

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 23rd 2012 in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: John Krug - Chair, Alan Seal, Jennifer Symons, Annie Ingraham, Dennis Cage (7:50), Lynn Wilson, Gord Dickenson and Gerry Giles - Director.

Apologies: Ruth Koehn

Guest: Rob Polsum

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with the adoption of the agenda.

Moved/second
that the Minutes of October 23, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

Updates were provided on the following items:

- The concrete pad for the Kiosk in the Common has been poured, the material for the Kiosk has been cut and is now being stained and the berm has been planted with about 800 Kinnikinnick plants with the help of students from Shawnigan Lake School.

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that a letter be sent by the CVRD Board to Ms. Jenny Ferris and the students of Shawnigan Lake School thanking the students for their help with this planting.

MOTION CARRIED

- The water issue at the Common should be resolved before the Historical Wall proceeds but in the meantime John will construct a replica section of the wall. A few issues about the height and safety of the wall have been raised. The parks commission along with parks staff will be consulted about the final design prior to any work taking place.
- The new birds eye material in the dog park seems to be working well. The material for the new fountain has been secured so it will be built soon. The ashtray needs tending to on a regular basis. Gerry will email Ryan Dias about Easy Living doing this work.
- It was agreed by commission members that we should see if the mural prepared by Evergreen Independent School could be mounted on the side of the Telus building. It was also suggested that room be left for more panels to be added in the future.
- The Age-Friendly meeting will be held in the Cobble Hill Hall on Thursday, November 29th. Parks commission members should attend if possible. A general discussion took place on the study. The consensus was the study was well done and the consultants had listened to what was said by community members. Concern was again expressed about too much of the property being used for housing. If this happens the rest of the site will become de facto front yards for the units. After considerable discussion it was

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that the Cobble Hill Parks Commission supports the concept of a mixed park/age-friendly use on the Common property subject to the housing units taking up no more than 20 per cent of the 1.6 acre site and parking either being accommodated within that 20 per cent or on Fairfield Road behind the housing units. MOTION CARRIED

- The Bench School Playground opening was a success and the Cobble Hill parks commission received an expression of appreciation for the \$10,000 contribution to the project. Gerry to send photos of the opening.
- Flooding may occur on the new Watson Avenue trail so this situation will need to be watched in the future and a culvert installed if need be. The anticipated cost of \$10,000 to top dress the trail was questioned.

New Business

1. Refurbishing Boatswain Park was discussed in some detail. It was agreed that Rob, Lynn, John and Gerry would develop a draft community questionnaire to be sent to CVRD staff for final approval and formatting. One of the questions needing to be asked up front is whether the Satellite Park community wants Boatswain Park to become a destination park or remain a quiet community park designed to serve the immediate neighbourhood. It was also agreed to have a tick box beside a variety of different options including, but not limited to, covered picnic area, tennis court, basketball hoop, skating rink and BBQ area. It was further agreed the questionnaires would be hand delivered to residents in the area.
2. The trail down Lefran Road over to Cherry Point Road will be followed up on by Peter Yates. Parks members did walk this trail and agreed it would be an asset to the community.
3. It is believed Easy Living Landscaping will take over the maintenance of the hedge at Farnsworth Park between the park property and the residential property next door.
4. The Parks Commission members are waiting for the final washroom design at Quarry Nature Park.

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that the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission approve the installation of a bike wash station in Quarry Nature Park subject to costs and that it be planned in conjunction with the installation of the new washroom facility. MOTION CARRIED

5. Drain rock needs to be installed at the Common to stop some of the flooding.
6. The CVRD is proposing a facilitated workshop for Park Chair, Park Staff, Key Personnel and Directors to discuss what works and what does not. The commission felt this was a great opportunity and perhaps the Vice Chair or one other parks commission member could attend.

Director's Report

Director Giles reported on the chip damage being done to the Cenotaph from either bikes or skateboards. Also she indicated there were complaints received about cars travelling on Fisher, Heigh and Holland during the Remembrance Day ceremony and in particular the two minutes silence. It was agreed cars should be stopped for the fly pass and the ceremony.

Gerry reported that Robin Bond had offered space at Good Used Cars for a Cobble Hill sign also that he would make a cash contribution to the sign. This is a high traffic location at the corner of Fisher Road and the Trans Canada Highway.

An update was provided on the sewer and purple pipe installation and the washroom at Quarry Nature Park.

At 9:10 p.m. it was

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the commission resolve into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

John Krug, Chair