edge of the grass near the top of the ditch.
- Stumps to be removed from west side garden.
- Blackberries to be eliminated from the circle garden at the bottom of the path; Oregon grape, salal and one or two clumps of roses to be retained.
- Pathway to be redefined, wooden edging uncovered or replaced, and new gravel obtained if required.
- Latex stain to be applied to toilet surround.
- Picnic tables to be refinished with brown stain to match benches.
- Dedication plaques not to be replaced, as they are targets for vandalism. Glue to be removed and a wooden patch inserted.
- Wooden plugs to be replaced over bolts on picnic tables.
- Another stone step to be installed at the bottom of the steps to the beach; or the big log at the bottom of the incline to be cut to make another step.
- First bench to be straightened up.
- Potholes in parking lot to be filled with more gravel, and

parking lot graded on an annual basis by volunteer effort.

- Signage to be renewed. There was discussion about the practicality of providing scoops rather than bags for removal of dog waste.

NEXT MEETING **Thursday, April 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m., North Oyster Community Hall.**

ADJOURNMENT **Moved
Seconded**

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m

Barbara Waters, Secretary
April 9, 2012