

Present:

Chairperson - Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Gill
Councillor Hayne
Mayor Hepner
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Martin
Councillor Starchuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Woods

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Clerk
City Manager
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development

A. DELEGATIONS**1. Patrick Klassen, Parks Planner, City of Surrey**

File: 6140-20; 0550-20-10

In attendance before Council to present the draft Master Plan for a new community park named Bose Forest Park in West Cloverdale.

Note: See Corporate Report Ro21 of the Regular Council – Public Hearing Agenda

The following comments were made:

- Bose Forest Park is a new community level park in West Cloverdale south of 64 Avenue. It is a 7.5 hectare (18.3 acre) portion of the former Bose farm, adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and surrounded by a residential neighbourhood.
- An environmental assessment of the park site was conducted. A majority of the site is a mature forest of trees that are 80 years or older. There is a variety of wildlife species and the forest is home to a unique swamp environment, with an intermittent stream that drains into the Serpentine River.
- Phase I of the project was initiated in April 2014 and began with comprehensive community engagement. Feedback from public consultation indicated a desire to acknowledge the Bose Farm history and a preference to retain the natural character of the forest. Concerns were expressed regarding privacy of adjacent residents from park pathways as well as parking and traffic.
- The top five desired amenities from the public are pathways and trails, natural enhancement, viewpoints, nature playground and interpretive signage. A parking lot is also a popular amenity.
- Pending approval from Council, detailed design will begin with construction beginning in summer 2015.

- Two concept options were developed:
 1. PARK OPTION A
 - This option focuses on the historical context of the Bose family farm with the concept centred on "Bose Walk", a broad central forest walkway with a number of picnic areas and activity sites, and leading to "Homestead Farm" with a community garden, traditional display garden and an orchard.
 - A large gravel pathway leads to a viewpoint over the Serpentine Valley.
 - This option has a parking lot with 16 spaces.
 2. PARK OPTION B
 - This option emphasizes environmental stewardship and education.
 - There are trails with boardwalks and viewpoints through the swamp area of the park, interpretive signage, picnic areas and a nature playground.
 - This option also has a small parking lot with 16 spaces.
- The preferred concept plan draws from both options with a focus on retention of natural forest area, boardwalks and trails, interpretive signage, viewpoints, and picnic areas.
- Plans for a small parking lot at the southeast corner will supplement the 40 on-street parking spaces, and would include a gate to address concerns regarding loitering and after hours use of the parking lot. Maximum sight lines from adjacent roads and along pathways will minimize areas of concealment.
- Pathways and viewpoints have also been placed with consideration to privacy, with setbacks from private properties.

Discussion

A brief discussion was held regarding the parking lot. Staff stated that there have been mixed views about the parking lot; adjacent residents were concerned about the impact. Moving forward, a small parking lot will be constructed, addressing those concerns with a gate, monitoring the parking lot, and a design which will limit loitering.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

- D. DELEGATION REQUESTS
- E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
- F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
- G. ADJOURNMENT


It was

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Hayne
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk



Mayor Linda Hepner, Chairperson