

PENDER ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, March 14 2022 8:30am

Zoom Conferencing/Community Resource Centre

Present: Tim Frick, George Leroux, Rob Fawcett, Hans Tammemagi, Larry Colcy, Andrea Mills, Barry Mathias, David Howe (SGI CRD Director), Derek Wolff, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Melody Pender (Recorder)

Guests: Two members of the public

Regrets: Paul Brent, SGI Alt Director

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frick called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

Under communications added item B – update on Fairy Doors Project

Under New Business added item D – delegation of next month’s Pender Post article

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By general consent the minutes of February 14, 2022 were adopted as presented.

4) DELEGATIONS

None to report.

5) COMMUNICATION

a) Email: Wedding functions on PIPRC run parks – CRD Manager Starke responded to the email, the Commission is aware of the correspondence and will likely hear more in the future.

b) Update on Fairy Doors Project – Commissioner Tammemagi will have an update on the fairy doors next month. Islands Trust has approved Liis Graham’s request to refresh the project and continue stewardship.

6) REPORTS

a) Maintenance (Ben Symons)

- i. Canal Trail Trees – potentially hazardous trees are located in the area. The Commission is uncertain on the best course of action to take. The Commission will seek advice from the CRD office on the matter. Ben Symons

to send pictures to Commissioner Leroux to communicate with CRD Manager Starke.

- ii. Ainslie Point Trail – signage and a temporary trail closure is needed for the March and April nesting season. The Commission approved the wording of the signage and to place signs at each end of the trail and to block each end with a chain or similar barrier.
 - iii. Enchanted Forest Survey – unable to determine where the property line is without a professional survey. If Islands Trust wants the survey completed, they should pay for it. Chair Frick to review the Islands Trust report and will follow up with Ben Symons and Islands Trust. Ben Symons and Commissioner Leroux to organize light brush clearing in the park as well.
- b) Chair Report** – The report was previously circulated. Chair Frick commended the efforts of the Commission.
 - c) Treasurer** – Treasurer Leroux gave a brief explanation of his report that was previously circulated.
 - d) Recreation** – Information about recreation grants has been received and needs to be communicated. An ad is to be included in the Pender Post for April. Commissioner Leroux to coordinate ad submission with Melody Pender.
 - e) Volunteer Committee** – Nothing to report at this time.

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Einars Hill trail update** – Commissioner Fawcett reported that a five-year agreement has been signed between the Gulf Islands Trail Society and Bill Davies to build up the trail on the East side of Einars Hill. CRD Manager Stephen Henderson has updated the MOTI license of occupation so the Wiens Trail can be connected to the Hall and continued to the Library. The next steps are to go through the CRD quoting process and to determine leadership and funding for the project. Commissioners Fawcett and Leroux to develop a working budget for the section of trail between the Hall and the Library to be approved at next month's meeting. Commissioner Fawcett to liaise with CRD Manager Henderson about the MOTI requirements adjacent to the "missing link" property between the Einars Hill section and the Weins Trail and any further investigations for that section. Commissioner Fawcett to meet with Karl Hamson and the property owners at Short Road, both of whom own property adjacent to the proposed trail. Commissioners Fawcett and Mathias to discuss with the Wiens about continuing the trail through the corner of their property.
- b) PIRAHA Update** – This item was tabled to the next meeting.
- c) Access to past files** – The new administrator will be tasked with uploading old files to a common database so they can be easily searched and referenced.
- d) Disc park daphne removal connection with PICA** – Erin O'Brien (PICA) coordinated 19 UVIC students to assist with daphne removal at the disc park. They put in a huge

effort and enjoyed the experience of coming to Pender. Ben Symons to coordinate removal of the daphne piles from the disc park.

e) Disc park tree update – The trees are thriving thanks to the plentiful rain. Commissioner Mathias to liaise with Ben Symons to relocate one tree planted at hole 23 that is too close to the pin and may get damaged.

f) Master Plan approval – The report was previously circulated.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the organization’s Master Plan. **CARRIED**

8) NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mortimer Spit grading request – This item was tabled to the In-Camera Session.

b) Beaumont Park stakeholders meeting – The Commission has been invited to be involved in the consultation process for the future of the Beaumont Park campground (currently closed). Chair Frick and Commissioner Wolff to represent the Commission.

c) MLPOS property – The Commission has been invited to potentially take over a steep and narrow property near the Ursula Poepel park. This item has been tabled to the next meeting.

d) Pender Post Article – Commissioner Colcy has been appointed to write next month’s Pender Post article.

NEXT MEETING

Monday April 11, 2022 8:30am

ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 10:42am.

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