

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall on Watson Avenue in the Cobble Hill Village.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Gord Dickenson, Bill Turner, Ruth Koehn, Al Garside, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson and Director Gerry Giles.

Regrets: Dennis Cage, Annie Ingraham, Alan Seal.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Krug at 7:00 p.m.

Moved/second

that the agenda be adopted as amended by adding the following items: Galliers Park light, donation to the CVRD/Cobble Hill Common, Cedar product and pot holes at the south entrance to the Train Station Park.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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that the minutes of the March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 parks meeting be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business:

1. Director Giles explained the ALC decision on the property the parks commission had an agreement to purchase. After review, it was

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that the Cobble Hill Parks Commission reaffirm that the acquisition of this property would:

- protect the agricultural land to the north of the property
- ensure the property remains within the Agricultural Land Reserve
- be available for future food crop production or community gardens
- fit with the commission's vision of growing/eating locally produced food
- enhance the community's desire to support the Agri-park concept, and
- be a valuable community asset both now and in the future.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. The Cobble Hill Common was discussed and commission members were brought up to date on activities there. The bare root fruit trees and berry bushes have been planted. Those who worked on the tree planting project are: Dennis Cage, David Symons, John Krug, Al Garside, Mary Ann Watson, Ranjit Bains, Bill Turner, John Giles, Gord Dickenson, Alan Seal, Andy Cage, George from Island Irrigation, the Evergreen Independent School students and me. Fencing and staking around the trees still needs to be done. Director Giles mentioned the Liberty apple tree that had been anonymously gifted to the people of Cobble Hill by someone who had planted it in the Common over the course of the last weekend. John Krug, Dennis Cage and CVRD staff met to work out the pathway locations and Graham Gidden will provide a sketch of the layout. It was agreed that we

need another holding pond for water collection and this will be worked into the main entrance design. It was also mentioned that Susan Paul donated and planted over a thousand daffodils around the fruit trees at the Common.

3. Ruth provided drawings for the Cobble Hill Common kiosk and prices for two of the designs will be obtained by Ruth.
4. Discussion took place on the use of the Cobble Hill Common for the Cobble Hill Fair.

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that the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the CVRD approve the use of the Cobble Hill Common by the SCHFIAS for events during the Cobble Hill Fair.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. The planning grant for the Cobble Hill Common was reviewed. It was agreed that John Krug would represent the Commission on a committee formed to provide input into the planning grant project. Al Garside will be John's alternate in the event that one is needed. Director Giles will circulate the Age Friendly Grant application to commission members.

*New Business:*

6. Conditions at the bike park were discussed at length. Two regular bike park users have reported the facility is being poorly maintained... the jumps are being manipulated and changed by some park users... there are holes in some of the ride paths and some of the routes are in poor condition making them dangerous for riders; consequently, some are getting hurt. It was felt that the young people who use the park should be engaged in a Saturday afternoon workshop to determine what would make the park better. It was agreed that the CVRD, SIMBS and perhaps some commission members should organize this session. It was also suggested when the washroom is built storage space for bike park tools should be provided there. Questions asked were: has a bike park club been formed? If so, how are they engaging riders and do the more experienced riders mentor the younger or newer riders? It was agreed that Director Giles would contact Dan Brown to express concern about the apparent condition of the bike park.
7. It was noted the Dog Park water had just been turned back on. This is far too late in the season and consideration should be given to separating the dog park/lawn watering system this year.
8. The light at the Galliers Park was considered as a complaint has been received regarding the light pollution it produces. It was,

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that the light in Galliers Park be put on a timer and that staff ensure the light head is pointed as much as it can be toward the ground.

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. The donation made toward the Cobble Hill Common by Sandra McIntosh was noted and it was,

Moved/second

that a thank you card be sent to Sandra McIntosh by the Cobble Hill Parks Commission.

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. Cedar suitable for making posts or rails can become available through the Rotary Club of South Cowichan. Director Giles will check to see if it is a product the Commission could use.
11. Bill Turner discussed the situation with the never ending potholes at the south entrance to the train station park. These potholes also exist at the entrance to Quarry Nature Park. Ryan Lendrum is apparently going to get a quote to have the aprons to these areas paved. Signage is also needed to how the out lane so that people exit the park in the correct manner.

12. Moved/second

That a thank you card be sent to Susan Paul for the thousand daffodils she planted at the Common.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting is to be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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John Krug - Chair