

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks & Recreation Meeting held at 7 p.m. on May 22, 2012 in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: Annie Ingraham, Dennis Cage, Alan Seal, Al Garside, Gord Dickenson, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson, Ruth Koehn and Chair John Krug. Bill Turner joined the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Also present Director Gerry Giles along with guests Ansel Koehn and Ender McDuff.

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Krug at 7:10 p.m.

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that the agenda be adopted as presented.

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that the minutes of April 26th 2012 be adopted as distributed.

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Old Business:

1. A discussion was held on the bike park. Ansel and Ender are users of this space and they brought up several points regarding the bike park along with the modifications they would like to see made there. In their view the park is neither well used nor well set up at this time. They will help to design a park that would meet the needs of most riders and still present an interesting space for young people. It was agreed a meeting would be arranged with Dan Brown, Matthuw Ronald Jones, John Krug and park users. The young men left the meeting at this 7:55 p.m.
2. SIMBS status was updated. It is hoped the agreement is ready to go to their AGM in June.
3. Jennifer agreed to check the light at Gallier Park to see if it is on a timer and pointing downward.
4. It was reported that the ALC has not made a decision made on the Galliers Road property.
5. Several items arose during the discussion on the Cobble Hill Common.
 - An update was provided on the sign kiosk design and cost. Ruth Koehn left the meeting. After considerable discussion it was

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that the timber frame design and quote from Timberguides Design & Build in the amount of \$4,350.00 plus taxes and without base be accepted.

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- An update was provided on the Age Friendly Grant and the study being done. Study members are: John Krug, Rosemary Allen, Judith Blakeston, Roger Painter, Linden Collette and Lois Turner. Ruth Koehn returned to the meeting.
 - Seeding the Holland Avenue berm was discussed at length. To have 3" of material blown on with fertilizer and seed is \$3,540 plus taxes. We will need to ensure water is available. A group of parks members will meet on site tomorrow, May 23rd at 5:30 p.m. to review whether to plant grass or ground cover on the berm.
6. The cedar from South Cowichan Rotary was viewed and it is suitable for rails/posts. Do we have a use for it is the question.

7. There was no report from Bill on the entrances to the Train Station and Quarry Nature Park.

New Business:

8. Signage at the Cobble Hill Common was discussed. There seemingly is a conflict between the please keep off the newly planted grass sign and the CVRD's park sign rules which would indicate the park is open for business.
9. An update was provided on the mural at the Telus building. We can pursue the mural idea or another possibility is to mount the Evergreen sign on the side of the building. John will follow up with John Hodgins.
10. Dog park users have requested the installation of a less dusty base for the dog park. The dust created by dogs playing is quite heavy and uncomfortable for both four and two legged users. John visited the park and conducted a spot survey of some of those in the dog park who indicated the following:
 - Don't use pea gravel as it is hard to clean and bacteria grows in it
 - Pea gravel would not be mobility friendly... those with cane or wheel chair would have trouble navigating
 - Familiar with different bases but this one is as good as you are going to get but you could add a couple of more inches to the interior and that will keep the dust down
 - Water was turned on far too late in the year.

Jennifer indicated the complaints vary with each user group and if a solution can be found to this problem it would be appreciated.

Dennis suggested that 3/8 minus stone base be used for the middle of the dog park. This product is available from GT Excavating.

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that staff arrange for the installation of an isolation valve to separate the dog park water from the irrigation for the train station park.

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11. Each member is to get their volunteer hours to John Krug for recording.

The Director provided a brief report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

John Krug, Chair