

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th 2011 in the Arbutus Ridge Boardroom.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Ruth Koehn, Gord Dickenson, Annie Ingraham, Bill Turner, Alan Seal, Dan Massen, Dennis Cage and Gerry Giles – Director. Apologies: Lynn Wilson.

Guests: Dan Brown, Matthuw Ronald-Jones and Dennis Ronald-Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the adoption of the agenda including the addition of the beach walk under business arising from the minutes.

Chair Krug welcomed newly elected members Annie Ingraham and Dan Massen to the Parks Commission and new parks binders were provided to all members.

Moved/second

that the minutes of the March 16th 2011 meeting be adopted as corrected by changing the 'tp' in the note on the first page to read: "Ruth and John to walk..." MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. The 2011 revisions and budget for the bike park were explained by Dan and Matthuw. Dan provided a drawing showing the modifications for the park which will place an emphasis on making the park safer for beginners and those with moderate skill levels. It is envisioned the older riders will mentor the younger or new riders. Matthew is working on attracting volunteers through Facebook and other social media. SIMBS has approved of partnering with the CVRD to assist with Cleasby Bike Park. The timeline and budget of \$9,360.00 were reviewed and it was agreed the park should not be opened until modifications are complete.

Moved/second

that the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission approves the new design, budget and park plan as outlined by Dan Brown and Matthuw Ronald-Jones. MOTION CARRIED

2. An update was provided on the Cobble Hill Common. The murals are ready for finishing and most of the monitoring wells on the property have been located. It was agreed that a machine will try to locate or prove whether the remaining five wells exist before the cat levels the property.

Moved/second

That the commission authorize an expenditure of up to \$250.00 to clear coat the murals in preparation for mounting them in the Cobble Hill Common.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Ruth and Dennis reviewed the new sport court design on the Evergreen School property. A decision will be forthcoming on its location on the property. Chris Koehn has outlined the agreement between the School and the CVRD and CVRD staff is currently working on it.
4. Ruth and John reported on the access along the beach front from Manley Creek to Satellite Park Drive. Some clearing would be needed to ensure passage at high tide. John will check with parks staff to see what restrictions apply from fisheries and other agencies.

New Business:

John reported in some detail on the parks chairs meeting held with CVRD parks staff. He indicated that Brian Farquhar and Ryan Dias led the conversation and each parks chair was provided an opportunity to discuss projects or issues in their electoral areas. He reported that accounting for volunteer time is now necessary and it was determined that approximately 45 volunteer hours were logged during March by Gord Dickenson, Ruth Koehn and students at Evergreen, Alan Seal, John Krug, John and Gerry Giles, Jocelyn Rowe, John and Ann (dog park cleaning). Parks staff is looking for direction from South Cowichan Parks on the Mill Bay Church and it was noted the South Cowichan Parks function pays toward the maintenance of the dog park and the Cenotaph. The next Chairs meeting is scheduled for June.

Moved/second
that the meeting resolve into closed session.

MOTION CARRIED
8:40 p.m.

Moved/second
that the meeting rise with no report.

MOTION CARRIED
9:05 p.m.

Director's Report:

Director Giles reported on the progress of the South Cowichan Official Community Plan review process which is nearing completion and indicated there is a community survey about the OCP on line at www.cvrld.bc.ca She encouraged parks members to fill out the survey to make their views on the future of the community known.

She also updated the Commission on the partnership between the Land Conservancy of BC, the Cowichan Lands Trust and the CVRD and their joint purchase of Sansum Point.

Next meeting April 28th or at the call of the Chair.

There being no further business it was moved the meeting adjourn at 9:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

John Krug, Chair