

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7 pm in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Jennifer Symons, Gord Dickenson, Alan Seal, Annie Ingraham, Al Garside, Ansel Koehn, Dennis Cage, Ruth Koehn, Lynn Wilson, Bill Turner and Gerry Giles. Apologies: Shelley Balme

Guests: Michelle Redfern and Joanne McLarty - Cobble Hill Ecole Roots and Shoots Club.

Moved/second
that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

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that the minutes of the March 3rd 2014 Parks Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

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Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Roots and Shoots Delegation: Michelle and Joanne spoke to the progress made by the Roots and Shoots Club with plans for the natural park space adjoining the Ecole Cobble Hill School. They indicated they have been working with Dan Brown to find an appropriate trail link and outlined six signs they would like to develop and mount in the park. These signs would explain: origin of the park; native species found in the park; past forestry activity; wildlife species; tree varieties and possibly the future of the park. The Ecole Cobble Hill PAC is in favour of developing a nature trail connecting to the school grounds. It was also indicated the crosswalk at Fairfield Road should be improved to accommodate school children crossing the road at that location.

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that the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission supports in principle the work being done by the Roots and Shoots Club and that the Club continue to work with the Commission and the CVRD to finalize the park signs and the trail location.

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2. Lynn Wilson reported the meeting held with the Boatswain Park subcommittee was very productive and they are very excited about the potential of the park. The subcommittee also talked about the Natural Spaces concept and will keep this in mind during the planning stages. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 16th 2014.
3. Commission meetings scheduled for August and September are problematic in that they fall on a holiday. It was agreed those meetings would be at the call of the Chair.
4. Gerry reported the Regional Parks Committee approved signage for Cobble Hill Mountain at their last meeting.
5. Discussion on the proposal to install a Horse Corral in Quarry Nature Park was tabled until next year.

6. It was reported that modifications have been made to Cleasby Bike Park but finishing touches are waiting for the engineer to approve the wooden structures. Also, one of the banked runs will need to be moved as it is on top of the water meter.
7. The repairs needed for Watson Trail were discussed and it was agreed a work party would be scheduled for Friday, April 25th at 9 am to carry out this work. Under the topic of general trail repair it was agreed the students would do repairs to the Hatch Point Trail along with some work in Manley Creek Park. With Hatch Point Trail stairs and the box steps need replacement and a culvert is needed on the Telegraph Road entrance to the trail. This work will be coordinated with the students and at the same time the trail will be assessed to see if there is a way to accommodate bike traffic.
8. It was suggested that some selective pruning could be done on the trees at the picnic area in Manley Park so that a better view of Satellite Channel can be obtained.

Reports:

The capital project list was reviewed and it will be emailed to Commission members. An update was provided on the purple pipe system and the need to paint the sprinkler heads purple on the systems where recycled water would be used was highlighted. Dennis agreed he would see if the supplier would provide these rather than painting them.

Unfinished Business:

Three new fruit trees have been planted in the Cobble Hill Common to replace the Goji Berry Bushes. They are an Italian Prune Plum, Peach Plum and Asian Pear. Rocking the base of the trees will continue to be done as time permits.

New Business:

- A discussion took place on possible modifications to the horse trailer and car parking areas at Quarry Nature Park. The Commission does not agree with the elimination of the Island at the entrance to the park and think the signage needs to be improved to depict entrance/exit roads. It was agreed this item would be tabled until further investigation with the horse community can be done.
- The Natural Spaces Concept for parks was briefly discussed and will be followed up at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5th at 7pm

John Krug, Chair