

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission meeting held on Monday, March 3rd 2014 at 7 pm in the Dining Room of the Cobble Hill Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: Chair - John Krug, Shelley Balme, Ansel Koehn, Al Garside, Alan Seal, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson, Annie Ingraham, Bill Turner, Dennis Cage, Ruth Koehn and Cobble Hill Director Gerry Giles.

Moved/second
that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

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That the Minutes of the January 23rd 2014 Parks Minutes be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

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That the Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks Commission Annual General Meeting of February 17th 2014 be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. An update on the work done by the Roots and Shoots Club was unavailable; however, it was noted they will attend the next parks meeting to bring the parks commission up to date on the work done including suggestions made by Dan Brown regarding the connecting pathway.
2. Manley Farm modifications were briefly discussed in relation to the application forwarded to the CVRD from Front Desk BC. Gerry will email the application to commission members so they can review the entire document. It was noted this work has already started.
3. Modifications to Cleasby Bike Park were discussed. Ansel Koehn and Matt Cage met with Dan Brown and John Krug on site to discuss the plans. It was indicated that students from Kelsey are excited about the changes being proposed and some have offered to help with the modifications. It was noted this work could not start until the budget was approved. Gerry will see if she can get approval for this expenditure prior to the budget being adopted.
4. Work on the Historical Wall is ongoing and it is hoped it will be finished in time for the 2014 Cobble Hill Fair in August.
5. The Boatswain Park Sub-Committee, Chaired by Lynn Wilson, has not met but Lynn hopes to report back at the April parks meeting.
6. It was agreed the first Monday of each month would be the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission's regular meeting dates. This will be subject to change if the first Monday falls on a holiday.

7. Trails on Cobble Hill Mountain were discussed as an extension of the conversation held at the Cobble Hill Annual General Parks Commission meeting of February 17th 2014. Commission members again expressed concern about the lack of signage on Cobble Hill Mountain and brought forward suggestions about colour coding trails that would also indicate each trail's degree of difficulty. There were also suggestions regarding metal or plastic signage that could be affixed to trees. Signs could also be bar coded with routes marked on GPS as most people carry smart phones.

Moved/second

that the concerns with respect to the lack of signage for hikers, bikers and equestrian users on Cobble Hill Mountain be forwarded to the Regional Parks Commission for their consideration and action.

MOTION CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

8. The tie-up devices for the Quarry Nature Park washroom have been purchased and will be installed by John.
9. The Evergreen Independent School is holding a major fundraising event on the 12th of April to celebrate the school's 100th Anniversary and to raise funds for the roof of the Sport Court. The Kerry Park Islanders will be present and the Heritage Tea will be held at the same time.
10. The Watson Trail repairs were discussed. These included the installation of hand rails at the bridge along with the installation of culverts in the wet areas.

New Business:

11. Installing a horse corral in Quarry Nature Park was introduced as a need. Riders who use the mountain would utilize the corral while availing themselves of other park amenities. It was agreed the old washroom location might be a good place for a corral. Shelley Balme will investigate this item further and report back. Funders could include: BC Horse Council, BC Competitive Trail Riders Association and Back Country Horsemen of BC.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7th at 7 pm in the dining room of the Cobble Hill Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

John Krug - Chair