

COBBLE HILL ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION (APC) MEETING

17 January, 2013

Cobble Hill Hall Dining room

Present: Janice Hiles, Robin Brett, Rosemary Allan, David Hart, Don Herriott, Brenda Krug, Jens Liebgott, Jerry Tomljenovic, Rod de Paiva, David Lloyd

Also present: Gerry Giles – Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Director Area 'C' Cobble Hill, John Krug – Alternate Director Area 'C' Cobble Hill, Betsy Burr, Gar Clapham

Director Giles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and conducted the election for the Chair of the APC for 2013 Rod de Paiva was acclaimed and assumed the Chair at 7:09.

Chair de Paiva then conducted the election for Vice Chair. Jens Liebgott was acclaimed to the position.

Chair de Paiva then called for nominations for secretary. As no one was willing to stand for this position, it was suggested that it will be a rotating duty amongst APC members.

Moved/seconded that the secretary will be chosen at the beginning of each meeting of the APC. Carried

Agenda: Moved/seconded That the Joint APC process update be included under Old Business. Carried

Moved/seconded That the agenda is adopted as amended. Carried

Adoption of the minutes: Moved/seconded that the minutes of the September 13th, 2012 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a general discussion of the process for joint APC meetings amongst Area 'A', 'B' and 'C'. The last Joint APC meeting was in Shawnigan Lake on November 22nd, 2012. This procedure continues to be a 'work in progress' at the CVRD and will continue to be refined as applications to amend the joint Official Community Plan (OCP) come forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were a number of items Director Giles reviewed, updated and explained for the APC members:

- Aquatic Centre Usage for Area 'C' Residents – The new funding arrangements that removes the two tier fee system was explained.
- Eco Depot Lawsuit Outcome – The loss of the lawsuit raises the question of the compliance of the recycling bins at Shawnigan Lake and Valley View.

- Sewer System in Cobble Hill Village – The APC was brought up to date on the progress of this initiative and learned that the Purple Pipe System of recycled water is expected to be operational by the summer of 2013.
- Cobble Hill Seniors Housing (Age Friendly Study) – The APC was informed that the CVRD has accepted the Age Friendly Study recently conducted in Cobble Hill regarding the possibility of placing assisted living housing in Cobble Hill Common Park. A needs assessment will be made beginning with the opening of a seniors' drop in centre in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue. It was noted that there are concerns regarding the percentage of the park that a possible assisted living facility would require.
- Zoning Bylaw – There will be a public meeting held in each Regional District for the public to voice their comments and concerns. The Cobble Hill meeting will be February 21st at 7:00 pm in the Cobble Hill Hall.
- Nitrate Contamination of the Aquifer - Three wells in the area of Fisher Road between the highway and Fairfield Road have been tested for nitrates and will be tested again in March of 2013. The wells have shown nitrates above acceptable levels and the results of the further testing will be examined and assessed.
- South Cowichan Water Study – This study has determined that pollution of potable water sources is the major concern of South Cowichan residents. The study also gives a course of action to be taken to prevent pollution and to examine its consequences.
- Possible 2013 Agenda Items for the APC – There will be OCP amendment applications and bylaw amendments as well as regular updates on community activities, town hall meetings.
- There was a question related to the proposed Telus tower to be erected behind the RONA building in Cobble Hill. Director Giles has not been in contact with Telus and informed the APC that the matter would be dealt with by federal permit.
- There will be a medical marijuana operation in Cobble Hill in the near future. A license has been applied for from the federal government.
- The CVRD now has an on-line site that provides citizens the opportunity to view CVRD Board meetings. It is also possible to watch individual Board decisions by choosing them from the agenda.
- John Krug gave an update on Cobble Hill Parks.

Chair de Paiva announced that Doug Blair is the new Arbutus Ridge representative to the APC and that he is presently away, but will be joining us at future meetings.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Area 'C' APC is February 21st at 7:00 pm. However this conflicts with the public meeting regarding the new OCP zoning bylaw in Cobble Hill and Chair de Paiva suggests that the APC members attend that function.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm