

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Meeting held on November 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Arbutus Ridge Board Room.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Krug and the agenda was adopted as amended by adding Farmers Institute and Easement Agreement to Old Business.

Moved/seconded

that the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting be adopted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

1. The question from the last meeting about the obstructed of sight lines on Empress/Cobble Hill Road due to cars parked in the train station parking lot was reviewed. Several park members had visited the site and it was agreed no problem exists with cars parked in the lot; however, the large fir on Cobble Hill Road does restrict vision somewhat.
2. An update on Watson Avenue Trail was provided. It was agreed the chain link fence at the sewage collection station on Twin Cedar Drive will need to be moved to allow the trail to be constructed from Watson to Twin Cedar Drive. The crossing over the drainage ditch was also discussed and it was agreed we would try to get 2 – 15 or 20 foot timbers from the Kinsol to place over the ditch and that we would need 30 to 40 yards of gravel for the south side of the pathway along with 3 inch minus for building up the muddy areas. It was further agreed that those available would meet at the pathway at 1 p.m. on Thursday to discuss a work plan.
3. No update on Purple Pipe system was available other than to say the call for designs had gone out and that Dennis had discovered that three pipes had been installed.
4. Ruth reviewed the work done on Evergreen Sports Court. She provided an updated concept design and explained these would be used to develop a funding solicitation package. Snow fencing was provided by Island Irrigation to form a barrier around the concrete pad. Ruth also reported the DRAFT agreement has been received by Evergreen from the CVRD. It will be reviewed by both parties.
5. Further consideration regarding the Cobble Hill Common and Easy Living Landscape took place. A committee consisting of Ruth, Annie and Dennis was struck to review the possibility of maintaining the Cobble Hill Common with the Farmers Institute.
6. Chair Krug briefly reported on the Easement Agreement between the commission and the Cobble Hill Improvement District on Fisher Road and the site visits with Tanya Soroka.

New Business:

- The Annual General Meeting for the Cobble Hill Parks Commission will be scheduled for January 26, 2012 at the Cobble Hill Hall. Two Commission members will need to be elected to replace both Ian Sparshu and Dan Masson.
- The protocols surrounding communications between the Parks Contractor and Parks Staff was questioned given maintenance staff turning off the Cobble Hill Improvement District's main water line. Alan Seal and the Improvement District to follow up with CVRD parks staff.
- Next steps with the Cobble Hill Common were discussed. Firmness of the soil/grass needs to be tested before the fence is removed. This will be done on Thursday after the Watson Avenue pathway is examined. When the fence is removed the sections, crossbars and connectors need to be counted. It was agreed that prices would be obtained for bare root fruit trees and small fruits for planting on the berms. This could also include a variety of nut trees. The shelter housing the "Cobble Hill Welcomes You" sign is too small and a new housing unit will be designed.

Other Business:

Director's Report included an update on a \$20,000 planning grant application for the Cobble Hill Common. Information was also provided regarding the court case involving Cobble Hill's industrial zone. It was explained the zoning bylaw was upheld in the November 15, 2011 ruling by Justice Butler. Gerry reported she was not seeking the Chair's position again... that three years was enough and it was now time for her to focus on family, friends, fun and Cobble Hill.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

John Krug - Chair