

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held at 7 pm on January 24th in the Cobble Hill Youth Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: John Krug - Chair, Jennifer Symons, Al Garside, Bill Turner, Annie Ingraham, Dennis Cage, Gord Dickenson, Gerry Giles - Director along with guest Doug Lockhart.

Apologies: Lynn Wilson, Alan Seal and Ruth Koehn.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Krug at 7 pm.

Moved/second
that the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved/second
that the Minutes of November 22nd 2012 be corrected to show the date on the printed version as the 22nd and not the 23rd of November and that they along with the minutes of the December 8th 2012 extraordinary meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

1. Quarry Nature Park Washroom plans were reviewed.

Moved/seconded
that the washroom plans as presented at the commission meeting be accepted. MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that SIMBS has offered a \$500 donation toward the bike wash and that Doug Lockhart has agreed to investigate supplying a timing device for water supply so that water used for the wash cannot run continuously.

2. The Watson Trail work requirements along with costs were reviewed. If done to specifications, the cost for materials alone will be more than the total estimate received. The item was tabled until further estimates on material needs/costs could be obtained.
3. An update on the Cobble Hill Common was presented, which included the sign, roof run off, pathway and berm planting along with maintenance needs. The kiosk is complete and is shown on page 2 of these minutes. Dennis reported the plants along the Holland Avenue berm are all doing well but either deer or rabbits have pulled some of these out. He has replanted around 40 of them. The email from Ryan Dias regarding the maintenance contract for the Common was discussed.

Moved/second
that the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission approach the SCHFIAS Board regarding maintenance of the Common. MOTION CARRIED

It was noted by the commission the Cobble Hill Common is a park under development and as such active use of the park should not be encouraged. The sign indicating it is a park and stipulating the rules of use should be removed and replaced by "Park Under Development" signs.



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4. John Hodgins is working with John Krug on the Telus building mural and it appears that Telus may approve the relocation of the Evergreen sign to the face of their building. This may also include a budget for relocation and plantings. John K. will report back to the commission as plans for this project proceed.
 5. The Age Friendly Study results were reviewed and the finalized document has been referred to the Cobble Hill Parks Commission and Advisory Planning Committee for review and comment. The first meeting of the Seniors Group will be held on Tuesday, January 29th at 10 am in the Youth Hall. All are welcome.
 6. An update on the Historical Wall was provided by John Krug. Cement panels are now being considered as part of the design.
 7. The future upgrades of Boatswain Park are still in the initial planning stages. Gerry to develop a draft questionnaire that can be circulated to residents of the area.
 8. Peter Yates has not received a response to his letter inquiring about the possibility of Lefran Road Trail extension through to Cherry Point Road.

New Business:

9. The excessive water runoff through the Bike Park was discussed. Bill has cleaned the ditch and now has the water flowing to the north, but it was felt that more work is needed. It was suggested that perhaps sand bags would provide a more permanent solution.

10. The potholes at the entrance to Quarry Nature Park were discussed at length. These crevasses have been present since last summer but have gotten considerably worse over the winter. It was agreed a work party would be formed and that Dennis would obtain 5 yards of screening and Doug would use his tractor to fill these holes as a temporary measure until the washroom is built. Gerry to contact staff.
11. John has an additional bench for the Off Leash Dog Park. It is the Rotary bench that was located in but no longer needed at Memorial Park. A location for this bench will be found in the Dog Park after consultation with users. Jennifer and John to follow up.
12. AGM will be held on either the March 7th, 11th or 14th depending on the availability of the Cobble Hill Hall. Commission members indicated they would like to have a power point presentation showing all Cobble Hill Parks and the work being done. It was noted the terms of Annie and Gord are up and both agreed to stand for re-election

Other Business:

The Director reported on the agreement that resulted in Areas A, B, C and D gaining entry into the pool and the proposals for the Cameron Taggart property that will be initially discussed at Director Fraser's meeting on February 4th at the Shawnigan Community Centre.

Doug Lockhart left the meeting at 9:05 pm after which a closed session where an item regarding land acquisition was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

John Krug, Chair