

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in the Arbutus Ridge Board Room.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Lynn Wilson, Gord Dickenson, Ruth Koehn and Director Gerry Giles

Apologies: Bill Turner, Alan Seal

Guest: Brian Farquhar

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Krug. The agenda was considered and suggested amendments included adding 10-10-10 and the Parks & Trails Master Plan. It was

Moved/seconded
that the agenda be accepted as amended but that all items pertaining to Mr. Farquhar's presence be dealt with first. MOTION CARRIED

Moved/seconded
that the minutes of September 9, 2010 be accepted as distributed. MOTION CARRIED

Summer Playground Program

A report on the Farnsworth Park Summer Program was provided by Mr. Farquhar as were several user feedback forms.

Moved/seconded
that the summer student program be offered at Farnsworth Park in 2011 for a cost not to exceed \$6800; and further, that a questionnaire be developed to determine interest in a similar program being offered at Galliers Park or Evergreen Independent School and that this questionnaire be mailed to all residents in the Cobble Hill Village area. MOTION CARRIED

2011 Cobble Hill Parks Budget

The 2010 budget was reviewed along with the proposed 2011 budget. It was agreed that \$12,000 would be added to the maintenance budget for the Train Station Park along with a further \$1,200 for maintenance at the bike park. 2011 Park replacement or upgrade projects added were \$6,000 to resurface material at William Shearing Park, with an additional \$3,000 to improve beach accesses in Manley Creek and at the end of Satellite Park Road with a further \$9000 added for repair and upgrade to the bike park. Minor Capital Projects added under \$25,000 were Wetland Trail \$5,000, Galliers Park Washroom \$15,000 and Works Yard Site Clean Up \$15,000. Budgeted for Major Capital was the washroom at Quarry Nature Park at \$130,000. These additions will be added into the budget by parks staff and the revised budget will be circulated to the commission for their next meeting.

Items needing attention were 2 garbage cans for the train station (1 at the kiosk and 1 in the parking lot) along with 1 garbage can for the bike park. In addition, benches and/or a picnic table for the train station park are desired. Several of the shrubs in the train station park are dead and these will need replacement before the warrantee expires. Summer students in 2011 should focus on clearing and grubbing along the Aros Road trail and repairs to the Hatch Point trail.

Cobble Hill Parks & Trails Master Plan

Brian Farquhar was asked when the Parks and Trails Master Plan for Cobble Hill would be ready. Brian responded by saying that Tanya was reviewing this document now and hopefully it would be forwarded to the Commission by the end of October.

10-10-10 Program

Moved/seconded

that the commission authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to plant 10 fruit bearing trees and/or shrubs at the old highways works yard. MOTION CARRIED

Dog Park Disturbance – Continual Barking

Several different neighbours to the dog park have complained about continual barking coming from that area. Apparently, this has become an annoyance for residents living around it as well as for some who use the dog park. Considering what an asset this is to the community and the hours upon hours spent by volunteers building the dog park this situation is very disappointing. Solutions discussed included:

- Close and lock the dog park permanently
- Have the bylaw enforcement officer attend the park to speak with dog owners
- Try to ascertain the main offending dog owner(s) to discuss issues and resolve situation
- Lock the park at dusk
- Host a meeting of dog park users to outline the problem and seek solutions

It was agreed that staff would contact the RCMP to review the file. Further, that the best approach would be for staff to contract the offending dog owner(s) to discuss potential actions. Host a meeting of dog park users is also a preferred option so that dog owners can also be part of the solution.

Moved/seconded

that all other items of business be held over to the next meeting, which is scheduled for October 28, 2010. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

John Krug - Chair