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**MINUTES OF A CITIZEN ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011 - 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM**  
CRD HEADQUARTERS – 625 FISGARD STREET, ROOM 488

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**PRESENT:** Dave Chater (Chair), Bob Peart, Jenny Clark, Paul Reeve, John Chapman, Marnie Essery, Tim Conlin, Deanna Henry, Dustin Creviston

**REGRETS:** James MacPherson, Jim Knock, Jeffrey Doyle, Steve Peterson, Maleea Acker (Vice Chair)

**STAFF:** Jeff Ward, Lorraine Brewster, Janette Loveys, Anne-Marie Marchi (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of March 14, 2011 were amended as follows: Item 5 - Process and Timelines; Five meetings, rather than six, will take place in May, 2011 along with the addition of meetings on Saturna, Mayne, Galiano and Pender Island.

The March 14, 2011 minutes were then adopted.

**3. General Update – Provided by J. Ward**

- April 20, 2011 Regional Parks Committee meeting
  - i. The Parks Committee endorsed the draft plan
  - ii. The new Chair of the Parks Committee is now J. Evans
  - iii. Good support from the Parks Committee; they expressed their appreciation to J. Ward and the CAP for the amendments completed to the draft plan
- Pilot project on the Galloping Goose Regional Trail - lighting on the Selkirk Trestle
  - i. Carmanah Technologies is providing and installing the lights
  - ii. The lights were donated
- City of Victoria has adopted the Cecelia Ravine Park Management Plan and staff will be moving forward with the bike park area and community gardens
- Opening of rest station on Galloping Goose Regional Trail at Atkins Road
  - i. Sponsored by TD Bank; they donated \$250,000 to CRD Regional Parks to provide information stations along the regional trails

#### **4. Review of Parks Committee Meeting**

- See Item 3

#### **5. Communications Plan**

- April 27, 2011 – A media release, the Draft Strategic Plan, including amendments, direct mailout to Southern Gulf Islands residents and a newsletter will be aired and released to the public
- Op Ed piece: a suggestion was made to meet with the Times Colonist to talk about the draft plan and to write an Op Ed for the newspaper and to confirm with the Times Colonist whether they would like to meet and talk about the plan or write an article
- Op Ed to come from the CAP, not the CRD
- The various terms were discussed, reviewed and defined (made clear)
- A CAP member enquired to see if a similar link like the photos could be made available to establish feedback from the public

ACTION: A. Marchi to contact Corporate Communications regarding the photo link

- L. Wilson to do a summary report of the public input
- Meetings will be held with all sources of feedback
- Municipalities-response forms will go to staff first week of May 2011
- First Nations will receive a mailout and meetings will be held
- Youth Focus Groups – teachers from 2-3 highschoools will be approached about creating focus groups
- A health and wellness group from UVIC has been contacted
- CRD Environment Committee is very interested in the draft plan (roundtable on the committee) – put the draft plan on the agenda for a roundtable meeting; could be strategically helpful in the initiative

#### **6. Focus Group Sessions**

- See above

#### **7. Public Meetings - format, dates, locations, role of the CAP**

- The locations of the public meetings were announced
- A conversation with Director K. Hancock resulted in the confirmation of daytime public meetings to be held on each of the Southern Gulf Islands; commission meetings will also be held on the same day
- Meetings to take place after May 19, 2011

ACTION: A. Marchi to send out a sign-up schedule to the CAP regarding the evening meetings

- Each evening meeting will require 4 CAP members

- CAP is supporting, speaking to and introducing the Draft Strategic Plan; it is the work of the CAP
- CAP members indicated the following dates for their attendance

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: P. Reeve, B. Peart, J. Clark and D. Chater

May 4<sup>th</sup>: M. Essery, B. Peart, J. Clark and T. Conlin (J. Chapman backup)

May 5<sup>th</sup>: P. Reeve, J. Chapman and D. Chater

May 10<sup>th</sup>: J. Chapman, B. Peart, D. Chater and T. Conlin (B. Peart backup)

May 11<sup>th</sup>: J. Clark (J. Chapman backup)

- The format of the public meetings was discussed and reviewed
- D. Chater will use the same PowerPoint presentation at the public meetings as the one used at the Parks Committee meeting
- Facilitated discussions will depend on public attendance
- A CAP member will facilitate the discussion by using the questions indicated on the feedback form
- All comments made by the public are to be recorded
- A scribe will be needed for the discussions (use table flipcharts)
- The CAP are encouraged to take notes
- The CAP is aiming for an August CRD Board approval of the draft plan
- CAP members are encouraged to attend the June 20, 2011 Parks Committee meeting

#### *D. Henry entered the meeting*

- Have the source of feedback on the slide at the public meetings
- A CAP member suggested that at the public meetings a recap should be presented to let the public know how the CAP came into existence - assume that everybody there doesn't know.
- A CAP member commented that at the 2010 public meetings, the public did not make the distinction between the CAP and CRD staff

ACTION ITEM: A. Marchi to provide to the CAP volunteer name tags

- Confirmation was made that maps 1, 3 and 4 as well as the map showing areas of interest will be displayed at the public meetings; as per J. Ward, director K. Hancock requested that Walker's Hook Beach be added as an area of interest to the map
- B. Peart commented that reference to the Canadian Wildlife Service is absent from the draft plan

#### **8. "Nature Needs Half" Discussion**

- May still come up as an issue

- A suggestion was made to have a Coles Notes version of “Nature Needs Half”
- The amended draft plan is much more subtle when referring to “Nature Needs Half”
- B. Peart made reference to E.O. Wilson, *The Future of Life*, Knopf, 2002 and the last chapter, [Chapter 7, pg 163] of the book made reference to Nature Needs Half as part of the solution”
- The perception may cause bad reactions if “Nature Needs Half” is not properly explained and referenced
- A cap member suggested to Google “Nature Needs Half” and refer to the “Wild Foundation” to read more about it as it provides a good background and informative points
- Ecosystem services are not coming out strong enough in “Nature Needs Half”
- A comment was made that municipalities in the CRD have a strong focus on healthy communities
- Ten years down the road the draft plan will be reflected on for the “Nature Needs Half” and the *connectivity* philosophy
- Expand the foreword of the summary input to the vision statement
- Describe “Nature Needs Half” by reversing people’s needs around nature’s needs – this flows into the Regional Sustainable Strategy
- Suggested to re-read the Regional Sustainable Strategy papers to refresh memories

## **9. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- Next CAP meetings are June 7 and 14, 2011 – both meetings to primarily focus on finalizing the details of the Draft Strategic Plan
- Regional Parks Committee meeting is July 20, 2011 of which the Draft Strategic Plan will be presented
- Financial plan? Where does it fit? – as a separate document; Management Team is currently working on it and it will be shared with the CAP at one of the last meetings
- Sign-off signatures for the Strategic Plan

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm